



AECST
FOUNDED 1792

JESUS SAID TO THEM,
"HAVE YOU NEVER READ
IN THE SCRIPTURES:
"THE STONE THE BUILDERS REJECTED
HAS BECOME THE CORNERSTONE;
THE LORD HAS DONE THIS,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES?"
"THEREFORE I TELL YOU THAT
THE KINGDOM OF GOD
WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU
AND GIVEN TO A PEOPLE
WHO WILL PRODUCE ITS FRUIT."
MATTHEW 21: 42-43 NIV

ST. THOMAS

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw - Officiant & Homilist
Richard Jones & Deborah Camp Frye - Homilists
The Rev. Fr. Gerald Collins - Gospeller
October 4, 2020
10:00 A.M.

IN - PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY

It is presently uncertain when we will return to worship in the church however planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed the following Committee to discern / guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry.

The vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes: Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall. This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

Members of the Rector's Advisory Committee on Re-Entry:

Richard Jones, Rector's Warden, Co-Chair

Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden, Co-Chair

Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy

Deborah Harrison, Vestry, Building / Property Chair

Albert Dandridge, Esq., Vestry, Legal

Brenda Best Johnson, Vestry, Ushers

Deadra Cannon, Aux. Vestry, Support

Alfreda Brockman, Altar Guild

Dr. Calvin Johnson, M.D., Medical Advisor / Public Health

Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry

Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication

Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning September 7th, Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM.

Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:

1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Flowers may now be placed on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a birthday, wedding anniversary or other celebration. Please send your payment to the church (6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila. PA 19151), in memory or care of the persons name and who it is given by. Flowers are \$50.00. The check can be made out to The Altar Guild.

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES:

Pew Memorial Plaques: On The Feast of All Saints, Sunday, November 1, 2020 you can dedicate a Pew Plaque in Memory of your Loved Ones. The cost is \$500.00 and the deadline for payment is October 4, 2020. Checks and money orders can be made payable to AECST. You may also pay through the "Givi" app, please indicate your wish to order a Pew Plaque and include contact information. For additional questions or information contact Victoria A. Mosley Rivers at victoria.rivers@verizon.net or 215-878-3651

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Hospitalized:

Waltier Blocker

Recovering At Home:

Regina Meacham Devero; Katrina Harris Marshall;
Alice Bowman-Cropper; Ken Bundy; Lisa Stevenson Woodley;
Gail Harris; Susan Waterford; Sheryl Johnson; LeMont Johnson;
Diane Hutchins; Linda Holmes; Deborah Seay

ENORMOUS EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO:

Quentin Heyward, who has served as our Sunday Services Videographer and Editor since March; and to **Anthony Carter** who will now lead the team for our new LIVE Sunday Services to begin soon. Thanks so much, gentlemen for sharing your creative Time, Talents and Treasures. St. Thomas' is truly and immensely blessed!!!

This Sunday Bring the animals to be blessed!

Sunday, October 4th at noon will be the Outdoor Blessing of Animals for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the Great Lawn! Bring your dogs, cats, horses, turtles, birds, fish, etc. Tell your family and friends. Masks MUST be worn. Please maintain Social distancing.

Sunday, November 1st

The Feast of All Saints and All Souls - Please submit names of loved ones to be remembered with a memorial candle that will burn in memory of them. \$2.00 per name. Deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 27th. Please submit names to the Church office by mail: 636 Lancaster Avenue, Phila., PA or email 1792@aecst.org

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4th

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-46

Readings For:
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11th

First Reading: Exodus 32: 1-14

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

Second Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

Week of 10/5/2020

Monday - Matthew 8: 28-34

Tuesday - Matthew 9: 1-8

Wednesday - Matthew 9: 9-17

Thursday - Matthew 9: 18-26

Friday - Matthew 9: 27-34

Saturday - Matthew 9: 35-10:4

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 4th 10:00am

A State of the Parish message from the Rector and Wardens

October 4th Noon

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October 4th Noon

Virtual Opening of the AECST Church School

October 11th

2021 Stewardship Kick-Off

October 18th

Annual Octavius V. Catto Sunday

October 25th

Worship with The Diocesan Bishop and Rector

Tuesday Zoom Bible Classes at 7pm.

Please send your email to: Fr. Collins at: JayCollins@comcast.net or 267-634-6185 to be added to the list.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS!!!!

Next Sunday, October 11th begins our 2021 Stewardship Drive. Faithful giving cards will be mailed to you with your 3rd quarter financial statement. Please prayerfully make your 2021 pledge, mail or deliver your card to the parish office ASAP so that we can begin planning for our 2021 ministries.



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The African Episcopal Church
of
St. Thomas
Church School
is

BACK!



Calling ALL AECST
Students K-12, Parents and Teachers

WELCOME TO A
NEW AND EXCITING YEAR
OF ADVENTURE IN OUR CHRISTIAN JOURNEY
- LEARNING AND LIVING THROUGH CHRIST

**KNOW JESUS.
CHANGE THE WORLD!**

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL OPENING OF
THE AECST CHURCH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020, NOON

Registration required via email
To RSVP contact Supt. Dottie Archey
215.473. 3065 or email at churchschool@aecst.org
Interested in becoming a Church School Teacher?
Contact Dottie Archey to learn more.

The Very Reverend Canon Fr. Martini Shaw, Rector

"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old, they will not turn from it"

Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)



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THE FEAST
OF
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020, NOON
ON THE GREAT LAWN.

BRING YOUR:
DOGS, CATS, HORSES, TURTLES, BIRDS, FISH, ETC.

TELL YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
MASKS MUST BE WORN.
PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PARISHIONERS

Celebrating Birthdays in October!

- 10/4 Paula Stanley Cropper
- 10/6 Kemil Dawkins; David Rivers; Andrew Dumas
- 10/7 Loretta Brockington; Susan Taylor; Denise Akagnon
- 10/8 John Kortue; Ashley Hines
- 10/9 Eugene Harris; Denise George
- 10/10 Tiffany Pearsall
- 10/11 Dorothea Bell; Denise Gibson
- 10/12 Angela Holloway; Ronald Campbell
- 10/14 Roosevelt Harris, Sr., William Hanscom; Calais Guglielmi
- 10/15 Clarice Grant; Telenia Gunby
- 10/16 Frank Abbott; Yvonne Hyde-Carter; Ruth Parker
- 10/17 Jordina Koilor; Kayma Sherman-Knuckles
- 10/18 Kalif Williams
- 10/19 Quentin Harris
- 10/20 Rasheena Muhammed
- 10/21 Hilda Zack; Vincent Napoleon
- 10/22 Sandra Rushin; G. Alfred Burton; Florence Shepherd
- 10/23 Cornelia Camp; Jacquelyn Wallace
- 10/25 Butch Farmer; Gladyce DuBrey; Norma Albritton
- 10/27 Diane Abbott
- 10/28 Velva Smalls; Ian Clementon
- 10/30 Michael Grizzle; Eugene Golson
- 10/31 Arleatha Wilson; Lisa Woodley; Alice Cropper

HOW CAN I STILL GIVE TO THE CHURCH WHEN I AM ASKED TO STAY INDOORS / MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING?

- 1) Mail in your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator
6361 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151

- 2) Use the **Givi app**. If you don't already use the app and don't have an account, it's easy to obtain.
Please click the links below for the type of device you own to download the **givi app (givi iOS App)** for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (**givi Android App**) for your Android device.

If you have any questions, please speak with **Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115**.

- 3) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio or the Parish Office during office hours.

- 4) Church website **<http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>**
(Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you'd like your payment to be applied, i.e. your pledge, the AJ house, Easter, etc. NOTE: Please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas, when filling out your online giving information.)

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month.

Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please visit <http://eepurl.com/djyGiD> to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can unsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

Don't have Facebook but want to see the service? Please join us for our Virtual Worship Service on the **St. Thomas Website: www.aecst.org** every Sunday morning at 10am.

THE VESTRY

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones
Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

Alister Allman	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson-Best	

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Dr Sadie S Mitchell	
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
Parish Vergers	Stephen Hannum	
	Karen Ragland	
	Lisa Stewart	
Executive Assistant to the Rector	Gladyce DuBrey	1792@aecst.org
Fiscal Assistant to the Rector	Deadra Cannon	
Investments Advisor to the Rector	Albert S. Dandridge, III, Esq	
Fiscal Administrator	Jeannette Jeffrey	fiscal@aecst.org
Sexton	LaDon Elliott	
Asst Sexton	James Brown	
Rector's General Counsel	Joe Tucker, Esq	215.875.0609
Chancel Choir Master	Jay Fluellen, D.M.A.	drjfluellen@gmail.com
Gospel Choir Master	Waltier Blocker	
Jazz Ensemble Director	Joe Stevenson	
Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215..474..2815
Memorial Flowers	Alfreda Brockman	
Baptism Co-Chairs	Gail H Harris	215..450..9312
	Patricia Walker-Ellison	215..643..7223
Ed Muse Photography Ministry	William Edmonds	302..502..6375
	Dale Williams	
Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215..477..2672
Scout Pack 133	Arlene Gray	bsapack0133@gmail.com
Sound Ministry	Joe Stevenson	
Transportation Ministry	J Reggie Kimble	610..585..8053
William Burke Ushers Ministry	Brenda Johnson Best	
Parish Webmaster	Gail H Harris	ghwebmaster@aecst.org

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom. St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.