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SOON!**

**FIRST  
IN-PERSON WORSHIP**  
Since March, 2020  
**Plus AECST LIVE STREAM**  
**September 12, 2021**

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA  
THE VERY REVEREND CANON MARTINI SHAW, 17TH RECTOR  
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**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
and the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 Attack on the U.S.A.**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021  
10:00 AM**

**FROM THE RECTOR**

Whoever you may be and where you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church.

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS  
ST. Thomas' First In-Person Worship Service  
Since March 2020**

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate **150** people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. There will be a sign-in sheet. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. Seating will be spaced. Please check the signs on each pew before you enter. Hand sanitizer will be available.

The ventilation system has been changed to let in outside air. We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via Live Stream. During service, we will observe the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.

## **A PASTORAL NOTE FROM THE RECTOR**

Grace and Peace to you.

I pray that this communication finds you well. Recent news reporting re: COVID19 has caused me great concern, especially for our dear brothers and sisters who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID19. If you are unvaccinated, I ask you to prayerfully consider being vaccinated ASAP. Please spread the word regarding the importance of being fully vaccinated.

Please receive this note as a symbol of my deep concern and love. And let us continue to pray for those infected with and affected by the virus.

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### **THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY**

Please Join Us

for the return of the Circle of Prayer Ministry  
Call on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 AM!

We encourage you to reach out to us at

**[circleofprayer@aecst.org](mailto:circleofprayer@aecst.org)**

to submit prayer requests or if you are interested  
in leading the Intercessory Prayer, Offer a Prayer(s)  
or provide a Meditation in Song.

Teleconference call number is:

**605-313-6361 Access Code: 268105**

**Prayer is the Answer!**

**A JOYFUL HEART-FILLED DAY OF WELLNESS**  
**at**  
**The AECST**



**Saturday, September 11, 2021**

**10:00 AM- 1:00 PM**

**Join us for the following activities:**

**10:00 - Opening Remarks & Prayer**

**10:10 - Mental Health Tips**

**10:40 - Zumba**

**11:05 - Stress Reduction Strategies**

**11:35 - Low Impact Cardio**

**12:05 - Healthy Eating Strategies**

**12:35 - Line Dancing**

**1:00 - Closing Remarks**



**An outdoor socially-distanced event, weather permitting. Light refreshments will be available!**  
**We will be observing the 20th Anniversary of the catastrophic event of September 11, 2011 in our country.**

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# **Remembering 9.11**

## **Sunday, September 12, 2021 10:00 AM**

**We will be observing the 20th Anniversary of the catastrophic event of September 11, 2001 in our country.**

- First In-Person Worship since March, 2020.**
- MASKS are required for ALL in attendance.**
- WE REQUEST THAT ALL IN ATTENDANCE BE VACCINATED.**

**NOTE:**

**Because of COVID spacing restrictions, we will only be able to accommodate 150 persons. Others will be invited to Anderson Hall.**



**Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via Live Stream and not attend.**

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## **WELCOME BACK VIRTUAL CHURCH SCHOOL**

Church school will meet by ZOOM with a Open House and registration on Sunday, **September 19th at noon**. Please register using AECST Church School Registration.

Link: <https://forms.gle/nat7CGEYd7WNCs6X8>

Once you register, you will receive the Zoom link to attend Church School. All parents and church school aged children are encouraged to attend. If you need more information, please contact Dottie Archey at 215-474-2815 or you can send an email to: [churchschool@aecst.org](mailto:churchschool@aecst.org) for more information.

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## **LIVE VIDEO UPDATE**

Our new Live Video System has been fully installed. We are very grateful for our Live Stream Ministry Team:

Yaseen Farooq - Co-Director  
Quentin Heyward - Co-Director  
Teri Tillman - Co-Director  
Dale Williams - Co-Director  
Theodore Bythewood  
Dylan Coleburn  
Kim Hyde  
Stephen Pugh  
Joseph Stevenson  
Brandon Stiff  
Harold Townsend

Advisors to the Ministry: Deadra Cannon, Dr. Jay Fluellen and Gail Harris.

Our parishioners, friends and visitors who cannot be in physical attendance will be able to continue to worship with us each week at [aecst.org](http://aecst.org). To God be the Glory!

## **WELCOME AND PRAISE GOD AND THANKSGIVING**

We give glorious praise to welcome the following new members, that joined our church family during the Pandemic:

Rashid Faisal (Kelly Jones)

Christine Faisal (Tracy Jones)

Gabrielle Faisal

Troy Miles (Larry Wiltshire)

Nicole Miles (Natalie Wiltshire)

Everett Miles

Kaleb Miles

Marion Wise (Ronnie Collins)

Rene Jones (Conchetta Brewer)

Anita Nicholson (Johanna Daye)

Joyce Adams (Brenda Best)

Austin Green (Dr. Frank Johnson)

Katie Janafo (Musu Doe)

Kevin Carter (Dr. Frank Johnson)

Beverly Moore (D. Lynn Joel)

Fr. Darryl James (Fr. Jay Collins)

Angela Kelly (Conchetta Brewer)

Richard Jones, Jr. (Gregory Lyles)

Alexandra McFadden (Judy Tillman)

Dr. Joseph Govern (Dr. Frank Johnson)

Derede McAlpin (Sheryl Johnson)

Thomas Rolland (Jonathan Muse)

Bradley Hammond (Jumba Mugwanya)

Patricia Holmes (Judy Simkins Booth)



## **DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS**

### **Readings For The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 12th**

First Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a  
Psalm 116

Second Reading: James 3: 1-12  
The Holy Gospel: Mark 8: 27-38

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### **Week of 9/13/2021**

Monday - John 10: 19-30

Tuesday - John 10: 31-42

Wednesday - John 11: 1-16

Thursday - John 11: 17-29

Friday - John 11: 30-44

Saturday - John 11: 45-54

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### **Readings For The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 19th**

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1: 16-2:1, 12-22  
Psalm 54

Second Reading: James 3: 13-4:3,7-8a  
The Holy Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

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## **UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

**September 19th**

Church School Resumes (Zoom at 12 Noon)

**September 26th**

Education/ Back to School / Youth Sunday

**October 3rd**

Stewardship Kick-Off Sunday

The Annual Blessing of Animals  
In Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
at 2:00 PM on the Great Lawn.

**October 10th**

Annual Observance and Celebration of  
The Life of Octavius V. Catto and  
the 150th Anniversary of his assassination.

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### **TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY**

will resume meeting on  
Tuesday, **September 14th**  
at **7:00 PM** via Zoom.

Have a most blessed respite.  
Thank you for participating in our  
ministry of love for Holy Scripture.

From Father Jay

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The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas  
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE  
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The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

# PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



*THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS*  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021  
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE  
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVE ONES

**\$500.00**

(Payment Deadline: October 10, 2021)

Checks or money orders can be made payable to: AECST.

You may pay also through the "givi" app.

Make certain to indicate your wish to purchase a  
Pew Memorial Plaque and include contact information.

Visit the Church's website at <http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm>  
for other Payment options.

For additional questions or information contact:

**Victoria A. Mosley Rivers**

[victoria.rivers@verizon.net](mailto:victoria.rivers@verizon.net) or 215-878-3651



## **RECOVERING AT HOME**

Linda Holmes, Joseph Stevenson,  
Lisa Woodley, Rosalind Roberts Smalls.

## **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER**

Suzanne Closson, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean,  
Adinah Edwards, Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis,  
Kenneth Dow, Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown,  
Judith Simpkins-Booth, Stephanie Williamson,  
Ridart "Butch" Farmer, Georgia Sawyer, Joan Hall,  
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

## **WE PRAY FOR**

those who are Incarcerated and their families/loved ones,  
as well as those affected by their actions.

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## **ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT**

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the  
last year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas  
Columbarium Inurnment, please contact the church office  
at 215-473-3065.

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## **FROM THE RECTOR**

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website or Facebook/aecst1792.

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Monday - Thursday.

Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

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## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP**

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving donation button and no longer want to receive offering envelopes, please let me know. Please email me at [stewardship@aecst.org](mailto:stewardship@aecst.org) with your name and envelope number.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at: [tillman\\_72@msn.com](mailto:tillman_72@msn.com) or the church email: [1792@aecst.org](mailto:1792@aecst.org) so that we can update the church records. Thank you very much.

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## **PROPERTY UPDATE - GOOD NEWS!**

Major work has started on our entire roof, pointing of all exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

## **WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP**

- 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) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours. After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
  
- 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, Church School, Chosen 300, 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.

**"To whom much is given, much is required." Luke 12:48**

## **FINANCE OFFICE**

Mid-year Financial Reports have been mailed. If you have not received yours, please contact Jeannette in the Fiscal office ASAP. We ask that you please continue your financial support of our Parish ministries. Thanks for all your contributions to date.

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## **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.

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## **SPEARHEAD EMAILS**

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, or have someone else you wish to receive, 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.

# A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of  
(10% of our earnings)

Where are you on your spiritual journey?  
Annual Faithful Giving

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

## MINISTRY STAFF

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## **THE VESTRY**

Rector's Warden - Richard C. Jones  
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Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye  
Treasurer - Kelvin 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	

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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.

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