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LORD,
HOW MANY TIMES
SHALL I FORGIVE
MY BROTHER
OR SISTER
WHO SINS
AGAINST ME?
MATTHEW 18:21

GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS ...
LET THE FORGIVEN FORGIVE.

S THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
T. THOMAS

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
The Very Rev. Angelo Wildgoose
September 13, 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

NEW 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.

AECST HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE!

Remember to wear your mask when you are out!

Governor Tom Wolf's Secretary of Health Signed Expanded Mask Wearing Order which was released on July 1st.

Please go to <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-signs-expanded-mask-wearing-order/> for more information.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

Waltier Blocker- Oakwood Healthcare & Rehab Center

RECOVERING AT HOME:

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

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday's Readings
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13th

First Reading: Exodus 14: 19-31
Psalm 114
Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings For:
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th

First Reading : Exodus 16: 2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Second Reading: Philippians 1: 21-30
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

Week of 9/14/2020
Monday - Matthew 4: 1-11
Tuesday - Matthew 4: 12-17
Wednesday - Matthew 4: 18-25
Thursday - Matthew 5: 1-10
Friday - Matthew 5: 11-16
Saturday - Matthew 5: 17-20

Tuesday Zoom Bible Classes
Reconvenes September 15th at 7pm.
Please send your email to Greg Allen at:
camdenmatters@aol.com to be added to the list.

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER

Thomas' own clergy will offer meditations during Sundays

September 13th - The Very Rev. Angelo Wildgoose

September 20th - The Rev. Isaac Bonney

September 27th - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 4th

10 am - In-Person Service with the Rector and Vestry.

This service can be viewed Live on our Facebook or website pages.

12 Noon - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Bring your pet for our

Annual Outdoor Blessing of Animals

October 11th

2021 Stewardship Kick-Off

October 18th

Annual Octavius V. Catto Sunday

October 25th

Youth Sunday

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.

The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas
6361 LANCASTER AVENUE
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151
The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

PEW MEMORIAL PLAQUES



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020
DEDICATE A PEW PLAQUE
IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

\$500.00

(Payment Deadline: October 4, 2020)

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

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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

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Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
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Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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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.