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WE
WALK
BY
FAITH
NOT
BY
SIGHT

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS • FIRST BLACK EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE USA
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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, September 5, 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**

Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 AM

Due to CDC and Diocesan recommendations, we can only accommodate 150 people in the church. All others will be directed to Anderson Hall. Masks are **MANDATORY** for all in attendance. During service, we will observe the 20th Anniversary of 9/11. We request that all in attendance be **VACCINATED**. Unvaccinated individuals are requested to watch the Service via Live Stream.

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.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

The Monday Morning Circle of Prayer
will resume in September.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9am-4pm
We resume normal business hours Tuesday,
September 7th.

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

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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 for more information.

LIVE VIDEO UPDATE

Our new Live Video system has been fully installed. On **Sunday, September 12th** we will return to In-Person worship, our parishioners, friends and visitors who cannot be in physical attendance will be able to continue to worship with us each week. To God be the Glory!

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.

F.E.M.A.

is hiring paid volunteers to work as chefs, cooks, and servers for Hurricane Ida in the Louisiana area and supporting Afghan Crisis Centers in CA, TX, VA, or WI. If you are anyone you know is interested in working as a paid volunteer, email rcgroupinc00@gmail.com with your resume.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to “About The AECST”. Use the drop down to click on Holy Baptism. All the information about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the **online application form** can be found there.

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.

PLEASE JOIN THE NEW ST. THOMAS KITCHEN COMMITTEE

This ministry is a part of our Property Committee. It will NOT involve any food preparation. The purpose will be to assure that our kitchen is well organized, tidy and pristine looking at all times.

Please speak with one of the Co-Chairs, Deadra Cannon, Clare Mae Daniels or Dottie Archey immediately to join.

The proverb says: “cleanliness is next to godliness”.

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 5th

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a
Psalm 146

Second Reading: James 2: 1-10, [11-13], 14-17
The Holy Gospel: Mark 7 :24-37

Week of 8/30/2021

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

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

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

October 10th

Annual Observance and Celebration of the life of Octavius V. Catto and the 150th Anniversary of his Assassination

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLESTUDY

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

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 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 or 215-878-3651



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

to members of our parish celebrating birthdays in September:

- 9/1 Bertha Mordeci
- 9/2 Harold Townsend, Mary Dean
- 9/3 Calvin Thompson
- 9/4 Monica Harbison, Camilla Janey, Carmella Bullock,
Kevin Carter
- 9/5 Michael Archey Jr., Gari Harden
- 9/6 Oke Nwaneshiudo
- 9/7 Stephen Hannum, Ricardo Bostic
- 9/8 Edgar Wise
- 9/9 Patricia Bantom, Tyler Stafford, Margaret Awiti,
Gabrielle Alston
- 9/10 Gwenda Hart, Gabrielle Hamlin, James Brown (JB)
- 9/11 Terry Corson, Brandon Barksdale
- 9/13 Frank Johnson, Joe Tucker
- 9/14 Diana Hutchins
- 9/15 Lauren Flamer
- 9/16 Ann Stewart, Eric Jones, Richard Sewell,
Richard Scales, William Edmonds
- 9/17 Kelvin Johnson, Sr., Angelo Cameron
- 9/18 Deadra Cannon, Terry Booker
- 9/19 Alycia Horn
- 9/20 Ella Randall, Diane Winkfield
- 9/21 Wendella Fox, Constance Lyons
- 9/22 Stephanie Bovell
- 9/23 Rollo Dillworth, Elaine Curry, Stephanie Foster,
Onyi Nwaneshiodo, Ken Bundy, Jerry Thurman
- 9/24 Carlia Miller
- 9/25 Vaughn Greaves, Natasha Bagwell
- 9/26 Leatrice Snowden
- 9/27 Shirley Caldwell
- 9/28 William Smalls, Aneesa Donohue
- 9/29 Joyce Stewart, Ena Camara, Evetta Sherman
- 9/30 Paige Cropper, Marlene Richardson,
Jenelle Johnson, Catherine Bell

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.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

Our condolences to Quentin Heyward and family on the
death of his step brother, **Toriano Andre Worlds**.
May the soul of Toriano (Andre) rest in peace and rise in
glory. Amen.

THANK YOU!

from my family to my AECST family for all of your
expressions of love for Barb's promotion to glory.
Deborah Billups

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.

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.

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 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 or the church email: 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records. Thank you very much

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.

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.

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

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Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

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.
