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**FOUNDED 1792**



“... IF TWO OF YOU ON EARTH  
AGREE ABOUT ANYTHING  
THEY ASK FOR,  
IT WILL BE DONE  
FOR THEM BY  
MY FATHER IN HEAVEN.  
FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE  
GATHER IN MY NAME,  
THERE AM I WITH THEM.”

MATTHEW 18:19-20

# **S** THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF **T. THOMAS**

**The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Summer Series "A Voice From Our Own"  
The Diocese of PA - Bishop Daniel Gutierrez - Celebrant  
The Rev. Fr. Samuel Kirabi - Homilist  
September 6, 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.
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## **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.

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## **WE WELCOME:**

Tony, Nicole, Everett and Kaleb Miles to our church family.  
Larry and Natalie Wiltshire are the Shepherds for the new Miles Family.

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## **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 Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 6th**

**First Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14; Psalm 149  
Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-14  
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20**

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**Readings For  
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**

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**Week of 9/6/2020**

**Monday - Mark 15: 40-47  
Tuesday - Mark 16: 1-8 (9-20)  
Wednesday - Matthew 2: 1-12  
Thursday - Matthew 2: 13-23  
Friday - Matthew 3: 1-12  
Saturday - Matthew 3: 13-17**

# **UPCOMING SUNDAY AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP**

**Sunday, September 6th - 10AM, Morning Worship**

**Effective September 8th: Daily Compline or Noonday Prayers will not be held virtually. We encourage you to continue using your BCP, Pages 127 and 103.**

**Sunday, September 13th  
Summer Series "A Voice From Our Own"  
The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose**

**Tuesday, September 15th  
7PM - Zoom Bible Class**

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## **SUNDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**

**St. Thomas' own clergy will offer meditations during Sundays**

**September 6th - The Diocese of PA -  
Bishop Daniel Gutierrez - Celebrant  
The Rev. Fr. Samuel Kirabi - Homilist**

**September 13th - The Rev. Angelo Wildgoose**

**September 20th - The Rev. Isaac Bonney**

**September 27th -The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden**

**October 4th - Inaugural Live Stream Service with the  
Rector and Vestry**

## 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.

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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.

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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](http://www.aecst.org)** every Sunday morning at 10am.

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### **THE VESTRY**

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

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

## MINISTRY STAFF

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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.***