

THE SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

6361 Lancaster Avenue (Absalom Jones Way)

Philadelphia, PA, 19151

(215) 473-3065

www.aecst.org

The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw

The 17th Rector

The Reverend Fr. Daren E. Evans

Associate to the Rector

The Reverend Fr. Gerald Collins

Associate Priest



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Please click on the link provided for the

[Order of Service](#)

“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Give thanks unto Him and bless His name.”

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on this
the Second Sunday of Easter.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., it is proudly a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The first rector of this historic parish, The Reverend Fr. Absalom Jones, was also the first Black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded, and growing church family. Whomever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcome at St. Thomas Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus' message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance, and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed, and revived. Whomever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life's journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.

Again, welcome!

Wishing each of you a very holy and blessed fifty days of Easter filled with Joy, Peace and Love.

The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw
17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery



The Rector is away on Easter Holiday and will return this Tuesday.

THE CLERGY OF ST. THOMAS extends to you a very holy and blessed fifty days of Easter.

(The Very Rev. Canon Martini Shaw, The Rev. Daren Evans, The Rev. Gerald Collins, The Rev. Patricia Downing, The Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney, The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach, and The Rev. Joseph Watkins)



Holy Thursday- 2026

Photos: Bill Edmonds
(St. Thomas Ed Muse Memorial Photography Ministry)









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(St. Thomas Ed Muse Memorial Photography Ministry)



A SOLEMN GOOD FRIDAY 2026
Stations of the cross;
Veneration of the cross; and
distribution of Holy Communion
from the reserved Sacrament.





More photos may be found on [Facebook](#)

ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4th, PREPARATIONS WERE UNDERWAY FOR EASTER!!!

Enormous thanks to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for a day of joyous celebration with baptisms, festive music, dance, gospel preaching, Easter Egg Hunt, a special guest - the Easter Bunny, and much more.



THIS WEEK AT AECST

Tuesday, April 14th

~OPC Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting~
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM in the Undercroft

~Pilgrims on a Journey with Fr. Jay~
via Zoom at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 15th

~Bible Study with Fr. Daren~
6:00 PM in the A.J. House

~St. Thomas Gospel Choir Rehearsal~
7:30 PM in Anderson Hall

Thursday, April 16th

~Vestry Meeting~ 6:00 PM via Zoom

~St. Thomas Health Ministry~
6:00 PM Zoom Meeting

Saturday, April 18th

~Men's Ministry and Fellowship Meeting~
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM in the Undercroft

~Chancel Choir Rehearsal~
10:00 AM - 12 Noon in Anderson Hall

~Scout Troop~ #133
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM in the Undercroft



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2026

Photos: Bill Edmonds, Justin Trotman,
and Brenda Johnson Best
(St. Thomas Ed Muse Memorial Photography Ministry)







LOOK WHO STOPPED BY ON EASTER SUNDAY!
The Easter Bunny!!! Use this [link](#) to see all the fun of the
Easter Egg Hunt.





More photos may be found on [Facebook](#)

The Franklin Memorial Choir of Millennium Baptist Church presents
"Music in the Air Spring Concert" featuring
the St. Thomas Gospel Choir,
Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 3:00 PM.
Millennium Baptist Church
1630 N. 52nd Street, Phila, PA 19131
Dinners are available for a fee from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM.



THE FRANKLIN MEMORIAL CHOIR OF MILLENNIUM BAPTIST CHURCH
PRESENTS

MUSIC *in the Air*
SPRING CONCERT

SUNDAY
April 19, 2026
3:00pm

Featuring
Gospel Recording Artist
Minister Walt Blocker &
The St. Thomas Gospel Choir

Dinners available from 1pm-3pm (for a fee)
(Dinner proceeds to benefit
Millennium Baptist Church)

MILLENNIUM BAPTIST CHURCH

UPCOMING SUNDAYS IN 2026

April 12th

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 19th

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 26th

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Thomas Men Are Cooking in Anderson Hall.

May 3rd

“Parade of Hats” (wear your favorite hat, fascinator, bonnet, chapeau, fedora, beret, turban, etc.)

May 10th

Mother’s Day

May 17th

Heroes’ Sunday – Guest Speaker-Commissioner Michael Resnick, Esq., Philadelphia Department of Prisons

May 24th

Pentecost Sunday (wear something red)

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Health Ministry, in conjunction with the Lankenau Health Education Center, will sponsor a Zoom presentation on

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st at 7:00 PM.

Please join us and invite your friends and family.

Help us spread the word.

TOPIC: The ABC’s of a Good Night's Sleep!

Click Here to Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/98096186942>

Meeting ID: 980 9618 6942

Be sure to mark your calendar.

We're looking forward to your participation.

OUR LIVESTREAM MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

Each week, many people who are away are able to worship with us via our amazing Livestream. Please prayerfully consider serving in this ministry. If interested, please communicate with the rector.

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. THOMAS:

We need volunteers to cook or volunteer for St. Thomas Men Are Cooking, Sunday, April 26, 2026, following service. To register, please contact Ed Geiger at: 716-207-0405 or text Tim Barksdale at 215-868-6766 with your name, telephone number, and either the dish you are making or indicate how you wish to volunteer. Donations are also accepted.

The Men's Ministry & Fellowship Presents St. Thomas Men Are Cooking



Highlights

- . Music
- . Multiple Servings
- . Indoor & Outdoor Seating
- . Service by Men of St. Thomas
- . Table Service for those in Need
- . 50/50 Raffle
- . Rector Serving His Special Dish

\$20.00 for ages 12 and up
\$10 for ages 4 to 11 - Free if younger

Date: SUNDAY April 26th, 2026

Time: Immediately After Service

THE AFRICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS
6361 Lancaster Ave., Phila., PA 19151
The Very Reverend Canon Martini Shaw, Rector

Sample Menu Items:

Meat Lovers

- Jerk Chicken
- Baked Ham
- Lamb Meat Stew
- Baked Chicken Fried
- Chicken Chicken
- Wings Curried Stew
- Breakfast Casserole
- Chicken Parmesan
- Chicken Pasta Salad
- Jerk Chicken Pasta
- Turkey & Beef
- Beef Lasagna

Non-Meat Dishes

- Pancakes
- Home Fries
- Green Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Caesar Salad
- Baked Snapper fish
- Vegetarian Enchiladas
- Shrimp & Rice
- Roasted Salmon
- Vegetable Lasagna
- String Rice & Beans
- Baked Beans



ALL MEN INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING / FOR COOKING/FOR TICKETS

Tim Barksdale @ 215-868-6766 (Please text)

Ed Geiger @ 716-207-0405

WOOD FUNERAL HOME
VINE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

WOOD/VINE 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY LOVE FEST



A DAY OF FUN, LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP!

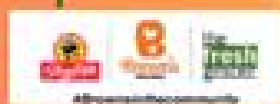
DATE: SAT. MAY 9, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

PLACE: 56TH & GIRARD AVE AND VICINITY



WOOD FUNERAL HOME



Live Music & Entertainment
Free Food & Giveaways!
Vendors & Activities for Kids
Motorcycle & Corvette Show!
St. Thomas Gospel Choir



CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and condolences to the family of **Anita Reid**, who passed on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

A memorial service will be held at St. Thomas on **Wednesday, April 29, 2026**, at 10:00 AM.

May the soul of Anita rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for the family.

Our condolences and prayers to Stephen Pugh and family on the death of his first cousin, **Monique Stevens**. May the soul of Monique rest in peace and rise in eternal glory. Please pray for the family.

Oops! Our apologies.

The following lily dedication was omitted from the list on Easter Sunday:

Easter Lily: In memory of Robert, Mayme, and Marion Washington and Nathaniel and Bernice Tillman, given by Bobby, Judy, and Teri Tillman

TO OUR AECST FAMILY,

Thank you for your generous support of our **Palm Sunday Bake Sale**. Your kindness and enthusiasm led to a successful fundraiser, and because of your contributions, we were able to come together in both fellowship and purpose. Every purchase, donation, and encouraging word was deeply appreciated.

We are truly grateful for your heartfelt support. In gratitude, The St. Thomas Women's Ministry



We joyfully welcome **Derrick McBride**, who joined our church family last Sunday. His shepherd is Bobby Tillman. We look forward to getting to know him.



ATTENTION: All Groups/Ministries/Organizations and Fellowships

- Announcements and flyers for the Sunday Bulletin and digital Spearhead should be received on **Monday by 12:00 Noon**. If you have any questions, please contact Gladyce in the church office, (215) 473-3065.
- Please submit a "**Request for Meeting Space**" form to the office for all meetings in the Church, Anderson Hall, Absalom Jones House, parking lot and/or the Great Lawn two weeks prior to the event. Please refrain from approaching the sextons. The church office maintains the calendar for all events. If you have any questions or need a form, please contact the church office at (215) 473-3065 or email 1792@aecst.org.

REALM STATEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – APRIL 2026

Good morning, Church family. This announcement is to inform you to please check your email later this week for your first quarterly statement. Realm can easily generate your statement. Therefore, paper statements will no longer be mailed from the church office.

Please email stewardship@aecst.com if you do not receive your statement via email (remember to check spam/junk). Thank you in advance, and have a great day. Judy Tillman Stewardship Chair.

Are you receiving the weekly electronic Spearhead? If not, please email Gladyce DuBrey at 1792@aecst.org with your mobile number and email address.

You're invited to **St. James Day**,
celebrating the Feast of St. James
on **Saturday, May 2, 2026**,
from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM,

St. James School,

3217 West Clearfield Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

Join them for the blessing of new spaces on campus,
outdoor games, tie-dyeing, and food. Please use the
QR Code to RSVP and reserve a spot on the St. James
bus departing St. Thomas at 12:30 PM.

May 2nd

1:00-3:00 PM



RSVP HERE

& reserve a spot on
the St. James Bus departing
from AECST @12:30 PM



**ST. JAMES
DAY**

Join us on our Saint's Feast Day
for the blessing of new spaces
on campus, outdoor games,
tie-dyeing, and food!



3217 West Clearfield Street
Philadelphia, PA 19132

St. James Annual Dr. Audrey Evans Benefit
“Sharing the Spark” is on Wednesday, May 20, 2026,
at 6:00 PM at the Simeone Foundation Automotive
Museum. Suggested ticket amount \$150.00 per person
or pay what you wish. Please use the QR Code below to
purchase tickets online.

We're Invited!
SHARING THE
spark
ANNUAL DR. AUDREY EVANS
BENEFIT



Wednesday, May 20, 2026 | 6:00 PM
Simeone Foundation Automotive Museum

6:00 PM MINGLE & DINE | **7:30 PM** PROGRAM | **8:30 PM** DESSERT & COFFEE



PAY WHAT YOU WISH TICKETS

We want this event to be inclusive and affordable for all! **\$150** suggested amount per person. Or pay what you wish.

Visit StJamesPhila.org/Spark to purchase tickets online.

For more information, contact Gillian Golson at ggolson@stjamesphila.org or 484.224.3891.

HONORING
Two impactful organizations

EPIPHANY SCHOOL
Which sparked the idea
for St. James School

**CHURCH OF
ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**
An extraordinary St. James
church partner





NEWS FROM THE CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

In addition to our member and family photographs, the new pictorial St. Thomas Church Directory will include:

- our bountiful history
- a special in memorial page (listing members who have transitioned since 2017)
- greetings from the rector
- group photographs of AECST ministries

A new category has been created entitled:
“With Love and Blessings.”

You can add your name to this section with patron, business or ministry ads. It would be wonderful to have your support and expressions of gratitude included in the directory.

Patron ads - \$5.00 per name

Business or Ministry ads:

- Full page \$150.00 - 8”x10” portrait
- 1/2 page \$75.00 - 8”x5” landscape
- 1/4 page \$50.00 - 4”x5” portrait
- 1/8 page \$35.00 - 4”x 2 1/2” landscape

Email: Camera ready ads to: churchdirectory@aecst.org

Checks may be mailed and payable to:

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
6361 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19151

**Attention St. Thomas High School Seniors
and Graduate Students:**

The Jesse F. Anderson, Sr. Book Award and Graduate applications are now available.

Applications are on the table in The Great Hallway. Questions? Contact Paula Lamb, (215) 620-7250, or Dr. Diana Hutchins (610) 525-4322.

Application deadline is May 11, 2026.

**CONFIRMATION / REAFFIRMATION /
RECEPTION CLASSES**

have started for in-person and Zoom classes are as follows:

In Person (8:45 AM)
Sunday, 04/12/2026
Sunday, 05/03/2026

Zoom (6:00 PM)
Monday, 03/16/2026
Monday, 04/20/2026
Monday, 05/18/2026

Sunday 6/7/2026 – Confirmation Day!

Please connect with Fr. Daren, 215-473-3065 or email, associaterector@aecst.org if you have not received any information or have questions, ASAP.



Our **AECST Podcast Series** returns with an important new episode! Fr. Daren is joined by Licensed Clinical Social Worker **Mrs. Lasheena Riley Duval** for a conversation on **supporting children through medical care**. Tune in!

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.



VOCALISTS & MUSICIANS *Wanted*

**To Join
A Professional Recording Gospel Choir**

The St Thomas Gospel Choir
Directed By, Walt Blocker
of the
African Episcopal Church of St Thomas
Philadelphia, PA

WWW.STTHOMASGC.ORG

(484) 816-STGC (7842)

OUR DEDICATED OUT-OF-TOWN FAMILIES

We give thanks to God for these active and dedicated members of St. Thomas who presently live in other cities, states, and countries, but remain connected weekly by various media platforms:

Constance Anderson - Florida

The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach & Dr. Julie Hergerather - Bloomsburg, PA

Christopher Burks - Rhode Island/New York

Deadra Cannon - Georgia

Nora Corbin - Illinois

Dr. Ted Corbin - Illinois

Paula Cropper - North Carolina

Lee Daniels - New York

Stacey Davis - New York

Andrew & Lisa Renee Dumas - Portugal

Rashid, Christie, & Gabrielle Faisal - Michigan

The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney - Texas

Bradley Hammond - Mississippi

Richard & Gwenda Hart - South Carolina

Yvonne Hyde-Carter - New York

Dr. Calvin Johnson - Florida

Bettie Jones - North Carolina

Richard Jones, Jr. - Virginia

Dr. Sheila Jones-Smith - South Carolina

Steven & Jameela Lewis - Colorado

Gregory Lyles - Switzerland

Nohjay Nimpson - Texas

Zennetta Peters - North Carolina

Dr. John Rich - Illinois

Richard & Rebecca Scales - Florida

Shelly & Ann Stewart - Florida

Howard Tucker - Brazil/Philadelphia

Allison Young - Maryland

**The Bible Readings For
the Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026**

The First Lesson - [Acts 2:14, 22-32](#)
[Psalm 16](#)

The Second Lesson - [1 Peter 1:3-9](#)
The Holy Gospel - [John 20:19-31](#)

**The Holy Gospel Readings for the
week of April 13, 2026**

Monday - [John 14:1-17](#)

Tuesday - [John 14:18-31](#)

Wednesday - [John 15:1-11](#)

Thursday - [John 15:12-27](#)

Friday - [John 16:1-15](#)

Saturday - [John 16:16-33](#)



PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY

BIBLE STUDY is on Tuesdays
at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining
the ministry, please contact Fr. Jay
at associatepriest@aecst.org.

WEDNESDAY IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY

with Fr. Daren is on Wednesdays
at 6:00 PM in the A.J. House.

ALTAR FLOWERS

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to
Alfreda Brockman or Gladyce in the church office.

Flowers on the High Altar - \$80.00 each
Flowers on the Absalom Jones Altar - \$70.00 each
Flowers on the Columbarium - \$60.00

Please use the QR Code below to order flowers
or contribute to our church ministries.





CALLING ALL DANCERS!!!!

Opportunity awaits if you want to praise the Lord in dance and worship. The “Angels in Motion” dance ministry, a multi-generational ministry welcomes all ages, and skill levels in ballet, modern, jazz, and African dance to join! Interested? Please contact, Director, [Pamela Johnson](#).



VERGERS NEEDED!

Are you being called to this exciting ministry?
Want to know more about what a Verger does?

The Verger Guide may be found [here](#)

Please speak with Karen Ragland or
the Rector for more details.

RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

- to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.
- to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office.
- to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).
- to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office to sign up.
- to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service. Please contact [Gladyce](#) in the office if you are interested.
- as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) if you are interested.
- **Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).
- **The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN REHAB:

Francine Norris - St. Francis Nursing Home

Patricia Walker Ellison - Rydal Place, Jenkintown, PA,

Cornelia Camp - Rydal Place, Jenkintown, PA;

Victoria Rivers - Bryn Mawr Rehab Center, Malvern, PA

IN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENCES:

Helena Allen - Simpson House; Linda Holmes - Saunders

House; Gwendolyn Langford - Arden Courts of Cherry Hill;

Ola Bass - Atria Lafayette Hill; Ridart "Butch" Farmer -

Centennial Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center

AT HOME:

Robert Brown, Thelma Silvers, Mary Ann Jones,

Shirley Caldwell, Wendell Whitlock, Verger Stephen Hannum,

Joyce Stewart, Virginia DuBrey, Regina Meacham Devero,

Alice Bowman-Cropper, Katrina Harris, Karen Ragland,

Guy Booth, Alletta Parris Olday, Jurdina Koilor

KEEP IN PRAYER:

Justin Trotman, Cathy Stafford, Daryn Stewart,

Adinah Edwards, Teena Watson-Matthews, Waltier Blocker,

Santee Ruffin, Angela Holloway, Mary Ann Phillips,

Yvonne Syndor, Carl Dean, Arlene Gray, Adrian Gray,

Sharon Harper, Quincina Edmonds, D. Lynn Joell,

Edita Gauthney, Carmen Brown, Stephen Pugh, Lisa Woodley,

Richard Jones, Jr., Regina Meacham Devero

WE PRAY FOR:

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

CALLING ALL YOUTH



What's an Acolyte? Am I old enough? Why do I want to be one? These and other questions can be answered by Father Daren! No prior experience is necessary to serve in the **Acolyte Ministry**. Rehearsals are on Sundays, immediately after service. This is an excellent opportunity for children and youth to become involved in the life of the church. Contact [Fr. Daren](#) for details.

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

We want to highlight the achievements of our youth and young adults! If your child has excelled in academics, sports, the arts, or community service—or you are a young adult working on a significant personal or professional project—we would love to hear about it. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) so we can share your story with the congregation!

THE YOUNG ADULTS (ages 20's and 30's) meet immediately after service every 4th Sunday of the Month in the Absalom Jones House.



IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

St. Thomas celebrates children and youth not only as the church of TOMORROW, but also the church of TODAY! We welcome and encourage their full presence and participation in our Sunday worship.

Church School begins at **10:00 AM** in the **Undercroft**.

You need to register your child for church school for the 2025-2026 school year. Please use this [link](#) to register your child/children.

Call for Church School Teachers - If you feel the calling by God to volunteer your time in church school, please fill out the registration [link](#). If you were a teacher last year, please fill out this year's registration.



Tiny Tykes Temple is now located in the beautiful library of the Absalom Jones House for infants, children (under 3 years old) and parents. Parents who may find it necessary to step away from mass for a moment are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful space.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

HOW CAN I BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP?

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”. 2 Corinthians 9:7. NIV

The **Stewardship Committee** of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas recognizes that stewardship may take form in several ways: your time, talent, or treasures. The one commonality is that each of us must prayerfully ask God to guide us in making the right choices and have faith that He will guide us to the right decision.

Our church has a tremendous congregation that is thriving and growing. The ministries that we have serve all of God’s children near and far. These endeavors require all three forms of stewardship: but especially your sharing of treasure.

Prayerfully consider donating by using the QR Code below:



OTHER WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP:

1) Sunday Offering Plate

2) 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

3) Bring your check directly to the Fiscal Office during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. 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> 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.

5) REALM CONNECT - Members and visitors who use GIVI must use **Realm Connect**. If donate via the church website, either directly or by using the QR code, you will soon see a new webpage and corresponding QR code.

6) Cellphone: Text "AECST" to 73256 to donate.

IMPORTANT: Please make sure your name, envelop number and amount is placed on the offering envelope. This is particularly important for bookkeeping accurate. If you are unsure of your number, please email stewardship@aecst.org. We appreciate your assistance.

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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 or click the [Donation Button](#) and select the Building Fund button on our Capital Improvement Donation button on our [website](#).

MINISTRY STAFF

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