



*Summer 2019*

# Down By The Riverside

**Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church Columbus Blvd & Christian St, Philadelphia, PA 19147 215-389-1513**

## MAKE IT PLAIN - A message from the Rector

At our parish meeting on May 5, we conducted business, thanked outgoing vestry members and elected new leaders to serve. I also asked for folks to take a short survey. I wanted to get a "temperature check" on a few important items.

Once again, I learned that many at Gloria Dei desire to do more outreach. In the past, it seems important outreach missions were accomplished by small groups of people. But now I feel the time is right for the whole congregation to get behind outreach. I hope we can get at least 20% to 30 % of our parish to participate. Together we can share in the excitement and joy of God's call to us. But how will God make his call to us plain?

How will we know what this mission is? We must navigate toward it through prayer, study, reflection, weighing the costs, listening to counsel and taking a vote. We do have one possible mission before us for consideration, helping a refugee family.

I am asking, will you pray for us to be open to God's calling? Will you pray and discuss the question: Is God calling us to assist a refugee family in the year to come under the auspices of an agency called HIAS? We will make a decision by the end of September. I am thankful to our vestry leaders, Jaime Konowal and Jill Duink for bringing this opportunity to our attention and I would support it wholeheartedly if we as a congregation are behind it.

It is my hope we can have another parish meeting in November and celebrate all our blessings and plans together.

Never forget you are the apple of God's eye!

Faithfully,  
Pastor Patricia

## PRAYER TO DISCERN OUR PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

*O God, as we prepare to be fed at the table of Jesus, we remember how he set an example by washing the feet of the disciples and urging them to love others as he loved them. Now, we, your people of this parish are wondering if it is your will that we minister to people we do not know, a refugee family. Is this what you would have us do? Help us to weigh our abilities and face our fears. Help us to remember our promise in baptism to “seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.” Help us to trust deeply so that we may follow more closely, the One who laid down his life for us, Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



### A NOTE FROM OUR TAI CHI INSTRUCTOR – Gretchen Gerhauser

Tai Chi (Chuan) is a 'soft' martial art, as a moving meditation; and a 'hard' martial art, when fighting. We refer to tai chi as 'The Form' when practicing, while in motion. Students learn tai chi like dance routine, learning lower and upper body movements, then linking them together to practice Tai Chi. Health benefits include: greater flexibility, improved balance & coordination, a calmer mind & refined concentration, stronger muscles & increased endurance.

My journey into Traditional Chinese Martial Arts began in 1994. With 15 years of formal ballet training at Princeton Ballet Society, and years of studies in the sciences, I began martial art training with Sifu (Master) Chik Qadir Mason of 'Spirit Wind Internal Arts Society.' Upon completing 8 years of training in Yin Yoga, Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung; I earned multiple certifications, then began teaching these arts. They have become lifelong practices. I look forward to sharing them with you. All are welcome.

Gretchen teaches an Intermediate/Advanced class on Wednesdays from 10:30am – 11:30am, and a Beginner class from 12:00 – 1:00pm in Riverside Hall weekly.

## CIRCLE OF FRIENDS - Carol Jenkins and Julie Daye

March 30<sup>th</sup> was the first of our “Circle of Friends” gatherings, and we still have one that is meeting on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The idea behind these gatherings is to make a deeper connection with each other. Many who gathered might only have spoken to each other on several occasions, or only said ‘hello’ before or after church services.

When creating a group we tried to have a mix of newcomers and those who have been coming to our church for many years. These groups were comprised of 5 - 9 people, who met for 2 hours or so and enjoyed a meal and great conversation. Some groups met in the rectory, some met in homes and some at a workplace.

The groups were instructed that there would be no “church” talk or hidden agenda and that they were not a meeting to plan internal or external ministries. The sole purpose of these gatherings was so people could enjoy each other’s company, in a relaxed atmosphere, and to make new friends or strengthen old friendships. With our hectic everyday lives, it was a wonderful change.

At the end of each gathering, each group leader filled out an evaluation sheet. The reviews were very positive. Most people felt a stronger connection to each other, and learned new things about each other. All felt the name *Circle of Friends* was appropriate.

The future is in your hands. If you enjoyed being a participant in our Circle of Friends, and would like it to continue, start conversations and make plans. If you feel you would like to host a group yourself and are not sure where to begin, Julie and I would be happy to help get you started.

With a circle, we can make it as big as we want or a small as we want. No beginning and no end.

Thanks to all who participated.





## The Sexton Sideshow, Bringing Music and Community Together at Historic Gloria Dei Old Swedes' Church

*Featured May 28 on CityWideStories .com*

[Gloria Dei Old Swedes' Church](#) is the oldest historical church in Philadelphia. Paula and Jim Minacci, the sextons (or caretakers) of the grounds, have spent years producing music-focused, art-filled, public events at this national historic facility. The music and entertainment events generate funds to support the upkeep of the grounds and with outreach extending across the city, they are creating quite a community connection in Queen Village.

The mission for the [Sexton Sideshow](#) is to bring the community together in a safe place to enjoy fabulous music, delicious food, and to interact and have fellowship with each other. "We spend a lot of time producing events, homegrown talent, talents of friends and family to accomplish goals of pulling off a successful show or event. Ultimately, it's a way of giving back and creating community," says Jim, who refers to their efforts as their "giving tree" for the church and community.

The duo are entering into their twentieth year as sextons to the grounds, locally referred to as *Old Swedes*. "Because there is a wall around the grounds, a lot of times, people don't think that at Gloria Dei Old Swedes' Church there are things going on inside. [The events] bring the

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outside city in, not just our neighborhoods right around here; we touch people from West Philly, Northeast, etc, so it's an outreach to bring people into the beautiful place to enjoy music, arts and life who wouldn't otherwise come in here," explains Paula.

The husband and wife began coordinating public music events at Old Swedes' over 10 years ago after a local business, BlueBond Guitars, was looking to do shows outside of their teaching environment and approached Jim and Paula about using the church hall for a recital. It was then that they realized what an incredible opportunity they had to extend the usage of the space and build relationships with the community.

This month, they celebrated the 10th anniversary for one of their biggest annual events that attracts over 500 people each year, *Memorial Dei Family Picnic*. The entry cost has hardly increased since the first year of the official event in an effort to make it inclusive for families. Soon after that first recital event, more artists and musicians were reaching out to use the venue for their performances, such as Adam Weiner of Low Cut Connie, a well-known, popular band that their son, Dillon Minacci, now manages. "It was one of those moments when I look back on it, it was really key. That night, when [Adam] had his New Year's Eve show here, it brought like 400 people onto the property. We had never experienced that before. Our shows had been about 100 people, and manageable, and this really went on with a bang," shared Jim. Ever since then, he feels it's really been successful for them as far as bringing in great talent and well-known musicians because of that one event and artists seeing the capabilities, opportunities, and collaborations they offered.

Sexton Sideshow also hosts Sunday Pancake Brunches, which are open to the public and offer live musicians, singer/songwriters, comedians, and a variety of performance artists a stage to perform, courtesy of sponsorship from businesses, restaurants, family, friends and members of the congregation. Sponsors play a tremendous part in making these events possible. Businesses such as Philadelphia Brewing Company and Commonwealth Ciders, who are major contributors, have donated thousands of dollars worth of beer and cider. Restaurants, in and around Philadelphia, including For Pete's Sake Pub, Reeves McEwing Law Firm, Lucky's Last Chance, Cry Baby Pasta,

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Hungry Pigeon, and individual supporters within the congregation, have also donated.

Paula and Jim are both music lovers and artists themselves. Originally from Allentown, Pennsylvania, Paula attended Philadelphia College of Performing Arts for Dance (now University of the Arts) and has lived in Philadelphia ever since. Coming to Philadelphia opened her eyes to becoming an artist fully dedicating her life to entertainment and performance arts, including fine arts, dance, theater, and music, and allowed her to gain a deeper knowledge of artistry that helped take her to the next level of a performance art career.

When it comes to being an artist in Philadelphia, Paula shared, “Art is my life and what I live for. As your body gets older, you find other ways to bring the arts to you. Philadelphia is a great town for that. There’s a lot of stepping stones here. When you’re an artist you can do a lot of things.” Jim moved to Philadelphia in the early 80s from upstate New York and has also been a Philadelphia resident ever since. He grew up playing the saxophone and has always loved and turned to music throughout his entire life. He has expert knowledge about musicians, bands, and albums. “I think it’s the real appreciation from the artists. It makes you feel like, wow, we’re touching people’s lives. I am a mentor as a teacher for 40 years, so I never realized until I got older how many lives I’ve touched, but with Sexton Sideshow, it’s a whole new group of people. I see them really reaching out to us and respecting our opinions,” says Paula. Jim adds, “We want to be uplifting and supporting. We’ve been lucky to work with people who really value that and there’s an even exchange of ideas. That’s really fulfilling.” You can follow Sexton Sideshow on Facebook and Instagram for event updates.



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let us know. You may provide the flowers yourself or you may provide funds for flowers and a volunteer “flower person” will purchase and place the flowers for you.

## HELP WANTED— YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! – Lisa Reeves

Each of us, whether members of Vestry or the congregation, brings unique perspectives, experiences and talents to Gloria Dei. Please think about your own special gifts, and how you can contribute to Gloria Dei as we continue to grow. In addition to my general Vestry duties, I have volunteered to provide advice on insurance, rental and other contracts, and any legal issues that may arise. I will work with Patricia on any employee or tenant issues, and also take the lead in helping to organize and digitize the church's filing system. Gloria Dei needs each of us to get involved in the "business" of the church. Although our focus is always on worship and ministry, we are a self-sustaining organization, and thus must deal with property maintenance/improvement, finances, hall rentals, fundraising, marketing, social media and other more earthly concerns. We need your prayers, but also your time and talent on all of these issues. If you are good with numbers, spreadsheets and budgeting, join the finance committee. Others may have gardening, photography, graphic design, marketing, history, computer or organizational skills that could be put to good use. Everyone has something to contribute! In particular, we are in need of someone to chair the property committee, so that we can continue to repair and maintain our beautiful grounds, church and buildings. The property chair does not need to have any contracting skills, and is not expected to physically do any of the work—he/she only needs to research options and obtain quotes from outside contractors for any work which needs to be done.

Finally, Christine and I will need your help in organizing our office files, and to identify what we are missing and who might have copies in their computers or home files. Just an hour or two of your time each week or month will make such a difference! Please give me a call at 267-257-8225 or shoot me an email at [reeves@lawofsea.com](mailto:reeves@lawofsea.com), and I'll put you to work. It takes a village! Thank you and God bless.



## UPDATE FROM HISTORIC GLORIA DEI – Candace Roberts

We have wonderful news to report regarding our fundraising efforts for Gloria Dei Church! Over the past 4 years, the Board of Trustees for Historic Gloria Dei has been raising funds with the purpose of achieving a large enough balance, that we could potentially double, with a successful Keystone Grant from the State of Pennsylvania. With a combined effort from Historic Gloria Dei and the Gloria Dei Vestry, I am pleased to report that we raised nearly \$50,000 in this time period and requested a grant of \$65,000 for a Keystone Grant. **We have been successful!**

State Representative Mary Isaacson wrote: *“The district is home to many historical buildings that are desperately in need of repair. They create a unique ambience to those who live here and provide cultural and historical significance to both residents and visitors alike,”* Isaacson said. *“These grants will help preserve these important landmarks and their stories for generations to come.”* ... Statewide, 57 grants totaling \$2.5 million were awarded through the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission’s Keystone Historic Preservation Grant program.”

... *The program provides funding to support projects that identify, preserve, promote, and protect historic and archaeological resources in Pennsylvania for the benefit of the public and the revitalization of communities. Funding also supports municipal planning initiatives that focus on historic resources or may be used to meet building or community-specific planning goals. The program also supports construction activities at resources listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. All grants require a 50 percent cash match and were awarded through a competitive selection process. The grants receive funds from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund which is supported annually from a portion of the state realty tax revenue.*

Our combined \$130,000 will be spent to repair and paint the first floor of the Church; repair and paint the outside woodwork and steeple of the Church; and repair and paint the exterior woodwork of Riverside Hall and Sexton House. We are currently seeking additional quotes to complete the work which we anticipate will begin in the Fall of 2019.

We must wait for a signed contract from the State before we can proceed. If you have looked at the math above, you will note that we are \$15,000 short of our matching funds. We opted to be aggressive with our request to the state so that we could (continued on next page)

accomplish the maximum amount of work possible in this funding cycle. We hope you will consider a gift to Historic Gloria Dei to help us close the gap. Funds will be needed by October 2019. If you would like to help with a gift, please navigate to [www.preserveoldswedes.org/donate](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org/donate). All gifts will be deeply appreciated!

**SAVE THE DATE – Wednesday, September 18<sup>TH</sup> 7:00 – 9:00pm**

Join us for a lecture, “Philadelphia Underground: From Caves and Canals to Tunnels and Transit” in the Church sanctuary from authors Harry Kyriakodis and Joel Spivak as they reveal the curious aspects of the Quaker City's underground experience. If you would like to receive the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation's once-per-month newsletter featuring a history story, a did-you-know item, and a featured marker, please sign up at [www.preserveoldswedes.org](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org).

**HOSPITALITY – Reaching Beyond Our Walls – Peggy Buescher**

“All who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ for he himself will say ‘I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.’” – St. Benedict

Hospitality says you are welcome here no matter what. I'd like to think that everyone who enters Gloria Dei feels that sense of welcome. Inclusive not exclusive. Hospitality means reaching out to others beyond our Sunday Fellowship. The kind of hospitality that is always thinking of our neighbor. The kind of love that directly points to the love of Christ. First Corinthians tells us that if our actions aren't accompanied by love they are useless and worthless. The world is waiting to know that love through us.

Our Riverside Hall hosts many events that reach out to our neighboring community. It now offers yoga, meditation, and T'ai-chi classes on a weekly basis and Jazz and Joe on the last Thursday of the month. I am very delighted to say that over the past two years we have incorporated two weekly Twelve Step Recovery programs in the Riverside Hall. The commencement of the Twelve Step Recovery programs at Gloria Dei was made possible by the open mindedness and willingness of our Pastor, Rev. Patricia Cashman. I am so grateful to her for having the vision to support the need to be a resource for those seeking recovery via

the Twelve Step Programs approach. Last May, an all-men's AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) group began on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 PM, just when the guys are getting off work and before happy hour. That meeting continues to flourish. This year, on May 4, an NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meeting began to meet on Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM. This meeting is open to men and women. We thank Paula and Jim for graciously accommodating to this new schedule. The church is available to the group if we have another function, such as the Flea Market at the same time. Seeing the faces of the people coming here for healing is amazing and life giving!

The present drug overdose data shows Pennsylvania number 4 from the top in deaths. We want to be recorded in history as having done what we could. Recovery is possible for anyone who wants it. Too many good people are dying needlessly due to drugs and alcohol. It doesn't have to be this way.

Everyone is welcome to experience the love of Christ at Gloria Dei. Bishop Gutiérrez reminds us that to know Christ is to change the world.

Any questions regarding recovery? Please contact -

AA Ray S. 215-749-0886

NA Pete B. 215-205-8033

Gloria Dei Peggy Buescher 267-456-4718

Love and peace,  
Peggy Buescher



## HISTORY COMMITTEE - Jeanette Woehr

Restoration is the theme for the History Committee this year. The Rev. Kim-Eric and Ruth Williams, Richard, and I worked on the vault removing all of the large pictures, sketches and photographs. Many of these items were in bad condition with mold or broken frames and glass. Kim-Eric took eleven of the most valuable items that were in bad condition for restoration.

These are the items in the process of restoration:

- 1988 Original drawing for Swedish Commemorative stamp, New Sweden.
- Charcoal drawing exterior of church, primitive.
- Philadelphia State House
- Holy Trinity, Wilmington in special frame
- Interior, Gloria Dei. C. 1890
- Exterior of church, showing tomb of Alexander Wilson
- King Carl XVI Gustaf, 1976
- Archbishop of Canterbury, small size
- The Rev, Jehu Curtis Clay, first American Rector of the church
- Jenny Lind print with her signature
- Smaller exterior pictures of the church

However, one of the finest items restored was a hand drawn water colored map of what our country looked like in the early 1800's. The map was in pieces and very fragile when taken to for restoration. It is amazing how beautiful the map now looks. Margaret Annan, first wife of Rev. Jehu Clay, created the map while attending Mrs. Rivardi's Seminary. The Seminary had several locations: 204 South Front Street (1805), 7 South Second Street (1806-1810), 153 Chestnut Street (1810-1811) and 12 and Chestnut Streets. The school, well known for quality female education moved several times to accommodate an ever-increasing student population. Its trustees were Bishop William White and Dr. Benjamin Rush to name a few. Margaret Annan, daughter of William and Jeanette (Schuyler) Annan was born on April 8, 1798 at Philadelphia. Rev. Robert Annan, her grandfather, baptized her. She married Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay and had four children. She died April 16, 1826.

## FLEA MARKET UPDATE - Jill Duink and Heather Myers

Beautiful Weather and Awesome Volunteers helped to make the Spring Flea Market a Success! With 89 vendors and a steady supply of buyers ready to purchase, everyone was happy. Thank you to our kitchen/bake table team, parking people, church table folks, and the end of the day, clean-up crew for your hard work. You all showed up, donated items and time, and we had a wonderful day raising over \$4,000 for Gloria Dei. Stay tuned - Fall Flea Market is October 19.



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - Rita West

Hello Everyone - Last year we (Gloria Dei) collected school supplies for Vane Washington Elementary School. Since it was such a success we will be doing it again this year.

There will be announcements made in July at Sunday service. If anyone wants to donate money to this ministry I would be glad to pick up the supplies. There will be a bin the back of the church like last year. Items needed are: crayons 24 CT, rulers, erasers, copy paper, lined paper, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 3x5 index cards, #2 pencils, pens, plastic 2 pocket folders, binders, construction paper, and hand sanitizer. If anyone has any loose pens or pencils that would be fine too.

If any questions please contact me at 215-200-9770. Thanks you for your support. Peace and love to all.



## NEW MEETING

Pastor Patricia is hosting small groups for Bible study, healing prayer and open discussion on a variety of faith-related topics. Group 1 has already begun, but there are 3 more sessions available:

Group 2 - Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> & July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Group 3 - Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> & July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am

Group 4 - Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> & July 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon.

All groups will meet in the Rectory. If you would like to sign up, please contact the church office at [info@old-swedes.org](mailto:info@old-swedes.org) or 215-389-1513.

# Ongoing Events...

Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm, Church Sanctuary

Men's AA Meeting – Tuesdays at 4:30pm, Riverside Hall

Meditation with Sheila – Tuesdays at 5:45pm, Riverside Hall. Re-center and find your inner guidance. Free.

Yoga with Sarah – Tuesdays 7:15PM, Riverside Hall. \$10 per class/10 class card \$90. A slow-flow mindful practice that uses the physical shapes of Yoga Asana to deepen your awareness of breath. Mats available to borrow. All levels welcome.

Chair Yoga with Kathy – Wednesdays 9:00am, Riverside Hall. \$10 per class. A great opportunity to stretch and strengthen muscles, reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. All levels welcome. (off July 3, 17, 31, August 14 & 28).

Tai Chi with Gretchen, Intermediate/Advanced – Wednesdays 10:30am, Riverside Hall. \$12 per class. Students learn lower & upper body movements, then link them together to practice "The Form". Improves balance, calms the mind, strengthens & tones muscles, refines concentration.

Tai Chi with Gretchen, Beginner – Wednesdays 12:00pm, Riverside Hall. \$12 per class. All levels welcome.

Green Committee – 8:30am in the Rectory. Sunday, July 7 & August 4.

HGDPC Meeting (Historic Preservation Board) – 5:30pm in Riverside Hall. Monday, July 8 & August 12.

Finance Committee – 5:30pm in the Rectory. Monday, August 26.

Vestry Meeting – 7:00pm, Roak Room. Thursday, July 18 & August 15.

**FROM THE PASTOR**—Rev. Patricia Cashman

A Prayer from *The Gift of CHANGE, Spiritual Guidance for Living Your Best Life* by Marianne Williamson

*Relationships Are Laboratories*

Relationships are laboratories of the Holy Spirit, but they also are playgrounds for the ego. They can be heaven, or they can be hell. They are infused with love or infused with fear. Most of the time, they are a little of both. The ego speaks first and the ego speaks loudest, and it will always make a case for separation: the other person did this or that and therefore does not deserve our love. And in whatever moment we choose to listen to the ego - denying love to someone else - then to that extent we will be denied. Knowing that the mind works that way, we can call for help. We can pray for a power greater than our own to push back the storm of neurotic thinking. The only way to make sure we're not playing sick and destructive mind games in a situation - particularly in relationships where the ego has so much invested - is to invite the Holy Spirit to enter there and prevail. At the earliest moment you think to do it, place a relationship on the altar to God within your mind.

Dear God,

I place my relationship with...

In your hands.

May my presence be a blessing in his/her life.

May my thoughts toward him/her be those of innocence and love,

And may his/her thoughts toward me be those of innocence and love.

May all else be cast out.

May our relationship be lifted to divine order,

And take the form That best serves Your purposes.

May all unfold,

In this and all things,

According to Your will.

Amen.

WEDS, SEPT 18, 7PM

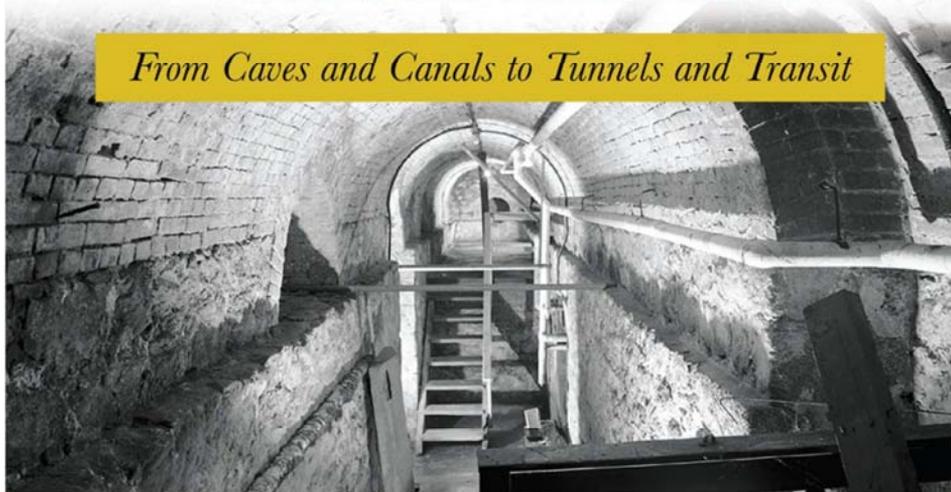
GLORIA DEI CHURCH

(CHRISTIAN ST & COLUMBUS BLVD)



# UNDERGROUND PHILADELPHIA

*From Caves and Canals to Tunnels and Transit*



Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')  
Preservation Corporation

[www.preserveoldswedes.org](http://www.preserveoldswedes.org)

Philadelphia's relationship with the underground is as old as the city itself, dating back to when Quaker settlers resided in caves alongside the Delaware River more than three hundred years ago. The City of Brotherly Love later became a national and world leader in the delivery of water, gas, steam, and electricity during the industrial age. The construction of multiple subway lines within Center City took place during the early twentieth century. An intricate subsurface pedestrian concourse was also developed throughout the downtown area for the city's inhabitants. From Thirtieth Street Station and Reading Terminal to the Commuter Rail Tunnel and transit lines that were never built, Philadelphia's infrastructure history is buried under the earth as much as above. Join authors Harry Kyriakodis and Joel Spivak as they reveal the curious aspects of the Quaker City's underground experience.



**Welcome our newest member:**  
River Meilani Galbavy

**Memorial Cards in loving memory of:**

**Eleanor Masusock**  
by: Roberta Kubiak

**Bill Owens**  
by: Roberta Kubiak  
Donna Collins  
Dolores Collins

**John Palastro**  
by: Sally Daly

**Margaret McManus**  
by: Sally Daly

**Robert Neill**  
by: Joe & Maureen Collins  
Donna Collins  
Dolores Collins  
Roberta Kubiak  
Jack & Karen Woreski  
Ryan & Patrick Collins

**Cindy Neilson**  
by: Bob & Jean Neill

**Jack Collins**  
by: Dolores Collins

**In Remembrance of:**  
Robert Neill                      May 14, 2019



**Sunday Service:**  
10:00 AM  
Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM  
**Office Hours**  
Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

**CLERGY**

The Rev. Patricia Cashman, Rector

**STAFF**

Paul Fejko, Music Director  
Christine McBride, Parish Admin.  
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons  
Jill Duink, Treasurer

**VESTRY**

Peggy Buescher  
Barbara Chilcott  
Jill Duink, Treasurer  
Bob Jenkins  
Julie Daye, Secretary  
Jaime Konowl, Accounting Warden  
Heather Myers  
Lisa Reeves  
Mark Roberts  
James Ufheil, Rector's Warden  
Jeanette Woehr  
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**STANDING NOTICES**

**Weddings**

Weddings at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church must be scheduled with the clergy at least three months in advance. All weddings in the church will be governed by the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Book of Common Prayer. Pre-marital counseling is a prerequisite. No weddings will be conducted during Lent.

**Funerals**

When death occurs a family member is asked to contact the clergy so that timely arrangements for a funeral may be made. It is appropriate for the funeral of a Christian to take place in the church. It is also appropriate that funeral arrangements be made in advance and kept in a file in the church office. Burial plots are available for members of the parish in the church's cemetery. Consult the church office for costs and details.

**Baptisms**

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of Our Lord (1/7/18); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/1/18); Pentecost (5/20/18); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/18). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.