



March/April 2014

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart

It's an old hymn, not in our hymnal but still found in many other hymnbooks, including *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. *Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart* the opening words say. Then that phrase is repeated over and over: *in my heart, in my heart*.

I've been humming it lately, this old, familiar tune with the striking words, repeated again and again throughout the verses. The thing about old familiar tunes is that they come to us, seemingly without provocation or cause. One day we just realize we've been humming a tune, almost unconsciously, without thinking, for hours.

Music is like that. It is a gift, I believe, a shared part of who we are as human beings. It doesn't matter if you think you are hugely talented musically or know you can't carry a tune in a bucket. Still, the love of music is something we share across boundaries otherwise impenetrable. And in that shared gift we are able to communicate across cultures, ages, societies, genders, even eras. It's really amazing.

I don't know why this particular tune has come upon me lately, but as I write this article I'm thinking that the simple tune allows the words to move ever deeper into my thoughts, gathering as it seeps into my soul a hidden longing that maybe I have ignored lately. You're probably thinking about now, *what's wrong with her? Is she not sure she's a Christian anymore?*

It's not so much that. I don't doubt my Christianity, my inward and outward identity as one who follows Jesus and believes that his way, The Way, holds deep truths that I can rely on, can live by, can share. But those words, *in my heart*, have begun to resonate with me as I have become conscious of humming this tune. And I want to share with you these thoughts because I believe when we share a jolting realization about ourselves we make it possible to move deeper into relationship with others.

So, no great confession here; just an awareness that I spend my days quite often not thinking any deeper than my mind. Heart and soul follow because they have no choice but to go where my body goes. But we become shallow when we don't challenge ourselves to move deeper into faith, into a place

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where the physical, the provable, the logical, are not primary, where the inner self of heart and soul are encouraged to speak up.

There is no better time than Lent and Easter to consider these things, and to be assured that we share these things, these thoughts, in a special way with the community that worships together. As we journey together through Lent, as we struggle through our wildernesses, as we breathe deeply of the new life offered in the resurrection, we are brought together in new relationships of trust, of faith, of love.

I invite you, as our Book of Common Prayer says, to a Holy Lent. A shared Lent. A time of common reflection; a time to seek out deeper relationship; a time to know the love of God. A time to remember that which we once knew and maybe have forgotten: we are a people loved, forgiven, redeemed, made new. The journey will break us open, if we let it, to a new day. Easter will be proclaimed once more, and we will know - We are Christians in our hearts!

Peace,
Joy +



Ash Wednesday

March 5, 2014

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and the Church recognizes this with a special liturgy. At Gloria Dei we will come together for a simple meal, beginning at 6:00PM, in the Parish Hall on that evening. Following the meal we will move together into the church for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy which will include Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.



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Just visit us as www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing.
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

Two Choices for Lenten Gatherings

This year at Gloria Dei we are offering two ways in which we will gather to share fellowship and look deeply at our lives as Christians in the 21st century.

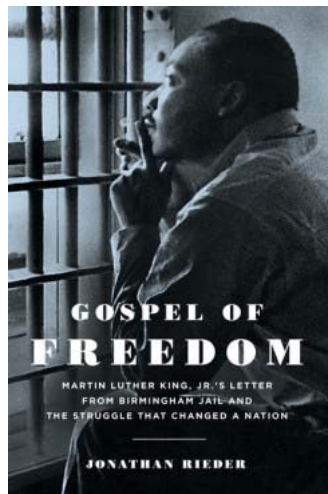
Lent Soup and Study: Wednesdays in Lent 6:30 PM - 8 PM

We will continue our Lenten Soup and Study gathering, as in past years, for four Wednesdays in Lent - 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9. We will meet at 6:30PM in Riverside Hall for a simple meal of soup and bread. We will follow our meal with watching and discussing a program called “Embracing Interfaith Cooperation – Eboo Patel on Coming Together to Change the World.” The question we will consider: What does interfaith cooperation look like for us as a people of faith in this second decade of the 21st century? One reviewer says about this video program: *In his engaging way, Patel tells stories of American founders and great leaders who believed and acted on the principle that it is possible to embrace differences in religion and maintain a common life.* This promises to be a program that will challenge some of our fears and enlighten us to new possibilities.

Sunday Lenten Book Club: Sundays in Lent 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM

For three Sundays in Lent (3/23, 3/30, 4/6) we will grab some coffee and a snack and retreat to a corner of Riverside Hall to discuss “Gospel of Freedom – Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Letter From Birmingham Jail and the Struggle that Changed a Nation,” by Jonathan Rieder. Bishop Daniel has asked that all of us take time this Lent to read this book together, as parishes, as a diocese, as citizens of the US. One reviewer says: *Eloquent and prophetic. Rieder does for our uniquely American saint’s ‘Letter’ what St. Augustine did for the letters of St. Paul. Part commentary, part homily, part exhortation to the faithful, Gospel of freedom reminds us of ‘the urgency of now.’* This book also promises to challenge us, sometimes in ways that may surprise us.

Please consider joining us for one or both of these programs as we journey through Lent together this year. Let the Rector know if you plan to participate so that we are sure we order enough workbooks (1st program) and books (2nd program) for everyone.



The Book Club at Gloria Dei

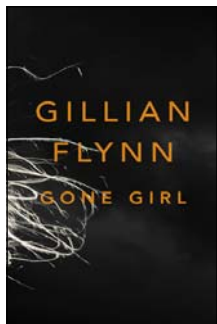
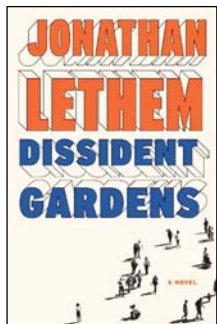
Here are our next books and meeting dates.

Mar. 24, 2014 **Dissident Gardens** by Jonathan Lethem

Apr. 28, 2014 **Gone Girl** by Gillian Flynn

May 19, 2014 **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt

Marilyn Johnson



From the Rector's Warden

Spring is right around the corner, and with that comes Gloria Dei's Annual Meeting. Our meeting this year will take place on Sunday, May 4th 2014. During this Annual Meeting, we will discuss the workings of the church, with reports on our finances, our mission and up coming events and activities.

This is also the time we elect new vestry members. **Might that be YOU???**

The vestry is a group of elected parishioners who administer the temporal affairs of the parish and serve as a council of advice to the rector. The vestry is the leadership body of the church and its voice. The vestry makes decisions with the best interest of the church in mind.

The vestry of Gloria Dei is normally composed of twelve individuals, currently we have 11 members. Four members are elected each year for a three year term. Most months the vestry meets for about two hours on the third Thursday of the month.

The Bylaws of Gloria Dei church state that vestry members must "be baptized and confirmed lay persons of the age of eighteen years and upwards, who shall have been worshippers in this church as their usual place of worship for at least one year prior to the

date of the election and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the expenses of the Corporation, by payment in time, talent or treasure a sum of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

To be considered for election to the vestry at the Annual Meeting, a person must meet the qualifications stated above and be nominated to the Secretary of the vestry in writing by at least three (3) members, at least four (4) weeks prior to the election. This nomination must be signed by the person being nominated to be valid.

Nomination forms will be available in the church and in the parish office beginning on Sunday March 16, 2014. These nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary of the vestry (Leigh Jenkins) no later than Sunday, April 6, 2014.

Public notice of the nominated members will be posted by the Secretary of the vestry on the bulletin boards inside the church and Riverside hall for four (4) weeks, prior to election.

This year we have four (4) - three year term vestry openings, and one (1)-one year term to complete the remaining term of a vestry member who is resigning.

Gloria Dei needs you to consider becoming a member of this important church body. No need to wait for a member to ask you to run for vestry, simply nominate yourself!

During our Annual Meeting we will also be electing three (3) Deanery and Convention delegates and two (2) alternates. All are two (2) year terms. Current delegates and alternates are eligible to be elected.

Most of all please mark you calendars and participate in our Annual Meeting on May 4th.

Carol Jenkins



Prayer
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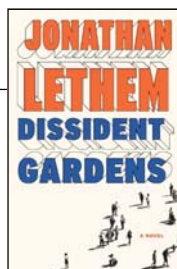
Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 858-9861,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

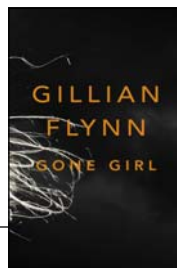
Calendar

- Mar. 1** HGDPC Mardi Gras Night - Riverside Hall - 6-10pm
Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Preservation
Corporation
- Mar. 4, 11,
18, 25** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00
a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Bells 7:00PM
- Mar. 5** Ash Wednesday, Simple Meal 6:00PM - Riverside Hall
7:00PM Services and distribution of ashes
- Mar. 5, 12,
19, 26** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels
welcome
- Mar. 9** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception in
Riverside Hall
Daylight Saving Time begins - turn clocks forward 1 hour
- Mar. 12, 19,
26** Soup & Study 6:30PM - Riverside Hall
- Mar. 16** No 10:00AM Service - Gloria Dei worshipping
at St. George's
- Mar. 20** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Mar. 23, 30** Bible Study - after 10:00AM Service - 11:30 - 12:15
Riverside Hall
- Mar. 24** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
Dissident Gardens •
by Jonathan Lethem
- Mar. 27** *Jazz & Joe* - 7:30PM - Riverside
Hall



Calendar

- Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Bells 7:00PM
- Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Apr. 2, 9** Soup & Study 6:30PM - Riverside Hall
- Apr. 6** Bible Study - after 10:00AM Service - 11:30 - 12:15
Riverside Hall
- Apr. 10** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception Riverside Hall
- Apr. 13** Palm Sunday - 10:00AM Service - Blessing and Distribution of Palms
Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception in Riverside Hall
- Apr. 16** Passover Seder 6:00PM - Riverside Hall
- Apr. 17** Maundy Thursday Liturgy - 7:00PM Church
Holy Communion, stripping of the altar
- Apr. 18** Easter Egg Preparation - 10:00AM - Riverside Hall
Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from the reserved sacrament 7:00PM
- Apr. 20** Easter Vigil, Holy Communion Rite II - 5:30AM
Holy Communion, Rite II, Baptism - 10:00AM
Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 24** *Jazz & Joe* - 7:30PM - Riverside Hall
at Gloria Dei
- Apr. 28** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn •



The Lectionary for March

March 2nd, Last Sunday after Epiphany

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Exodus 242-18

Psalm: 2

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

March 5th, Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm: 103:8-14

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

March 9th, First Sunday in Lent

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm: 32

2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

March 16th, Second Sunday in Lent

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

2nd Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 23rd, Third Sunday in Lent

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

March 30th, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever., Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

The Lectionary for April

April 6th, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading: Romans 8:6-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45

April 13th, Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

April 17th, Maundy Thursday

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Exodus 12:1-4(5-10)11-14

Psalm: 116:1, 10-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18th, Good Friday

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:16-25

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

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April 20th, Easter Sunday

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

April 27th, Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm: 16

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



Notes from the Vestry Secretary

At February's Vestry meeting we took some time to look back and discuss our visit with Bishop Daniel. When we met with him after the church service the Sunday he visited with us (February 2, 2104), he left us all with the feeling that we are moving in the right direction. We are constantly looking for ways to continue to grow and transform, both as a church and as a part of the community around us, and Bishop Daniel assured us we are doing just that. At the February vestry meeting we also talked about the upcoming Vestry elections that will take place during the Annual Meeting this year (May 4, 2014, following the church service). Being part of the Vestry is a way in which you can get more involved in the church, in different ways, and it allows you to make even more of a difference than you already do! This is a good time to start thinking about whether serving as a member of the Vestry is something that would interest you. For more information about what's involved, talk to anyone who is now or has been a member of the Vestry.

Leigh Jenkins

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 13, 2014 Palm Sunday	<i>Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading, Holy Communion Rite II</i>	10:00am
April 15, 2014 Tues. in Holy Week	<i>Evensong</i>	6:30pm
April 16, 2014 Wed. in Holy Week	<i>Passover Seder</i>	6:00pm
April 17, 2014 Maundy Thursday	<i>Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Holy Communion, stripping of the altar</i>	7:00pm
April 18, 2014 Good Friday	<i>Easter Egg Preparation Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from the reserved sacrament</i>	10:00am 7:00pm
April 20, 2014 Easter Day	<i>Easter Vigil, Holy Communion, Rite II Holy Communion, Rite II, Baptism Easter Egg Hunt</i>	5:30am 10:00am 11:15am

All Are Welcome, All The Time



From Paul Fejko

Once again 'tis time to ask your financial support for Easter Special Music. We have been blessed in the past with kind generosity and look forward with hope to the same in the future. Help sponsor a singer!

And ...

For those of you wanting to take a joyride, I will be playing a concert at the First Presbyterian Church in Allentown (www.fpcallentown.org) as part of its Tuesday evening Lenten series. It's on March 25 at 6:30pm. and **the concert is free.**

George Ord Sr. - Ship Chandler

George Ord, Sr. was born in England in May, 1741 and settled in Southwark. He married Rebecca Lindmeyer on January 17, 1767. They lived in a three-story brick house with a large garden at 784 South Front Street, between Catherine and Clymer Streets. Prior to settling in Philadelphia he was a successful ship captain. Ord partnered with Samuel Inglis and made a fortune as a privateer from the bounties earned on the ships and cargoes taken. The Continental Congress authorized private ships to attack and seize British commercial vessels.

Ord was a rope maker and ship-chandler with his business located at the Willing & Francis wharf on the Delaware River. In April, 1785 he was chosen as a Warden of the Port of Philadelphia.

Ord is buried next to the Church, near the rectory. His tombstone reads "Beneath This Stone are deposited the remains of Captain George Ord. He was born in The Kingdom of Great Britain May 26, 1741 and died in Philadelphia October 13, 1806. Age 65. In his will he requested that his wife and son George carry on his business for eight years. Ord's wife, Rebecca died June 13, 1823 at the age of 81. Ord's tombstone is fairly easy to spot as the top of the grave resembles the upside down hull of a ship.

The Ords had four children including George, Jr., Ann Pinkerton, Maria McMullen, and Henrietta Ord.

George Ord, Jr.; Naturalist, Ornithologist, Writer

Although George Ord was a devoted naturalist, ornithologist, and writer, he is also noted for his animosity towards famous ornithologist John James Audubon, who he called an "impudent pretender" and "neither a scholar nor philosopher." He became interested in the study of science and literature at an early age. Following in his father's footsteps, Ord joined his father in his rope-making business in 1800 and continued in the business after his father's death in 1806, finally retiring from the business in 1829 to devote more time to science.

Shortly after his first marriage, Ord befriended the Scottish poet and naturalist Alexander Wilson, who became one of his greatest influences. Wilson died in 1813 leaving Ord to finish the eighth volume of Wilson's greatest work, *American Ornithology*. One year later, Ord published the ninth and final volume of this great work. Besides writing the *Sketch of the Life of Alexander Wilson*, Ord wrote memoirs on the lives of fellow naturalists Thomas Say and



Charles A. Lesueur. He also contributed numerous articles that appeared in many of the scientific periodicals of the day, including the *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, and the *Journal of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*.

In 1815, Ord became a member of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Two years later Ord became a member of the American Philosophical Society, serving as secretary, vice president, librarian, treasurer, and councilor. He later served as president of the Academy of Natural Sciences from 1851 to 1858, a position that he "never sought after." He resisted the position because of his age and "infirmities," and his "habits of retirement," which had rendered him "averse to company and the turmoil of life." Moreover, Ord plunged further into the life of a recluse with each passing year. Ord's health was not always well; he suffered from poor eyesight, regular bouts of influenza, and various attacks on his health. Ord died on January 24, 1866 and is buried at Gloria Dei.

These graves and stones will be restored this summer as the ongoing work of restoring Old Swedes' Historic Cemetery.

Jeanette Woehr



Thursdays March 27 and April 24
7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let Terry 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.





On The Road Again! March 16, 2014, 10AM

Once again we will be headed to Historic St. George's United Methodist Church for a joint worship service. On Sunday, March 16, 2014, plan to be a part of this wonderful gathering that brings together sisters and brothers in worship and breaks us open to new possibilities of who and what God calls us to be as a church in a changing world. We will gather for worship in the beautiful historic church, St. George's, 4th and New Streets, Philadelphia, at 10AM. Plan to stay for fellowship after the service and enjoy the community of faith as we renew our relationships and continue to seek ways in which together we can serve the needs of both our communities. This year The Jazz Sanctuary will be a part of our service, offering music to lift our spirits and help us raise our voices!

We will carpool from Gloria Dei's parking lot that morning, so if you need a ride please let us know. *(There will be no worship service at Gloria Dei on Sunday, March 16, 2014)*



Easter Flowers

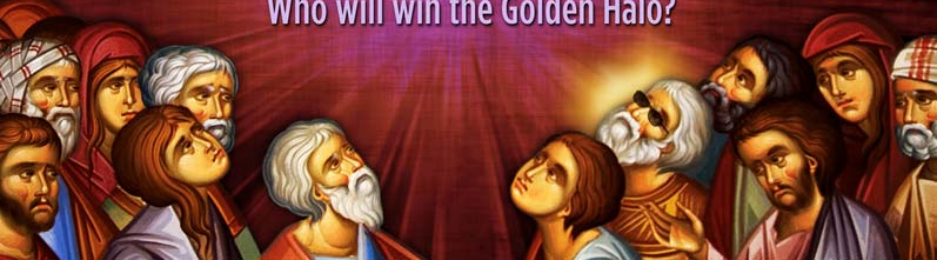
If you wish to make an offering to Gloria Dei this Easter, as a memorial or thanksgiving, please return the enclosed envelope with the information (names, printed clearly) you would like to be printed in our Easter bulletins. In order to insure your information appears in our Easter bulletins we need to receive your envelope no later than Monday, April 14, 2014.



www.lentmadness.org

LENT MADNESS

Who will win the Golden Halo?



"Join us again this year for Lent Madness. Pick up a grid and a calendar on the back table in church. Then plan to log onto the Lent Madness website each day, learn the stories of two saints each day during Lent (some will be familiar, some will be new to us), then vote for your choice. We'll have the Master Grid posted on the bulletin board in Riverside Hall so you can keep up with the developments throughout Lent. Who will win the Golden Halo this year?"



spring *forward*

*don't forget to set
your clocks forward
Sunday, March 9th*



WELCOME the Newest MEMBER
 of Gloria Dei Church baptized on
 January 12, 2014
Henry Owen Bennecoff

In **REMEMBRANCE** of
Elsie M. Janisse - December 11, 2013
Dorothy "Dottie" (Sworob) Hall



A Statement of Purpose
of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

We the Congregation of GLORIA DEI (Old Swedes') CHURCH, existing by and for the Glory of God, knowing that God, through this Congregation, helps us to find our way and to use our gifts, gather together

- To honor and celebrate the acceptance of our differences and uniqueness;
- To be an inviting, welcoming, sustaining, loving community;
- To respond to the needs of others;
- To preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition, and heritage of this sacred place.



Sunday Service:
 10:00 AM
Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours
 Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
 Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator
 Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
 Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.
 Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

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 Jim Parsons
 Michael Phillips
 Barbara Potts
 Lisa Reeves
 Mark Roberts
 Jeanette Woehr



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 (1/12/14); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/20/14); Pentecost (6/8/14); and All Saints Sunday (11/2/14). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.