



January/February 2014

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

Onward and Upward!

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
(Psalm 118:24, ESV)*

And so we begin again. A new year spread before us like the sky above - no way to tell what "weather" will come our way. But we are Gospel folks, believing that whatever is in store for us, God will accompany us.

As we discern our call to the mission of the church this year we will take to heart lessons learned from the past as well as signs of future possibilities laid out before us. We will be open to new ways to reach out to those in need, to welcome the stranger and seeker, to comfort the afflicted and to learn more about God's call to love all God's children - friends, family, neighbors, and enemies. We will honor our history while moving into the future.

As you read through this newsletter you'll find out what we have done in the past year and you'll read about some of our plans for the coming year. We give thanks for so many who helped us to live into our call the past year. Through contributions of time, talent, and treasure so many of you have made it possible for Gloria Dei to continue to be a presence in our community and to be a light of God's grace and hope in a world so often fraught with fear and darkness and lostness.

We will be continuing with treasured events - Sexton Sideshows, Jazz & Joe, Seder, Flea Markets, Lucia Fest, Book Club. We will have opportunities for deeper conversations about who we are and what we believe as we gather for Bible Study, Lenten programs, and Liturgy Committee. We will have new opportunities to serve outside our walls, making meals at Ronald McDonald House, offering our time and talent at Episcopal Community Services, St. Peter's Food Cupboard, and Nebingers Elementary School.

And that's just the beginning! While churches throughout the United States are struggling to survive, we at Gloria Dei are striving to thrive. It's a difference of outlook, of attitude, and yes, of faith. The 21st century continues to hold much in the way of change, sometimes rapid unpredictable change, for all of us - for neighborhoods and governments and churches and relationships of all kinds. While the Gloria Dei of today may not be what you remember

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from past years, it is still here. Still living out loud, in word and deed, what our baptismal vows remind us is our mission and our calling: *to proclaim by word and example the Good news of God in Christ; to seek and serve Christ in all persons; to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.* (BCP, p.305) That has not changed.

Nor has the answer to the age old cry of humankind to God – What does the Lord require of me? *To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.* (Micah 6:8)

Those are the things we have always been about at Gloria Dei. Those are the things we will continue to do, as long as there is life in this place.

May the new year be good to all of us. May we continue to hold each other in prayer. May we have faith that we never walk alone. May we know the peace that passes all understanding. And may we love as we are loved by a gracious God.

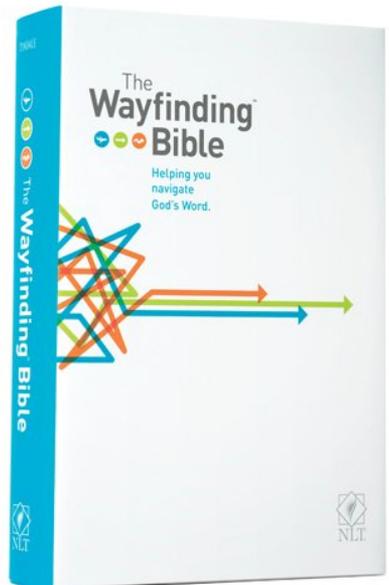
Peace,

Joy+



A New Bible Study – A New Bible

We will begin a new Bible Study, using a new Bible, as we begin the new year. We will meet for seven Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning on January 8, 2014 (but skipping January 15th). We will be using a new Bible, called *The Wayfinding Bible*, and we will be taking the “Flyover Route”, so called because in about fifty recommended passages we gain an overview of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. This new Bible is full of wonderful and interesting “side trips,” and it is a new translation (NLT – new Living Translation) we have not used yet here at Gloria Dei. It promises to be a great “trip” for seven Wednesday evenings. We need to order *Wayfinding Bibles* for any who plan to join this study so please let Joy know if you plan to attend.



Thoughts from the Rector's warden

It's 2014, Happy New Year! I can't believe how fast 2013 went by.

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and took time to relax and enjoy it.

As I write this article it is a balmy 70° here in Philadelphia. Amazing to think just 2 weeks ago we had a big snow storm. Lucia this year was a rollercoaster ride, heavy rain on Friday, a beautiful Saturday, then the snow on Sunday!

Those who were able to brave the storm, were treated to a magical performance of Lucia on Sunday. With fewer participants our Tomtes, Star Boys, and Candle Girls really stepped up and gave the small audience everything they had.

The result was that each of the 3 performances that day felt intimate and cozy. The blanketing snow added to the quietness outside, enhancing the magic inside. It was truly a Lucia to remember.

A big thank you to everyone that volunteered their time, talent or treasure to Lucia and the St. Eric's fair.

We are truly blessed.

Let us now welcome the new year with hope and optimism.

May God warm your heart and comfort your mind during these cold winter days.

Carol Jenkins



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Now all these things can be done online at Gloria Dei's website!
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.

The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates.

Jan. 27, 2014

Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews

Feb. 24, 2013

The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America by George Packer

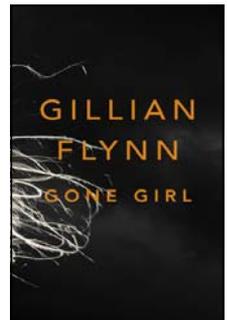
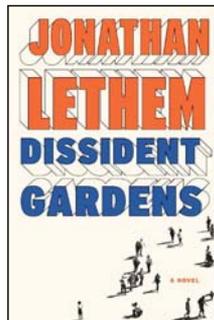
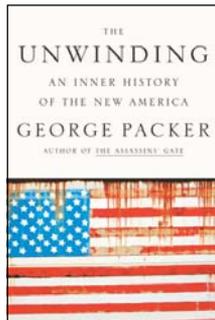
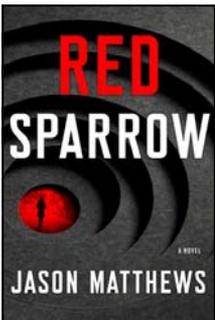
Mar. 24, 2014

Dissident Gardens by Jonathan Lethem

Apr. 28, 2014

Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Marilyn Johnson



We Shall Not Want

As I write this article, the second snow of December has descended upon the region, blanketing all with white. From the comfort of my window, it looks lovely. Many of my friends and co-workers claim to hate the snow, but I've learned to enjoy it. Snowy days give me a much needed break from the usual busyness of my life. They allow for time to quietly reflect on all the blessings I have and to remain in prayer for all those who don't feel blessed.

Reflecting back on 2013 and my involvement in stewardship at Gloria Dei, I see so many blessings. We began to explore stewardship in a new way, starting first by just taking time to recognize our blessings. We talked about the special place that Gloria Dei is. We noticed opportunities for gracious leaders to emerge from within our midst. We built new relationships and deepened existing ones. We looked outside our brick walls at the truths revealed to us in our surrounding community. We spent time in Sabbath, restoring ourselves to wellness. And we celebrated the monetary gifts that have been given so

generously by many of you. What I've realized in the past year, is that when we start by noticing our blessings, God's Spirit can stir up within us a deep gratitude which compels us to pass those blessings on to others.

Thank you to all of you who submitted a Commitment Card, declaring your desire to give your time, talents, and treasure for the glory of God. Although we have not yet reached our goal of 50 Commitment Cards, we are well on our way. We still need those of you who have not declared a commitment to consider doing so. I understand that many questions come to mind when considering making a pledge, such as "Will I have enough money to pay my bills?", "Will my gifts be appreciated and used wisely?" and even "What happens if something comes up and I can't afford to give what I pledged?" Please know that no one will call you or embarrass you if you cannot pay what you've pledged. Your pledge is simply an acknowledgement of the blessings God has given you and an expression of faith that God will continue to provide.

To close, I'd like to share some lyrics from a favorite song of mine. The words remind me that God will never let me down, as long as I keep my eyes focused on what really matters: the love of God through Christ.

From a love of my own comfort,
From a fear of having nothing,
From a life of worldly passions,
Deliver me, O God.

From a need to be understood,
From a need to be accepted,
From a fear of being lonely,
Deliver me, O God.

And I shall not want,
No, I shall not want.
When I taste your goodness,
I shall not want.

("I Shall Not Want" by Audrey Assad)

Megan Bartlett

History Tidbits

After my November history talk, I received requests for more Church history.

In 1626 King Gustavus Adolphus signed the charter of the Swedish South Company - "To make settlements in hitherto unoccupied ground." Several expeditions were sent from Sweden to the New World, but the King's death at the battle of Lutzen delayed the actual colonization. In the year 1637, during the reign of Queen Christina, the Kalmar Nyckel and a smaller vessel, called the Fogel Grip, (Flying Griffin) were fitted out in Gottenburg and sailed for New Sweden.

On April 6, 1638 the two small ships dropped anchor at the site of Wilmington. When the Swedes arrived they purchased from the Minquas tribe the west bank of the Delaware River, from Cape Henlopen just opposite Cape May to a site across the falls of Trenton and as the records read "as far west as the setting sun. They flew the flag of Sweden and called the area, New Sweden. The river and the fort were named in honor of the young Queen Christina.

We must remember the Swedes settled here 6 years before William Penn was born. The houses the Swedes built were log houses, adopted by other American colonists who moved west. The Swedes were fur and tobacco traders in competition with both the Dutch and English.

In 1642 - two more ships arrived bringing to these shores the first governor of Pennsylvania, Colonel Johan Printz. Colonel Printz being a soldier found the site of Wilmington unsatisfactory for the control of the river and moved the center of interest to Tinicum Island. There he built a log fort, a fine mansion and the first Christian church in the Delaware Valley. Founded as a mission of the State Church of Sweden, it was the first spiritual haven of the Swedes and the first missionary enterprise among the Algonquin tribe. It was built of timber and clapboards, "called a fine church and was dedicated on Sunday morning, September 4, 1646, in the presence of Governor Johan Printz, and practically the entire population of New Sweden. The ceremony was conducted by the first rector of the parish Johannes Campanius, assisted by Israel Fluviander from Christina (Wilmington). A church bell brought here from Sweden in 1642 was temporarily hung in a tree until a belfry could be erected near the Church, a custom not uncommon in the country districts of Sweden. Johannes Campanius remained for 6 years and translated Luther's *Small Catechism* into the Algonquin language.

Swedes and Dutch called Delaware River the South River

The Swedes inaugurated the policy of a peaceful and friendly relationship with the Indians.

Within a few years the Swedes began moving to points farther up the river. It was at the Indian village of Wicaco, meaning "A pleasant place", or the "Place of the Pine Tree". At the river's edge a blockhouse was erected. In 1655 Dutch invaders disbanded the colony but allowed the Swedes to remain where they lived. Later the Swedes transferred their house of worship to the blockhouse located several miles up the Delaware River. Here in 1677 the first Christian worship was held within the boundaries of what is now the City of Philadelphia.

From 1677-1691 Jacob Fabritius conducted services preaching for 14 years, 9 of which he was blind.

Church boats brought the parishioners up the river to attend services, thus creating the first ferry system.

In the year 1693 the Swedish Colony numbered 139 families totaling 939 individuals.

In 1697 three clergymen arrived from Sweden - Dr. Eric Bjork, Reverend Andrew Rudman and Reverend Jonas Auren. They said in their chronicles "They were received as angels from Heaven". Under their leadership the people began to build their churches. Andrew Rudman who rests beneath the stone in front of the altar helped build the church with his own hands.

Andreas Rudman settled at Wicaco (Gloria Dei, Pennsylvania), Eric Bjork at Christina (Trinity, Delaware) and Jonas Auren at Raccoon and Penn's Neck (Trinity, Swedesboro, New Jersey).

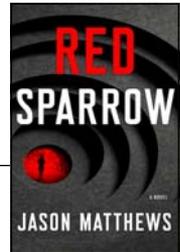
1698 - 1702 Andreas (Andrew) Rudman - Rector - Andrew Rudman also published the first hymnal. Rudman remained in Philadelphia. When the rector at Christ Church returned to England, Andrew Rudman covered their pulpit until a replacement arrived.

On May 16, 1698 a vote by lot was taken to decide location of Gloria Dei. There was discussion regarding the location of the Church building. People living in the Tincum Island area wanted the Church built there but people living in the Wicaco area wanted the Church built here. So the names Tincum and Wicaco were written on slips of paper and placed in a hat. An illiterate person was chosen to select the winning location. Wicaco was chosen.

Jeanette Woehr

Calendar

- Jan. 2** Church Office re-opens
- Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Bells 7:00PM
- Jan. 8, 22, 29** Bible Study - 6:30 - 7:30PM Roak Room
- Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Jan. 15** Deanery Plenary Session 6:30 - 9:00PM - Riverside Hall
- Jan. 16** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Jan. 23** *JAZZ & Joe* - 7:30PM - Riverside Hall
at Gloria Dei
- Jan. 27** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
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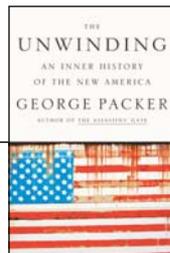


Bishop's Visitation

The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, III, Bishop of Pennsylvania, will be making his visitation to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church on Sunday, February 2, 2014. Bishop Daniel will be here to celebrate and preach, and to receive any who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church at that time. If any wish to be received you will need to speak to Joy beforehand for preparation. Bishop Daniel will be with us for fellowship after the service and will meet with the vestry and share lunch following that fellowship. Please plan to join us for this festive celebration.

Calendar

- Feb. 2** 10:00AM Service - Bishop Clifton Daniel, III Visit - Reception to follow
- Feb. 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
- Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Feb. 9** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception
Riverside Hall
- Feb. 16** Gloria Dei making dinner at Ronald McDonald House - 4:00 - 8:00PM
- Feb. 20** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Feb. 23** Liturgy Committee Meeting - 12:00PM - Roak Room
- Feb. 24** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America
by George Packer ●
- Feb. 27** *Jazz & Joe* - 7:30PM - Riverside Hall



The Lectionary for January

January 5, Epiphany of Our Lord

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, 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: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, Baptism of Our Lord

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

January 19, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

January 26, Third Sunday after Epiphany

Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps by the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm: 27:1, 4-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23



The Lectionary for February

February 2, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Micah 6:1-8

Psalm: 15

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Gospel: Mathew 5:1-12

February 9, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm: 112:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

February 16, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: 119:1-8

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm: 119:33-40

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:10-11, 16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48



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.

A New Outreach Opportunity

The Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House was founded in 1974 by Dr. Audrey Evans (now retired Oncology specialist at CHOP) and Jimmy Murray (former General Manager of the Philadelphia Eagles) for families with seriously ill children who live more than 25 miles from CHOP, HUP, Wills, St. Christopher's and Shriners. PRMH is a home away from home for these families. Every night Guest Chefs arrive to prepare and serve dinner to the 45 families staying at the Chestnut Street House. On Sunday, February 16, Gloria Dei will be one of those Guest Chefs preparing dinner at Ronald McDonald House, 39th and Chestnut.

We need to make a meal for ninety people. We need volunteers willing to help plan the meal, as well as prepare and serve it. We will need to be at RMH by 4pm and the meal needs to be ready by 6pm. Dishes can come already made or can be prepared in the wonderful kitchen at RMH. We will also be the cleanup crew. This is a wonderful way to serve those in need, to get us out from behind our walls, and to work as a team for a good cause. We need at least ten people to help cook, serve and clean up. Please let Joy know if you're interested in being a part of this new Outreach opportunity.

Jeanette Woehr



Lucia Fest 2013

As most of you know by now, Lucia Fest at Gloria Dei was “weather” challenged this past year. Still, we had a great crowd for the rainy Friday services, and a packed house for all three services on Saturday. Sunday we had a snowstorm. Still, a brave band of parents and children (about a third of the cast) showed up and a goodly number of those adults we count on to insure the services can happen. They were such troopers! The children did all three services. Though there were not many of them (and even less in the pews!) it was a moving experience. The usual hustle and bustle was gone and instead a quiet beauty pervaded those services. It was truly wonderful.

We thank everyone at Gloria Dei who managed to make the St. Eric’s Fair and the kitchen a success, even through the storm! And a huge thank you to all our guests and all the parents and children and families and friends that supported us this year at Lucia Fest. In the face of difficulty and messiness, and hours of driving, so many of you managed to get here for the children and to support Gloria Dei. We are humbled by your devotion and thankful beyond words.



Prayer
Chain

Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 273-5175,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

T H E

Sexton SideShow

"In Service to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church"



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11/1/13 and 12/13/13

Thinking back to our Halloween/Day of the Dead Event it was a real treat. We had D.J. Chucky from the National Park Service spinning discs, fire dancers from LuxArati dancing and playing with fire in our graveyard, and a new cover band called "Brown Sugar" played two sets of Rolling Stones hits for almost 100 costumed people who came!

. . . paused for 3 days of Lucia Hospitality Tent. . . together with these three events we raised 2,500.00 for church fund. Woo Hoo!

One week later on Friday the 13th of Dec. we enjoyed our finest Sexton Sideshow event of the year with 150 people. Much preparation went into making this event such a success. First, we raised money to pay our bands and sound guy, Paul Fejko! Thanks go out to For Pete's Sake, 2nd St. Brewhouse, Reeves/McEwing Law Firm, our friend Jon Levin and his firm at Zarwin, Baum, DeVito, Kaplan, Schaer & Toddy PC and Jim and Kathy Ufheil. Applause and salutations to all. . . .

Next we recognize Philadelphia Brewing Co. and Commonwealth Cider for their continued support. If you got to the event early, you enjoyed fresh sushi from Kisso, located at 4th and Race, thank you Alex Parks owner! Also, a big thank you for the tent donated by Root 24 and Tommy Kuensel.

In the tent this year we invited a local vendor "Liquid Vinyl Records" from Queen Village, to sell records alongside our very own Lucia Christmas Village Shop. Sales were brisk to say the least.

Plenty of food was available including turkey, mashed potatoes, Celeste's Ziti, Chicken Minacci, and Jerry's Jambalaya. . . . word. Thank you Jerry Buescher.

Music is what matters most to us at Sexton Sideshow. The Jesse Lundy Experience came out and treated us to live and kickin version of the 1978 Rolling Stones Record "Some Girls" with Dan Reed from WXPN radio on Vocals. Next up was our Exile Band performing the 1972 Album "Exile on Main St." The North Lawrence Midnight Singers and Friends rehearsed in the

Riverside Hall Sunday evenings throughout Nov. and Dec. to prepare for the event. Many thanks to them for their commitment and strength.

Sexton Sideshow is building a community here in Queen Village that is 314 years in the making . . . Thanks to everyone who support us and encourages us. We need your support for next year's events beginning with our Memorial Dei Family Picnic. Contact us at pdminacci@yahoo.com. Make checks payable to Gloria Dei - Old-Swedes Church to sponsor Sexton Sideshow. Be Invested - We need you!

Thank you

Jim and Paula Minacci



Thursdays Jan. 23 and Feb. 27

7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall



WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS
of Gloria Dei Church baptized on
November 3, 2013

Stephen DeClerico, Jr.
Dominic Joseph DeClerico
Lucio Milan Galbavy
Guinevere Elizabeth Cicirello

Memorial Cards in loving memory of
Helen Liccio
Laura Miller
By: Bob & Sally Daly

In **REMEMBRANCE** of
Anne Martenson
Alf Åke Winte - October 18, 2013

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-Thursday 9:30-2:30
Friday: Closed during Summer

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.
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Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden
Leigh Jenkins, Secretary
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.