



May/June 2015

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As we gather for our Annual Meeting this year, I am put in mind of this familiar quotation from *Ecclesiastes*. It speaks volumes when we face change. It speaks comfort for those who mourn and challenge for those who envision a future different from the past. And it speaks to the truth of our lives. So, let us consider: what does it say to us as a faith community? How shall we hear this truth?

Change is uncomfortable most of the time. Even change we plan and look forward to tends to put us on tilt, changing our view of the world, whether out a new window or in a new relationship. And discomfort can create anxiety, fear, and even anger. Then there's change we didn't plan, didn't want, and don't like. We know about that too.

Gloria Dei continues to be challenged by a lack of growth and a slow decrease in income. Not the kind of changes we welcome or wish for. As we work to make ourselves relevant in our community we find it challenging to change as the needs of the community change. This past year we have begun to recognize that the way in which we are surviving, financially, is through making our facilities available for events and by participating in and supporting our own increasing fund raising events with our time and talent.

We must not forget that it is just as important to our identity as a worshipping community, to do the work of the Gospel, to insure that what we do in the community reflects how we understand our call to be a part of the Body of Christ - welcoming strangers, feeding the poor, visiting the sick and homebound, and reaching outside of our walls and our comfort zones to live the Gospel out loud in word and action.

We have worked conscientiously to cultivate our relationship with the Queen Village community. This has worked to our favor, as more and more residents surrounding us have discovered what we have to offer - in worship, in beautiful surroundings, and in events that bring the community together for fun and fellowship.

We continue to enjoy a good and valuable relationship with the National

Park Service, our partners on this property. Though the NPS has its own challenges financially with government cutbacks they still pay close attention to our needs and we are so grateful for their efforts to maintain the property along with us.

Young Children's Creative Arts (YCCA) continues to maintain an excellent reputation in our community and so brings many young families onto our property. They continue to be of great financial importance to us as well. But they also face change this coming year as they open a new facility in South Philadelphia in order to better meet the needs of the community. We do not know yet whether they will be able to continue at Gloria Dei. It is their wish to do so but as in everything the economics of buildings and enrollment will determine whether this will be possible. Meanwhile we are consulting with architects and real estate folks to better prepare ourselves for a possible new tenant for the Roak House.

And as we ended a long relationship with our Guatemala sister parishes this past year we began a new relationship with Episcopal Community Services, working with the children and mothers at St. Barnabas Mission and planning to work with the Youth Center in the months to come. This Outreach ministry allows more of our congregation to be involved, and we look forward to many new opportunities to serve in the community in partnership with ECS.

All that is well and good, but we still need to face the facts – and the numbers. And in looking at our financial situation, and recognizing that the bulk of new income is coming from events, we have begun to consider a building project that would modernize and expand Riverside Hall to better serve these events and to encourage others to consider our site for renting of events not our own. If we decide to go ahead with these plans we will need to spend some of our endowment funds. This is scary, for sure. It means we will earn less in interest income in the future. Do we make this commitment to the future now? Is it “that season” in the life of this parish?

Gloria Dei has been here, on this property, for three hundred and fifteen years. Some of those years saw crowded pews and Sunday School classes filled to the brim. Some of those years saw poverty, hunger, and a risk of closure. Some years were comfortable, some years not so much. Much has changed over that expanse of time. Here we are, in 2015, contemplating change again, recognizing risk again, and being faithful to our call again – just like all those who came before us.

As I thank all those who have gone before and insured our continued presence, so I thank you all, in this season of Gloria Dei's life, for the love and support you give to this very special corner of God's garden.

Peace,  
*Joy +*

## Coming This Summer

Mark your calendars for our Summer Bible Study. We'll meet for the five Wednesdays in July (1,8,15,22,29) at 6:30PM for an hour of dialogue and teaching about Scripture. We'll share some lemonade, iced tea, and cookies. And we'll share our thoughts and insights about the Bible - what it means to us, how we read it, how we understand it, and why it's an important part of our life as faithful believers.



## Gloria Dei Goes Back to St. Barnabas Mission

We will be springing into our next project on June 14, 2015 with the families at St. Barnabas Mission. The Outreach Committee is going green this time, so we have scheduled a Gardening Day to plant lavender and other great smelling flowers with the kids (and Moms too!). We are hoping that when we visit again in the fall we will be able to dry the flowers out to make potpourri sachets for the Moms.

ECS/St. Barnabas Mission provides shelter and many other services to homeless moms and their children to help them get a new start for a better life. To complete this sunny outside activity we will be sharing a Philly tradition of Water Ice & Soft Pretzels. Please mark your calendars and look for sign-up posters at the back of the church soon. For further information see Re Henning or Kim Goodwin. We hope you will join us!



JOIN US for Fall

# Colonial at Day Old Swedes

**Where:** Gloria Dei  
(Old Swedes') Church grounds

**Time:** 10am-6pm

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## Notes from the Vestry Secretary

In April's Vestry meeting property was a largely discussed topic. The first proposals for Riverside Hall expansion were shared with the vestry. We liked what we saw, gave some feedback and are excited to see what other ideas will come about. We have also decided that immediate action is not needed on the Sanctuary floor and will look into this matter again next year once we see if there is much of a difference in the sinking. Lastly, the vestry approved a total of \$4,850 from the property fund to be used refinishing hardwood floors, \$1,500 in the Sexton's house and \$3,350 for the Riverside Hall. As always, we invite any parishioners to attend the vestry meetings whether it be to voice an opinion or just be more informed.

*Leigh Jenkins*

# Family Fun on: **May 2, 2015**

**OPTIONAL:**  
**COME IN COSTUME**  
Be a Colonial Swede  
or a Patriot  
for the day  
Or come  
as you are!

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES:**

- ◆ Dueling Demonstration
- ◆ 18th Century Military Drill
- ◆ 17th Century Dance Demonstration
- ◆ Pony rides
- ◆ Moon bounce
- ◆ Games and contests
- ◆ Children's craft projects
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Story-telling
- ◆ Music performances



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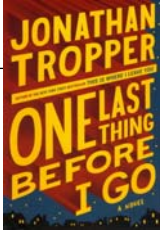
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Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

## Calendar

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- May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Yoga - 8:00am. All levels welcome. Drop in class \$10.00 a session  
Chair Yoga, 10:15-11:15 am, all levels welcome, drop in class, \$10.00 a session
- May 2** Colonial Day, 10:00am to 6:00pm
- May 3** Annual Meeting following the 10:00am service
- May 5, 12, 19, 26** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church  
Bells 7:00pm  
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session  
Mindfulness for Wellness - 7:15pm-8:15pm, suggested donation \$5.00. Meditation classes - open to all levels
- May 7, 28** Line Dancing & Lessons with Vicki in Riverside Hall 7:00-8:30pm, \$7.00 a session, All levels & genres
- May 10** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church,  
Reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- May 11** HGDPC Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- May 14** Vestry Picnic - 6:00pm
- May 17** Liturgy Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon
- May 18** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
*One Last Thing Before I Go* —————  
by Jonathan Tropper
- May 21** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall  
- 1:00pm to 3:00pm
- The image shows the cover of the book 'One Last Thing Before I Go' by Jonathan Tropper. The cover is primarily red and yellow, with the author's name 'JONATHAN TROPPER' at the top and the title 'ONE LAST THING BEFORE I GO' in large, bold, yellow letters. A small 'A NOVEL' is at the bottom.
- JAZZ & Joe* - 7:30pm to 9:00pm - Riverside Hall  
at Gloria Dei
- May 25** Sexton Sideshow, Memorial Dei Family Picnic - 12:00pm to 8:00pm, \$25.00 per family, 12.00 per person

## Calendar

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- Jun 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church  
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome  
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Mindfulness for Wellness - 7:15pm-8:15pm, suggested donation \$5.00. Meditation classes - open to all levels
- Jun 3, 10, 17, 23** Yoga - 8:00am. All levels welcome. Drop in Class  
\$10.00 a session  
Chair Yoga, 10:00am, All levels, Drop in Class,  
\$10.00 a session
- Jun 14** St. Barnabas Outreach Program, 1-3
- Jun 18** Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm - Roak Room
- Jun 21** Sexton Sideshow, Make Music Philly
- Jun 22** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
*All the Light We Cannot See* •  
by Anthony Duerr



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## Altar Flowers

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

# The Lectionary for May

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## May 3rd, Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

## May 10th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire: through Jesus Christ, your son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

## May 17th, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

## May 24th, Day of Pentecost

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35,37

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15





### **May 31st, The Holy Trinity**

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

## **The Lectionary for June**

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### **June 7th, Proper 5, Second Sunday after Pentecost**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

I Samuel 8:4-11,12-15,16-20,11:14-15

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

### **June 14, Proper 6, Third Sunday After Pentecost**

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10,11-13,14-17

Mark 4:26-34

### **June 21, Proper 7, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

I Samuel 17:1a,4-11,19-23,32-49

Psalm 9:9-20

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

### **June 28, Proper 8, 5th Sunday after Pentecost**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our Strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

2 Samuel 1:1,17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

## Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Hopefully you are enjoying spring. It's nice to finally see the grass coming up and the flowers blooming. Lots of things have been going on at Gloria Dei. Things like "Dinner Church". This year instead of the normal soup and study program for Lent, we tried something new. Dinner Church, is bible study while sharing a simple meal and communion. It is very informal and gives participants the feeling of being present with Jesus as his disciple. Everyone who attended agreed it was enjoyable. You might even see it again in the near future.

Easter services were beautiful and the altar was blooming with color from all the flowers. We had a huge number of children this year for the Easter egg hunt. It was wonderful to see so many children running around the graveyard. For a brief time our beautiful but quiet graveyard, was transformed into a playground filled with laughter and celebration. The children filled the scene like dancing spirits of the long departed. Resurrection complete!

We are now approaching our Annual Meeting, which will be held after church services on May 3rd. Vestry elections will take place on this Sunday as well. There are four openings for vestry this year.

The nominated candidates for vestry are:

Michael Phillips  
Mark Roberts  
Nils van Ammers  
Rita West  
Jeanette Woehr

All are great candidates, and we are grateful for their willingness to serve on this important church board. I hope all of you will attend.

Wishing you God's blessing

*Carol Jenkins*



# History of the Bell of Gloria Dei Church

as compiled by Henry Darrach, Esq. on February 1, 1911

*The Bell of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church Swanson Below Christian, Philadelphia*

*(Inscription on bell)*

*“Cast for the Swedish Church in Philad’a. stiled Gloria Dei,”  
“G. Hedderly Fecit 1806. Partly from the old bell dated 1643.”  
“I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summons all.”*

*(Note - taken from bell Jany.22,1911 Thomas Bleyler, Phila.)*

## Remarks

The inscription on the bell states “Partly from the old bell dated 1643”. To locate the “Old Bell” it is safe to state that it was not first used at its present location, Philadelphia (Originally called Wiccaco). The first church at Wiccaco was not built until many years after 1643 and the second church at or near the same location being the present Gloria Dei Church was completed and dedicated July 2, 1700, (should be June 2nd, 1700 (Rev. Snyder B. Simmes stated from the pulpit Jan. 19th, 1913 that Trinity Sunday 1700 fell on May 26th. So 1st Sunday after Trinity would be June 2d.) at which time it was without a bell. (Clay’s Annals)

The bell, by the inscription, was recast and enlarged in 1806. One of the reasons given for its recasting was to change the disagreeable sound caused by too much silver being in its composition.

The “Old Bell” dated 1643 came from Tinnicum (now called Essington on the west side of the Delaware river north of Darby Creek) which was the principal settlement of the third Swedish governor, John Printz, who arrived February 15, 1643. At this place he built a fort, mansion &c. also a church. (The bell was brought over in the Fama in 1644 T. Bleyler)

The bell, is supposed, to have been first used by the Tinnicum Church in 1646, unless an earlier church was in existence at that place, and continued to be in use at that church until 1700 when, it is said, the Swedish Congregation left Tinnicum and united with the Gloria Dei Church and at this date it is supposed the bell was removed from Tinnicum to Philadelphia.

## Historical References

Hazard page 89 refers to the Church viz; “A decent wooden church which had been built on Tinnicum was with the burying place this day, Sept 4, 1646, consecrated by the Rev. John Campanius, who, it will be recollected came out with Governor Printz. This we believe, is the first church mentioned: (as to Tinnicum). It is probable the worship prior to that time, had been conducted

either in a part of the governor's mansion, or in some temporary building, or perhaps a former building may have been destroyed by the fire last year" (Nov. 25 (Dec 5) 1645)

After Governor Printz returned to Sweden 1653(1652) his daughter Jeffro Armegot Printz (wife of Lieut. John Papagoija) became the owner of her father's estate at Tinnicum where she remained until 1673 when, it is said, she returned to Sweden.

Acrelius page 86 states viz; "It is reported that, out of contempt for the Swedes, she (Gov. Printz's daughter" "Sold with her farm the church (at Tinnicum) which was built upon it, as also a bell, to a Hollander. However that may be, they had to buy their bell back again by two days reaping in harvest time, after Madame Armegot (Printz's daughter) had gone away. The church was used without hindrance until 1700. Perhaps the bell was not excepted in the bill of sale, the following obligation was given (by Gov. Printz's daughter who signed it with her maiden name).

*(Copy of Bill of Sale)*

Laus Deo May 24, 1673.

"I, the undersigned Armegot Printz, acknowledge to have transferred to the congregation of the adherants of the Augsburg Confession in this place, the bell that has been on Tennakoug (Essington) that they may do therewith what pleases them, and promise to keep them free from all claims that are made. Before the undersigned witnesses given as above."

Armegot Printz	His mark	His mark
	P.K.	X
	Peter Kock.	Jonas Nillson

April 9th, 2015 marked the 150th Anniversary of General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. The act is seen by most Americans as the symbolic end of four years of bloodshed. The National Park Service is marked the moment with bell ringing across the nation at 3:15pm. The bells rang at Appomattox at 3:00pm reverberating across the country! Old Swedes rang her bell for four minutes, each minute symbolizing a year of war, at 3:15pm.

*Jeanette Woehr*



Sexton Sideshow

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# MEMORIAL DEI FAMILY PICNIC

## MONDAY, MAY 25TH 12-8PM

916 S. Swanson St.

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### FEATURING MUSIC BY

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## Superstar Turnout

The first Sexton Sideshow of 2015 was quite a spectacle. Friday night brought in a crowd of 60+ to the church for the first night of E.J. Simpson's one man show: Jesus Christ Superstar. There was much singing and clapping and general camaraderie inside the Old Swedes' Church.

Saturday night began in the Riverside Hall with the Last Supper which was attended by 30 disciples paying \$25.00 each for a wonderful meal made possible by the generous donations of local restaurants: Kisso Sushi Bar, Cafe Fulya, Cedar Point Bar and Kitchen and Stephanie's Catering and the hard work and creative efforts of a few of our Sexton Sidekicks, Nancy Kroll, Bruce Schimmel and Valerie Paust. Thank you to all!

The show continued with 40+ more people total 70+ in church to see E.J. Simpson perform his one man-twelve guitar miracle once again! The Gloria Dei Ringers performed the "Hosanna" song with E.J. both nights to rave reviews and then reprised the performance in church on Sunday morning. Whew.....

What an exciting weekend at Old Swedes April 17, 18, 19! After service on Sunday a Sexton Sideshow Sunday Brunch was attended by many church members and local musicians led by our host Hannah Taylor who will be performing at Memorial Dei Family Picnic.

Lastly thanks go out to Philadelphia Brewing Company and Commonwealth Cider for ALWAYS providing beverages at all Sexton Sideshow events. Bill and Nancy Barton are the most pivotal supports of Sexton Sideshow and we could not have such fantastic events without their support!

Our other big thanks go to all Sexton Sidekicks, who we could not do these events without! Ushering, setting up, serving, baking, taking admission, designing lights, Temple students helping with technical aspect, all represent Sexton Sideshow here at Gloria Dei Old Swedes to the community at large. Thank you sincerely!

Peace and love,

*Jim & Paula Minacci*

If you are interested in supporting Sexton Sideshow in the future or NOW!, make checks payable to Gloria Dei with Sexton Sideshow in memo box.

Memorial Dei Family Picnic is just around the corner on May 25th. See you there!!







**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, May 21**  
**7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall**



## The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates. The Book Club meets at 7 pm

May 18, 2015

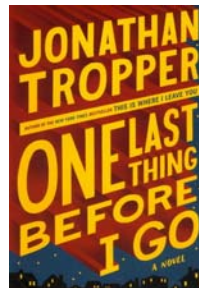
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By Jonathan Tropper

June 22, 2015

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*Marilyn Johnson*



## Welcome the Newest Members

Baptized on April 5th, 2015

**Roki Louis Gartland**

**Breanna Lee Bennington**

**Dylan Thomas Janssen**

## Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

**Barbara Hendrickson**

By: Doris Connor,  
Joe & Dolores Collins

**Pat Pilla**

By: Marge Lord  
Joe & Dolores Collins

**Joseph Tanto**

By: Cathy & Gary Mellwig

**Harry Cox**

By: Bert Kubiak

**Mary & Franny Power**

By: Marge Lord  
Jackie & Eddie Lord,  
Bert Kubiak  
Joe & Dolores Collins

**John Coyle**

By: Bert Kubiak  
Joe & Dolores Collins

**Anna Gwin**

By: Bob, Jean & Bobby Neill



**Sunday Service:**

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday 9:30-12:30

## CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

## STAFF

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

## VESTRY

Barbara Chilcott  
Jill Duink, Accounting Warden  
Kimberly Goodwin  
Re Henning  
Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden  
Leigh Jenkins, Secretary  
Jim Parsons  
Michael Phillips  
Barbara Potts  
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 (1/11/15); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/5/15); Pentecost (5/24/15); and All Saints Sunday (11/1/15). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.