



*May/June 2014*

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Rector's Report from 2014 Annual Report Bulletin

<b>Parochial Report Comparison</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Average Sunday Attendance	82	81	80	71	76
Baptism	18	8	13	9	6
Weddings	2	4	4	6	4
Funerals	5	8	6	5	6
Pledged	52,783	45,000	41,762	37,016	35,978
Plate and Pledged Rec'd	64,813	67,210	58,949	56,288	54,190
Money from investments*	111,570	89,940	112,300	98,364	113,804
Other operating income**	77,812	86,311	97,051	108,895	92,598

\* Money from investments used for operations

\*\* Other operating income, including unrestricted gifts & restricted gifts used for operations – includes rental income and fund-raising income.

The days and weeks and months move ever onward, whether we wish it or not. Another year has passed, and it is time again to look at where we have been, where we are, and where we would like to be. Numbers (attendance, pledges, investments, etc.) can tell us something of where we've been, but numbers cannot tell us the "whys" behind them. And so we gather in Annual Meeting once a year to be sure that all voices are heard, all concerns are noted, all joys are celebrated, and the corporate vision has not slipped away from us, or changed into something that no longer reflects who we are as a parish.

Last year I introduced what I called "A New Vision." This new way of seeing ourselves encouraged our understanding of being a part of a greater community, and stressed the need to see ourselves as a member of this community, offering our gifts and assets, seeing those with whom we live and work in new ways, naming them as affiliates, or partners – those who share our space and with whom we might be able to share an ongoing vision for the future.

We continue to have a wonderful relationship with The National Park Service (NPS). Much like us, they too are an entity that continues to meet the challenges of a changing world. NPS has taken some financial hits as the US economy continues to be strained. But the devotion to the mission of maintaining the valuable sites entrusted to them continues to be paramount to them. We continue to work in tandem with them, and they with us. The relationships we have made with the employees of NPS continue to be of great

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value to the safety and seasonal maintenance of the parks surrounding our property. In this way we are able to host many events, knowing our property will be in good order.

We have become more active with the Queen Village Neighborhood Association (QVNA), recognizing that we are members of this organization and the importance of our contribution to the needs of the neighborhood as we grapple together with challenges of safety, cleanliness, education, and insuring that we are a neighborhood known for its ambience and its viability as a place where people would want to live and work.

Young Children's Creative Arts (YCCA) continues to thrive on our property. Now in its twenty-sixth year of service to the community, it is a preschool that maintains an excellent reputation and attracts young marrieds with children to our property all year long. YCCA's presence with us continues to be of great importance both for the income it contributes to our budget as well as for the presence of children laughing and playing on the property throughout the year.

Seamen's Church Institute (SCI) and Gloria Dei continue to consider the possibility of building a new building on our property. This vision of shared ministry on this historic property by two historic entities is one that we and they still believe worthy of consideration. Complications abound, but we now have architects' renderings and have begun feasibility and engineering studies.

And so, we have worked with our neighbors and friends to reach out, to be more a part of our community, to see ourselves and have others see us as willing partners in an ongoing, ever-changing world.

As a parish community we have begun to step outside our doors. We've always been good at inviting in. Now we are challenged to go out as well. To move outside the walls and seek the needs of the community where those needs are. And so, we have begun to volunteer as Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House. (Next dates: July 13, 2014; October 19, 2014). We have heard the cries of Episcopal Community Services (ECS) for volunteers and will be offering opportunities to go to those in our city who need tutoring, feeding, clothing, housing, and companionship.

The numbers, finally, do matter as well. We must begin to consider how we will survive in the coming years. As long as income continues to decrease from giving and increase from investments we are not responding to the future in a responsible way. Living as the Body of Christ in the world means a lot of things. We are called to love each other, care for those less fortunate, invite in and include all who come to our door, move into a world in need and shine the light of the love we know in Christ Jesus, and consider how we can bloom where we're planted. The Swedish settlers planted us here, in this beautiful place. We must plan for the future of this place even as we speak the love of God each day to a world in need of such words.

And so we continue into a new year. We'll pray and sing, we'll laugh and cry, we'll see new ways to be church, we'll honor our history and our heritage, and we'll give thanks for the work we have been given to do. Let us go forth, to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Peace,  
*Joy +*



## Vestry Report from Annual Meeting Bulletin

The Vestry began their 2013-2014 year with a May dinner to thank outgoing members and welcome newly elected members. Meetings were held in June and July and along with conducting the usual business (finances, property, rector's and rector's warden report, etc.) Vestry members discussed participating in a fall retreat. Autumn was upon us in no time and with whispers of Lucia preparations beginning to be heard, the Vestry devoted a productive Sunday afternoon to gather with a retreat leader, guiding us through the work of establishing goals, improving communication and preparing ourselves for additional leadership roles, with respect to the vision and mission of Gloria Dei. Close on the heels of our retreat came the Fall Flea Market, Sexton SideShows, Jazz & Joe, Lucia and the Advent season. Gloria Dei parishioners, along with members of the Vestry, availed themselves of the many opportunities for service and fun in support of the activities and fundraisers that have become a constant in our church and community. As last year quickly progressed to 2014, the Vestry met and broke bread with the bishop, and began to plan for the events of the Lenten season, upcoming elections, and preparations for the annual meeting and spring/summer events. Gloria Dei and its Vestry members are in partnership with the HGDPC, YCCA, QVNA and SCI. We seek to support our congregation, our rector and our surrounding community in our ongoing efforts to grow, with the future always in our sight. Our meetings are open to all and we especially encourage any member of Gloria Dei to join us at any meeting, or become a part of our active Vestry as an elected member!



*Donate to Gloria Dei*  
*Make a pledge payment*  
*Purchase books*  
*Make Amazon purchases*



Now all these things can be done online at Gloria Dei's website!  
Just visit us as [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org) and find out what else we're doing.  
Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

## Vestry Highlights

In our last vestry meeting, we discussed the upcoming annual meeting and vestry election. We were very happy to have some people currently on vestry running again and even more excited to have some new candidates. We also talked about the Stewardship Committee, which is in need of a new Stewardship Chair, and the need for a Planned Giving Coordinator. If you're looking for a way to help support Gloria Dei, one of these might be something for you to think about. The more people we have, and the more diverse we are, the better we will be.

### Vestry Updates - March and April Meetings

- Accepted Financial, Rector, Secretary, Property, and HGDPCC Reports
- Approved Parochial report for 2013
- Discussed need for a Planned Giving Coordinator
- Decided Vestry should have a report in the Annual meeting booklet
- Determined number of openings for vestry and deanery/convention delegates needed for election at Annual meeting on May 4, 2014
- Approved next step in project of Seamen's Church Institute building on Gloria Dei property, including up to \$5000.00 for feasibility study.
- Formed new sub-committee to prepare check list for further consideration of Seamen's Church Institute project
- Accepted, with regret, Megan Bartlett's resignation as Stewardship Chair
- Accepted, with regret, Dave Hammond's resignation, effective at the rise of the Annual Meeting.
- Discussed and approved up to \$2000.00 to study sanctuary floor sinkage and possible remedies.
- Heard presentation by Peter Quinn to add upstairs dining to For Pete's Sake; agreed to allow overflow parking at Gloria Dei from private parties using the new area if needed.
- Discussed articles about church growth

*Leigh Jenkins*

## From the Rector's Warden

Lent and Easter were very enjoyable. We began with the somber Ash Wednesday service, and ended with a large crowd for Easter services. It was wonderful seeing the children dressed in colorful outfits, romp around the graveyard as they collected Easter eggs. The church was filled with beautiful flowers, and the hall was filled with an impressive breakfast buffet. Many new faces mingled with the faithful regulars, as we celebrated Easter. It was pleasant to see several Lucia families join us for church as well.

With Easter in the past we now look forward to our annual meeting on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup>. I hope you can join us after 10:00 AM services for this important church event. Your voice and input are very important to Gloria Dei. We need to hear your thoughts and ideas. This is also the time of year when we vote for new Vestry members and select Deanery/Diocesan candidates.

### The candidates for Vestry are:

Jill Duink  
Kimberly Goodwin  
Carol Jenkins  
Jim Parsons  
Mark Roberts

While we have 5 candidates and 5 positions available, your vote is still important because we have 4 openings for 3 year terms and 1 will be for a 1 year term. The candidate with the lowest number of votes will be appointed to the 1 year term.

### The candidates for Deanery/Diocesan are:

Peggy Buescher  
Barbara Chilcott  
Carol Jenkins  
Mark Roberts  
Jeanette Woehr

We need to select 3 delegates and 2 alternates. So again the 2 candidates with the lowest votes will be selected as the alternates.

We will also select the winner of the Settlement Music school scholarship. If you have not submitted an entry form, and wish to do so it's not too late. Just be sure to hand it in before the end of the meeting.

May the good Lord help guide us in the decisions we make for Gloria Dei, and sustain our love and faith in each other. May we always remember that we are the bridge from our past members to our future ones.

Peace

*Carol Jenkins*

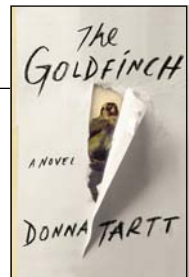
## Calendar

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- May 4** Annual Meeting following 10:00AM Service
- May 6, 13, 20, 27** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session  
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church  
Bells 7:00PM
- May 7, 14, 21, 28** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- May 11** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception in Riverside Hall
- May 15** Vestry Picnic - 6:00PM
- May 17** Annual Flea Market - 8:00AM - 3:00PM - \$25 per space (we do not supply table) no reservations, first come first serve



- May 19** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
*The Goldfinch*  
by Donna Tartt



- May 22** *JAZZ & Joe* - 7:30PM - Riverside Hall  
at Gloria Dei

- May 26** Memorial Day Picnic - Noon till ??? - \$5 for ages 13 to 20; \$10 for over 21; \$20 for family ticket ( 2 adult - up to 4 children)

- May 27** Rector leaves for vacation

## Calendar

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- June 1, 8** 10:00AM Service - The Rev. Winston Welty
- June 3, 10, 17, 24** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session  
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
- June 4, 11, 18, 25** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- June 8** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception Riverside Hall
- June 10** Rector returns from vacation
- June 19** Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- June 30** Book Club - 7:00PM - Book not yet selected



# The Lectionary for May

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## May 4th, Third Sunday of Easter

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm: 116:1-4, 10-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

## May 11th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

## May 18th, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: 31:1-5, 15-16(5)

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Gospel: John 14:1-14

## May 25th, Sixth Sunday of Easter

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

Psalm: 66:7-18

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21





# The Lectionary for June

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## June 1st, Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 1:6-14

Psalm: 68:1-10, 33-36

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Gospel: John 17:1-11

## June 8th, Day of Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Numbers 11:24-30

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

2nd Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Gospel: John 20:19-23

## June 15th, Trinity Sunday

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm: 8

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

## June 22nd, Proper 7, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do you will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm: 69:7-10, 16-18

2nd Reading: Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

## June 29th, Proper 8, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm: 89:1-4, 15-18

2nd Reading: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

## Part two of the history of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')

The cornerstone was laid in 1698 and the church building was dedicated on June 2, 1700. Rev. Bjork preached from 2 Sam. V.29 "Therefore, now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant that it may continue forever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it; and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed forever."

The English called this church "A Cathedral in the Forest". The Swedish settlers called the church Gloria Dei, "A House to the Glory of God".

Building cost 30,000 in Swedish money. In today's money 30,000 Krona = \$3,879.73

The vaulted ceiling is built similar to the interior of a ship. The roof was too heavy for the walls causing them to bow. Two side rooms were added in 1704 to act as buttress. Keeping in the tradition of hanging the bell from the trees, the bell tower was not completed until 1804. The bell cracked and was remolded in 1801. *"I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summons all."*

During early times it had close affinities with the German Lutherans. Here their first clergyman Justis Falckner, was ordained in 1703 and the founder of the Lutheran Ministerium in Pennsylvania, Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was consecrated in 1742.

1710 Vestry duties.

1. To take care of the church, see to its repairs, and, if necessary, put up additional buildings.
2. To maintain the parochial ordinances and regulations enacted at the general meetings, and to preserve order in time of divine worship.
3. To inspect the behavior of the people in their respective districts, admonish those that misbehave, and proceed with them further, if necessary.
4. To attend divine worship often, partake of the Lord's Supper, and be edifying examples in all Christian virtues."

1733 Parsonage house at Wicaco was built.

Gradually all the people became anglicized and the mother tongue of Sweden was no longer used. Clergy corresponded to Sweden complaining of performing marriages and baptisms after the services in English so the participants would understand. 1758 permission was requested for the pastor to preach occasionally in English.

1759 Rev. Carl Magnus Wrangel came. He was so popular he had to often

preach in the open air. He is known to have baptized over 20 Africans as members of Gloria Dei, making it one of the first multiracial congregations in the country.

Gloria Dei's clergy traveled by horseback covering many miles over two states to visit their many parishioners. By the 1760's there was a large number of Swedes living in the western part of the city.

On May 12, 1770 Nicholas Collin arrived in Philadelphia after an eight week journey from London, which was difficult for him due to sea-sickness. He immediately came to the Wicacoa (Gloria Dei) parsonage (Sexton's House). The Rev. Gjoransson, rector of Gloria Dei, was at Kingsessing and did not return until the next day for a meeting of the Church Council. Several members gathered prior to Rev. Gjoransson's return offering Rev. Collin the pastor position. Rev. Collin declined the offer. The following day Rev. Collin called on Governor Penn, presenting him a letter from Proprietor Penn in London, which recommended Rev. Collin in very favorable terms.

1786 Nicholas Collin arrived at Gloria Dei. Nicholas Collin used the Episcopal Prayer Book. He married 3,375 couples averaging 84 a year for 45 years.

In 1795 he married 199 couples and the following year married 179 couples.

*Jeanette Woehr*



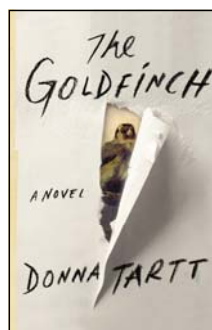
## The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates.

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

June 30, 2014      **To be determined**

*Marilyn Johnson*



## Make Music Philly

On June 21st Gloria Dei Church opens its gates to a city-wide music event. Local radio station WXPB 88.5 and the Metro newspaper are the main sponsors of this event which presents live music free of charge at over 250 locations throughout the city. This year, Riverside Hall will be one of these venues. We are now accepting bands on the Make Music Philly website.

Music will happen between the hours of 12 noon til 8PM on Saturday, June 21st. It is another chance for Gloria Dei to open its doors to the Philadelphia community. Things are still taking shape as this is written . . . Hope you can join us.

Updates will be on Sexton Sideshow Facebook and [www.Sextonsideshow.org](http://www.Sextonsideshow.org)

*Jim and Paula Minacci*



OLD SWEDES'

**FLEA MARKET**

**& FOOD COURT!**

**8-3pm**  
RAIN OR SHINE!

**\$25**  
per space

**Saturday, May 17, 2014**

The poster features a background of vertical red and white stripes. The text is arranged in several stylized, hand-drawn banners and boxes. At the top, a banner reads "OLD SWEDES'". Below it, a large, decorative banner contains the words "FLEA MARKET" in a bold, black, serif font. Underneath that, another banner reads "& FOOD COURT!". To the left, a cloud-like shape contains the text "8-3pm" and "RAIN OR SHINE!". To the right, another cloud-like shape contains "\$25" and "per space". At the bottom, a wide banner reads "Saturday, May 17, 2014" in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

# Sexton SideShow

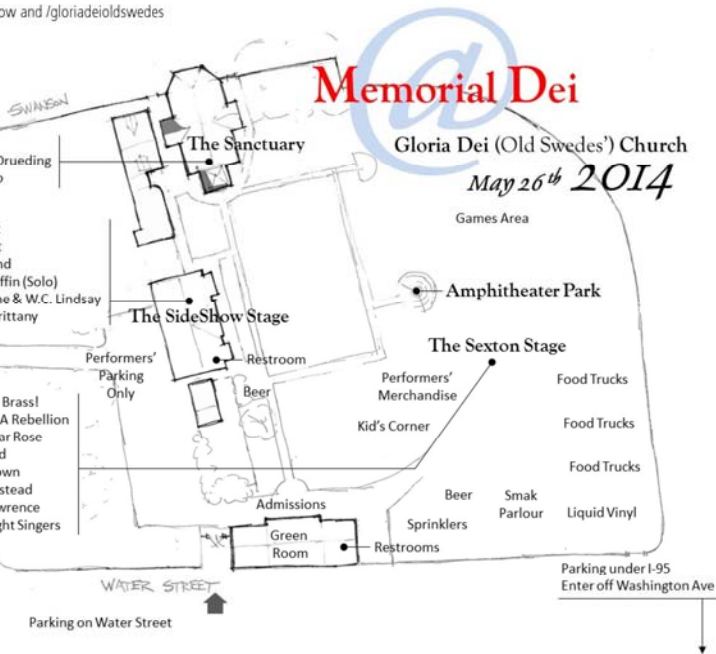
"In Service to Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church"



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6:45-7:20pm Eric 13  
7:30-8:15pm Emmett Drueding  
8:25-9:10pm Ron Gallo

12:45-1:15 Irish Mist  
1:45-2:15 Chloe Kat  
2:45-3:15 Swedeland  
3:45-4:15 Kalob Griffin (Solo)  
4:45-5:15 Lucy Stone & W.C. Lindsay  
5:45-6:15 John & Brittany

12:00-12:45 Wake UP Brass!  
1:00-1:45 Roots Of A Rebellion  
2:00-2:45 Sweetbriar Rose  
3:00-3:45 Driftwood  
4:00-4:45 Hollis Brown  
5:00-5:45 Josh Olmstead  
6:00-6:45 North Lawrence  
Mid-night Singers

## Tickets:

\$5 for ages 13 to 20; includes admission and one ticket for soda or water  
\$10 for over 21; includes admission and one ticket for beer/soda/water  
\$20 for family ticket; includes 2 adult admissions and up to 4 children

## BEER:

\$3 beer tickets – \$10 for 4 tickets – \$20 bottomless cup  
(Collectable Exile Cup)

– Guerrilla BBQ – Taco Rodeo – Vittles Hot Dog – SMAK Parlour –  
– Elysian Dance Company – Merch Tent – Sprinkler Fun –  
– Games – Liquid Vinyl – Dog Pageant –



## 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.

## Thank You Again to Liberty Tree

Once again the skilled arborists from Liberty Tree & Landscape spent five days on our property in the midst of the awful winter of early 2014. They climbed high, cutting and trimming and shaping our trees, preparing them for another healthy year of growth and beauty. It seems odd to see them doing the work when everything is so cold and dead-looking. But they know that is the best time of year for the trees to be worked on. And from the years of service and care they have provided us we can surely see they know their stuff. This is the fourth year they have come to take care of our trees, and we can say that not only does the property look beautiful, but because of their work we have once again withstood some awful storms, rain, wind, and snow, without any major damage. Thank you again to Mike Duffy and all the crew that work so hard to insure our safety and the beauty of this place. Great work! Great people!



**Thursday, May 22**

**7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall**



**Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome**

**Prayer**  
*Chain*

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*



**HGDPC**  
Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes)  
Preservation Corporation

*A Subsidiary of Gloria Dei  
(Old Swedes) Church  
Philadelphia*

With less than one year of work underway, the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation has made some exciting strides toward the safeguarding of our assets at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes'). This is our time to be the servant-leaders who will preserve this historic property for the next generation and beyond. This mother-church for the Swedish colonists arriving in Pennsylvania – before William Penn was the delight of his mother's eye; this green space that was saved from destruction when I-95 was built; this community that brings us together, young and old (yet still young at heart), gathered from the local community and the wider region ... a space worth our time and treasure to preserve and care for.

This past seven months, we have created a website and brochure to tell the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') story. We introduced our Foundation to the community with a rousing and fun-filled evening of Mardi Gras celebrating that also raised funds to support our preservation efforts.

We have a community and congregation-based Board of Trustees who work each month to think about fundraising and grant-writing for Old Swedes'. Our first signature fundraising program is the HGDPC 100 Founding Members. We are looking for 100 people to donate \$1,000 each to build our first preservation fund. These dollars raised will also demonstrate that we are taking our role as Historic Preservationists very seriously as we apply for grants and funding for our programs. This very special group of 100 Founding Members will be honored on our website ([preserveoldswedes.org](http://preserveoldswedes.org)) and will be given a beautiful pin to wear proudly and lead the way for others to participate. The gift of \$1,000 will be greatly appreciated in one payment, but we are also delighted to accept a pledge for payments over the course of 12 months.

We have included a gift envelope with this newsletter in the hope that you will want to be part of our efforts to preserve Old Swedes with a gift of support or a desire to join our 100 Founding Members. For more information, please visit our website ([preserveoldswedes.org](http://preserveoldswedes.org)) or email Candace Roberts at [info@old-swedes.org](mailto:info@old-swedes.org).

*Candace Roberts*





**WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS**  
of Gloria Dei Church baptized on  
April 20, 2014

**Daniel Joseph Pineiro, III**  
**Juliana Lynn Ramos-Johns**  
**Nicholas Patrick Armstrong**

**Memorial Cards** in loving memory of  
**Joan McKeown**

By: Marge Lord  
Joe & Dolores Collins

**Catherine Shuey**

By: Doris Connor

**Emma Coppocki**

By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Daly, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Daly, III

**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.

## **VESTRY**

Barbara Chilcott  
David Hammond, Acct. Warden  
Re Henning  
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.