



September/October 2013

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

We're marching to Zion!

*Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.*

(from Lift Every Voice and Sing, Hymn #12)

As summer begins I am reminded of summers pastThat's how I began my last article for the Riverside. Now it is the end of summer and I'm once again remembering, but this time remembering not beginnings but endings. As I prepare for cooler weather and the start-up of fall programs and activities (lots going on - be sure to read this issue of the Riverside so you don't miss anything!) I find myself once again in a reflective mood

I know that all endings are also beginnings, and vice-versa. But I think we reflect differently when we face forward, thinking about what's coming than we do when we face backwards, looking longingly at past days, past experiences, days of yore the poets would say. We anticipate the future, the new, sometimes with trepidation, sometimes with excitement, sometimes with hope and vision. We view the past, on the other hand, with longing for the good old days, or amazement that we've survived the tests of time, or simple thanksgiving that we've had experiences and made relationships that have filled us fuller with love and life and strength.

I had a wonderful summer and I'm loathe to face its ending. My days were filled with friends and family, travel and warm weather (my favorite kind of weather). Lots of visitors came to Gloria Dei, the graveyard restoration continued, the children at the Summer Session of the pre-school that meets here filled the space with sounds of laughter, the darkness came late and twilight was extended into the evening glow.

Now it is time to face forward, looking with excitement to the days to come. The days are already getting shorter, the calendar busier, the busyness of business threatening the peace of the tranquil days of summer. Now it will be a new season, of bright days and crisp nights, of meetings and activities and new challenges that call us to heed our comfort and awaken to the new day when things will be different, changed, new once again.

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God calls us to be a people on the move, a pilgrim people, willing to follow our call to be Kingdom people where we are, all the time. Though our “wheres” and “whens” change like the hot winds of summer and the coolness of the crisp fall air, nonetheless God leads us always to new places - pastures full of plenty, fields in need of tilling, or ready for planting, or ripe with grain ready to be harvested. God leads us through wilderness and promised land, through light and darkness, through life and death and into new life. God leads by fire and wind, sometimes a harsh task-master, other times a loving parent, always present, always compassionate, always merciful, always just.

As I look to the season ahead I also look to the days gone by, and I give thanks for all that has been given to me, past and present. I am confident that the future will be all I have known, plus a newness I cannot imagine yet know God has in store for me. I pray for all who read these words the certain knowledge that as we move ever forward into new days, new experiences, new relationships, we would be confident that we go as a band of God’s pilgrims, bringing comfort to those who suffer, bringing justice to those who are oppressed, bringing hope to the weary and joy to those who mourn. May we travel the road together this new season, singing hymns and praying prayers and walking in the light of Christ.

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
we’re marching through Immanuel’s ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.*

(from Lift Every Voice and Sing, Hymn #12)

Peace,
Joy +



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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.

Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Welcome back, welcome back!

Summer is coming to an end and fall is knocking at the door. School books and sweaters will soon replace our swimsuits and sandals.

Autumn, my favorite time of year. A time when the wind starts to blow and the leaves change their color. There is something special in the autumn wind, it feels refreshing and smells wonderful. Listen as it whispers in your ear and gently caresses your face.

Come sit in the churchyard and enjoy the wonder of God's creation. The wind is telling you something - "come back to me" he whispers in your ear, "I've missed you".

Carol Jenkins



Welcome Committee - Greeters Needed!

We self-identify as a friendly, warm, family-like place where visitors feel welcome. And we surely are that, or at least we try to be. But it's hard to see ourselves as outsiders see us. And it's hard for a community that boasts that it provides a "family-like" environment to realize that sometimes visitors and seekers feel like strangers. And no one likes to feel like a stranger. So, once again we are encouraging those of you who are looking for a way to serve Gloria Dei this year to consider becoming a Greeter. A Greeter watches for new folks, usually on Sundays but also on Tuesday evenings at Evensong and at our special events. A Greeter insures that newcomers and visitors are spoken to and made to feel welcome when they arrive, provides helpful directions, escorts them from church to fellowship, introduces them to other members, makes sure they've been encouraged to fill out a welcome card, and extends a personal invitation to return. If you think you might be able to help with this important ministry please contact Barbara Chilcott and let her know your willingness to serve for a time in this way. You may call Barbara at 267-348-8177, or you may email her at barbchilcott@yahoo.com.



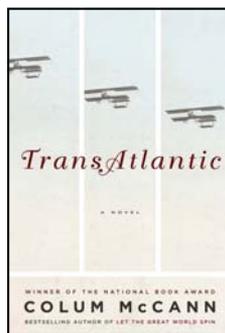
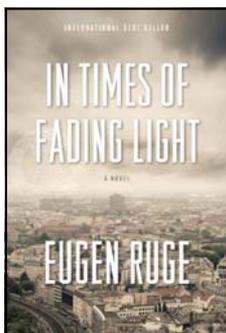
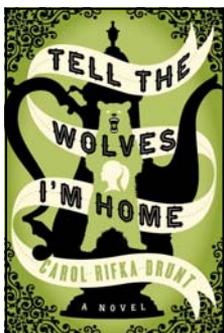
The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates.

Sept. 22, 2013 **Tell the Wolves I'm Home** by *Carol Rifka Brunt*

Oct. 28, 2013 **In Times of Fading Light** by *Eugen Ruge*

Nov. 25, 2013 **Transatlantic** by *Colum McCann*



Marilyn Johnson



Welcome Back YCCA!

Young Children's center for the Arts, the pre-school that has leased space in our Roak House for the last twenty-five years, opens their doors for their twenty-sixth year on Monday, September 9th. Gloria Dei will be there on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 7:30-9AM, as they begin a new year, to welcome them with banners and goodies and smiles on our faces. If you'd like to help greet the new and returning parents and children please call the office and let us know you're planning to be there.



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 our volunteer "flower person," Diane Honor, will purchase and place the flowers for you.



Sexton Sideshow Presents...

Three Nights of Music, Dance, Food and Drink!

Labor Dei Endless Summer Music Festival - 2013

August 30, 31 and

September 1!

FRIDAY NIGHT - 7PM

Sweetbriar Rose
Dani Marie
Chelsea Sue Allen
Lily McAndrew
The Blind Faith Project
(dance)

SAT. NIGHT - 6PM

Irish Mist
Fantastic Planet

\$10 per night
includes:

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SUN. NIGHT - 5PM

North Lawrence Midnight Singers
Sankey/Lipsko Duet
Ron Gallo
Eric 13
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Stewardship: Committing Our Gifts to the Glory of God

In recent years at Gloria Dei, October has been known as “Commitment Month”. Other churches call it “Stewardship Month” or “Pledge Month”. Typically, we have heard from a different speaker each Sunday and spent time reflecting on God’s call to us regarding our commitments. It has been a time when we take stock of all the gifts that God has blessed us with in the past year and commit to sharing those gifts with each other and those in need. We do this for the glory of God and to further the gospel message of God’s love as demonstrated through Jesus.

This year, we are stepping away from the usual approach and trying something new. Stewardship is not a once-a-year topic. It needs to be reflected on throughout the year. So, starting this past summer, you may have seen the “Thoughts on Stewardship” printed on the back of each Sunday bulletin. These statements aim to generate weekly thought and discussion about what it means to be a good steward of God’s gifts.

During the month of September, several members of Gloria Dei will be taking photos of the buildings, businesses, homes, people, and streets around our church. Then, on October 12th, all church members are invited to attend a breakfast in Riverside Hall at which we will view a slideshow of the photos (*for more details, see separate invitation in this newsletter*). If we have a visual representation of our neighborhood, we may better understand the needs of our community and begin to discuss how we, at Gloria Dei, might commit ourselves to using our gifts to meet those needs.

Of course, it is still important to hear each other talk about stewardship, as well. So, on Sunday, October 27th I will speak in church about my own commitments of time, talent, and money to Gloria Dei. Then, the following week (All Saints Sunday, 11/3/13), we will invite each of you to submit a Commitment Card (*to be mailed out separately*) on which you can indicate which of your God-given gifts you plan to contribute to Gloria Dei for the glory of God.

Before I finish, I’ll ask you to consider the following questions, as you reflect on stewardship: How has God been faithful to me this year, during my joys and during my struggles? What gifts do I possess that I’m not yet sharing with others? What is God calling me to do, to be, or to change this coming year?

As always, thank you for all that you do to contribute to the life of Gloria Dei. We are truly one body in Christ.

Peace, joy, and love,

Megan Bartlett

Annual Giving – Tithing

If you are still reading this after reading the title, thank you. They are words that usually cause people to let their minds wonder about something more pleasant and agreeable, like root canals.

What I'm proposing is not to tithe your income, but to tithe your existing pledge. If you give a dollar, can you spare a dime? If you pledge \$1,000.00 can you increase it by only \$1.93 a week? All by itself, this simple increase in giving annually to Gloria Dei can in less than four years turn our deficit into a surplus. A surplus that can be used to better serve our community in the name of Christ.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Thanks for reading! Thanks for increasing your pledge!

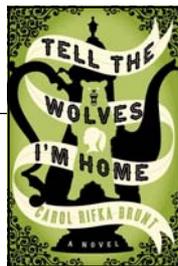


The "Budgets and Buildings" Guy



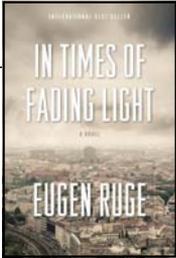
Calendar

- Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1** Sexton Sideshow - Labor Dei Endless Summer
\$10 per night - Fri. 7PM; Sat. 6PM; Sun. 5PM
- Aug. 30 - Sept. 9** Rector away on vacation
- Sept. 1 & 8** The Rev. Dr. Kim Eric Williams, Supply for 10:00AM Service
- Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
- Sept. 8** Sunday School starts back up - new time - Beginning **After** Communion
- Sept. 10, 17, 24** Bells - 7:00PM
- Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Sept. 15** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception Riverside Hall
- Sept. 19** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Sept. 22** 10:00AM Service with St. George's Methodist Church here at Gloria Dei
Lucia Meeting - 12:30PM - Roak Room
- Sept. 23** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
Tell the Wolves I'm Home • 
by Carol Ritka Brunt
- Sept. 26**  - Riverside Hall - 7:30PM



Jazz & Joe
at Gloria Dei

Calendar

- Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session
Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
- Oct. 3** Pre-Convention Meeting - 7 - 9:00PM - Riverside Hall
- Oct. 4** Blessing of the Animals - 6:30PM - Church - Reception
Riverside Hall
- Oct. 6** Vestry Retreat - Noon - 6:00P - Riverside Hall (Lunch will be served)
- Oct. 10** Finance Committee Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Oct. 13** Swedish Service - 4:00PM Church - Reception Riverside Hall
- Oct. 17** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Oct. 19** Flea Market - 8:00AM - 3:00PM
- Oct. 24**  - Riverside Hall - 7:30PM
- Oct. 25** Lucia Tickets go on sale today
- Oct. 28** Book Club - Riverside Hall - 7:00PM
In Times of Fading Light • 
by Eugen Ruge
- Nov. 1** Sexton Sideshow - Day of the Dead
- Nov. 3** All Saints Sunday

The Lectionary for September

September 1st, Proper 17, 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you have so liked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. So guide us in the work we do that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek it proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 38:27-32a Psalm: 107:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-14 Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24

September 8th, Proper 18, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continued help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 15th, Proper 19, 17th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary in you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm: 51:1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 22nd, Proper 20, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7 Psalm: 113

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 29th, Proper 21, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on the troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm: 146

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

The Lectionary for October

October 6th, Proper 22, 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

1st Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm: 37:1-9

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

October 13th, Proper 23, 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and most merciful God, your beautiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm: 111(1)

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

October 20th, Proper 24, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: 121

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

October 27th, Proper 25, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Sirach 35:12-17

Psalm: 84:1-7

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Key Notes from the July Vestry Meeting

- First we would like to welcome Jim Parsons to the vestry!

Property

- As you may have noticed, there have been a lot of changes on the grounds of Gloria Dei this summer. There have been gravestone restorations and cleanings as well as the removal of the compost dump.
- Gloria Dei members continue to meet with members of the Seaman's Church Institute regarding a new administrative building and home of the Seaman's Church Institute. Stay tuned as this exciting project develops!
- The Sunday school room is being painted and will match the interior of the church with tan walls and a blue ceiling.

Relationships

- "Who are the people in your neighborhood?" In order to answer this question, Megan Bartlett and Joy Segal are planning a "Truth Event" to be held in Fall 2013 in which the parish will be invited to take digital photos of the neighborhood surrounding Gloria Dei and then gather to report on our findings. Stay tuned!

Leigh Jenkins



Gracious Invitation to a “Truth Event”



You are invited to a gathering called

Visions of Our Neighborhood

on **Saturday, October 12, 2013**

from **9am to noon**

in **Riverside Hall at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes’) Church**

At this gathering we will:

1. Enjoy a breakfast buffet and fellowship
2. View a digital slideshow of photos taken by Gloria Dei members during the fall
3. Talk about what we notice about our neighborhood, including who our neighbors are, what businesses exist around us, and what needs the community has
4. Create a list of possible ways for Gloria Dei to extend its welcome beyond our walls

We will not:

1. Ask you to bring anything to the breakfast (It will be catered.)
2. Ask you to commit to anything other than giving us your feedback about the photos

Please join us! If you’d like to learn more about this event, contact Megan Bartlett (megan7777@yahoo.com).

Megan Bartlett

On a hot Saturday morning a group of parishioners gathered to watch the restoration work on the Justus Family vaults. These vaults are located across from each other at the walkway leading to the field. The top was slide over revealing the inside of the vault, which was in good condition.

Philip Justus was born January 8, 1839. He was the son of James Cuthbert Justus and Mary Elizabeth Tallman. He married Annie Rowland Houseman on February 6, 1867. He was 26 a clerk in Philadelphia. She was 22 from Philadelphia. Annie Houseman was born on October 9, 1841. Philip Justus died on October 29, 1911. His occupation at time of death was Marine Adjuster. Annie Justus died September 9, 1939.

Their son James Cuthbert was born March 26, 1868 and died May 9, 1868.

Their son John Houseman Justus was born November 21, 1869. He was baptized June 26, 1870. John Justus married Viola Pearce on February 27, 1906. He was 37 and a clerk. She was 32. John Justus died March 3, 1908 age 38 years 3 months.

Their daughter Annie Houseman Justus was born on September 1, 1875 and baptized on January 30, 1876. She was confirmed by Bishop Whitaker on April 11, 1890. Annie Justus Entwisle died June 14, 1920 of cancer. She was buried on June 18, 1920 with services at home and the grave. She was 47 years old and lived at 1618 S. Broad Street.

Edith Starkey wife of Daniel Houseman was born on May 12, 1786 and died July 17th 1833.

Letitia Starkey Houseman born February 7th 1824. She was the daughter of Daniel and Edith S. Houseman. Married James Fox Jr. on July 19th 1849. He of Wilmington, Delaware. She of Southwark. She died April 9th 1855.



Little Angels from Heaven!

Back in April, Sharon Burke contacted me to see if Gloria Dei would like to partner with Variety ~the Children's Charity bringing six young adults to help me on the grounds this summer. The program is through Variety-The Children's Charity ~ partnered with "Work Ready".

The young adults came to me two hours a day for 2 - 3 days a week. Needless to say, Ryan, Pangala, Anwar, Rafeek, Nigel, Marcus C., Talila, Marcus D, Alex, Sharafat, Nikerrah and Saphire became my angels in the summer heat!! Along with their supervisor Mr. Sam!!

They made a list of things they helped me with:

Cleaned church up & down, windows in and out
Took the tent down helped take the trash out!
Cleaned the kitchen in Riverside Hall
Organized the drawers one and all.
Did tai chi and toured the grounds
Sparkled the patio furniture with no bounds.
Planted some plants outside the Roak House,
Weeded and cut a tree down but didn't see a mouse!
Wiped down the altar in church
And organized the hymnals & bibles, the whole bunch.
Helped Joy clean out the downstairs library,
And did some shredding for Miss Terry!
Even set-up chairs for special events,
Cleaning the Roak House steps one day they spent!
Moved Flea Market things to shed
Straightened the poles in the driveway Mr. Sam lead!
All and all they had a great time
Playing w/Goku and Dingo was always a good sign.
Favorite time was snack break!
Those Angels of Summer, I will ALWAYS take!





Joining our Voices in Song and Prayer!

The folks from Historic St. George's Methodist Church are coming once again to worship with us. Be sure to join us for a wonderful time of worship and fellowship on Sunday, September 22, 2013, 10AM. We will celebrate Holy Communion, give thanks for our shared history and rejoice in the God that brings us into deeper relationship. Come celebrate with us!



Lucia Fest 2013

Our 76th Lucia Fest will occur the weekend of December 6th through 8th. Tickets will be on sale from October 25th through November 25th. You may purchase your tickets during those dates with a credit card by going on line at www.old-swedes.org or you may mail checks to the office. Ticket prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$6.00 for Children under 12 years old. We look forward to seeing you!



All Saints Sunday November 3, 2013

All Saints Sunday is a major feast day in the church year. Gloria Dei celebrates this feast day each year with the tolling of the bell and the reading of the names of those who have died this past year at the beginning of the service. Friends, family, neighbors, companions, and those buried from Gloria Dei will all be included in the litany to be read. If you would like a name or names included in our list, please call the office at 215-389-1513 by Noon on Wednesday, October 30th.



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Eddie Etkins – George Sinkler – Alan Segal – Leon Jordan

Thursdays Sept. 26 and Oct. 24
7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall



A Celebration & Thanksgiving for St. Francis



“ . . . renew our covenant
with these creatures
in our care . . . ”

October 4 - 6:30 pm

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All animals are invited and welcome in church,
but please be sure to leash or cage them for
everyone's safety and comfort.

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Reception following the Service



THE BEST FLEAS AT THE OLDEST CHURCH
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

FALL *Flea Market*

Saturday, October 19th
8:00am to 3:00pm

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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

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 (1/13/13); The Great Vigil of Easter (3/31/13); Pentecost (5/19/13); and All Saints Sunday (11/3/13). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.