

May / June 2018

Down By The Riverside

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

Rector's Message

Pared Potato

Our crisp redesign of *Down By The Riverside* brings you news of Gloria Dei's ministries and events. You can stay "in the know" with the latest developments and connect with leaders more easily than ever before with this new format. Like a pared potato, this newsletter is ready to use, so you can more easily jump into what the Spirit is cooking up at Gloria Dei.



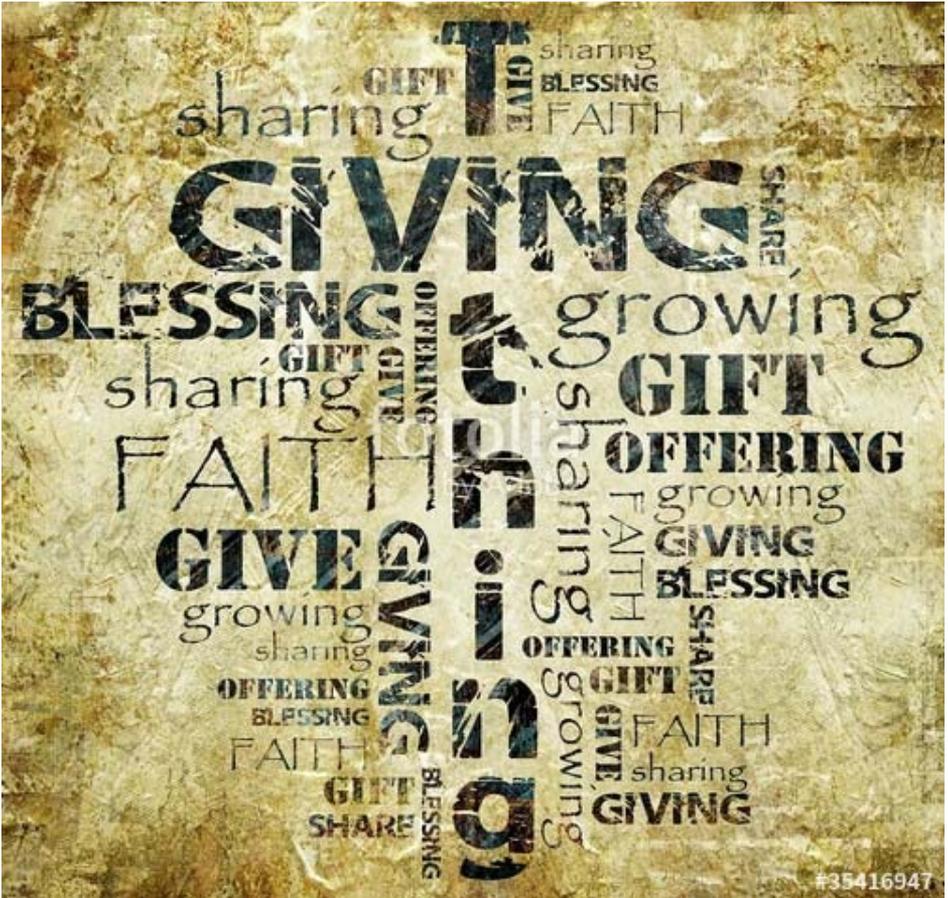
Our goal is to give you one place where you can find all the essential news with a look toward the future. Our goal is to provide all the "dates to save" so that you won't miss a thing. Our news, delivered like a pared potato, comes from our leaders to you. A simple potato is small but look at all the things you can do with it! Your help and input is welcome. I hope you find every issue worth your time.

In addition to *Down by the Riverside* for complete news, I will also be working on our website with Cathy Ufhiel and the communications team to see that we have inspiring, timely stories and beautiful photos on our website. We want to develop the website over 2018 to be one of our best ways to tell how we are working the ministries God is calling us to do now.

Writing and communication are essential in creating relationships and participating in our wider community. I hope you will pray for me and the communication team as we work hard to take our newsletter, website and FB page to a more efficient, cost effective and robust expression of who we are. Please contact me (267-366-8692) to give support to our newsletter and share your ideas to help make it a truly useful tool for our parish's growth.

Faithfully,

Patricia+



How to best use our resources?

Giving is a part of Stewardship, as well as how wisely we use that gift.

The Riverside has been compiled and printed by a generous donation for the past 11 years. Six years ago the retail cost of just printing one copy of the Riverside was over \$5.00. With over 300 mailed every two months, this adds up to a substantial gift. Going forward, only the people responding to the enclosed letter will receive a printed copy. The printed copies will be black and white. An e-mailed link to the Riverside on our website (<http://www.oldswedes.org/>) will be available in full color and incur NO printing costs. This benefactor would like to use the available technology to continue to provide relevant and timely information to everyone who cares about the goings on at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church.

Stewardship

This year, with Patricia our new rector in place, Stewardship is now a year-round issue. One Sunday a month, she has worked Stewardship into her sermon and the Committee has given you a quick report on pledges-to-date in relation to budgeted-pledges-to-date and thanked you, celebrated with you in Patricia's words, for your faithfulness and generosity.

On Sunday June 10, we'll talk about something that's an important part of Stewardship but is almost never spoken of: money, and our relationship with money.

At the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 6, there were some discussion topics to chew on along with the breakfast food. Topics included: Why do you think pledging is important? Do the monthly Stewardship talks and reports help shape your approach to how you give your time, talent, and treasure? How has giving of yourself changed or shaped your life?

What struck me in the responses to those questions was this: Why is pledging important? How does giving of myself shape my life? Because giving makes me a part of this parish, a part of this piece of God's kingdom. Or, to use words I've learned from Patricia and greatly admire, "Giving makes me a stakeholder in this place." Not an attender. Not a friend. A stakeholder. That word, "stakeholder," takes me back to the congregation's response to the newly baptized at baptism "We receive you into the household of God." A stakeholder, in the household of God.

See you in church.

Jerry Buescher - Jerome.buescher@gmail.com - 215-432-4292

The Stewardship Committee: Jerry Buescher, Barbara Potts,
Mark Roberts, Richard Woehr



“Don’t fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns.”

(Philippians 4:6, The Message Bible)

Giving our worries and concerns to God is not easy. We tend to hold on to them, running them through our minds over and over. But God invites us to *share* our concerns, letting go of the worry about when and how our prayers will be answered. This is exactly what I and the ten intercessors involved in our Prayer Ministry commit to do each day.

Since the last newsletter was printed, we have been asked to pray for 24 people, the names of whom are kept confidential unless we are given permission to share them. We invite you to pray with us for the following people: Geoff Pinkerton, Cyrus Gray, and Marge Lord. Here is one simple prayer you may offer:

“Lord, I come before you today to ask for healing for _____ [list names]. In you all things are possible. Amen.”

If you have a prayer request, please share it with me (megan77777@yahoo.com) or Rev. Patricia Cashman (215-389-1513). Please give us the first and last name of the individual(s), the concern or need, and whether or not we can list their name(s) in the bulletin and newsletter.

Thank you to the ten intercessors participating in this ministry: Dolores Collins, Barbara Chilcott, Sally Daly, Re Henning, Richard Janssen, Margie Kucinski, Marge Lord, Nora Melley, Cathy Ufheil, and Rita West.

Peace and blessings,

Megan Bartlett - Prayer Ministry Coordinator



May 24th
7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall

Property Report

Greetings from your newly appointed Property Chair.

I have asked Richard Woehr to be co-chair and he has accepted.

Many thanks to Jim Ufheil and Eric Soltycki for their hard work getting the Property Committee up and running. I am in the process of sorting through the many files and reports pertaining to the buildings and grounds of Gloria Dei. On a recent survey of our campus we have discovered some things that need our immediate attention. First thing we encountered was the fact that there are termites in the Riverside hall. We have Terminix already working to eliminate this issue. They are also going to utilize Alive traps@ in the rectory yard to help move the ground hogs to a new home. We have discovered a large hole on the outside north wall of the rectory that needs attention. Another issue discovered was on the outside north wall of Riverside hall there are vent holes which are caving in. These need to be bricked up and sealed due to the fact that they are allowing moisture to seep under the floor. The vents on the graveyard side of the hall are in good condition and will allow sufficient air flow.

Marco Federico from Materials Conservation Co. will be giving us estimates for 3 windows that need attention in the church. The 2nd floor window over the church doors needs pointing and the window just below it needs some broken glass replaced and re-glazed. The window on the North side of the balcony facing the graveyard will also need repair.

We have heard from the Diocese that our application for the grant for Growth and Development Fund has been accepted and approved. We have been awarded the full amount of \$30,000!

The Property Committee and the vestry will now need to take the final steps to get the funding finalized. This is a wonderful news for Gloria Dei and will allow us to begin upgrading the electrical system in the rectory, church and Riverside hall. IBEW local 98 has agreed to do some of the electrical work on the church and rectory.

More information will be forthcoming as we prioritize the necessary repairs and the approximate cost pertaining to each.

If you have any area of expertise that you think would be helpful to the Property Committee we'd love to hear from you!

Bob Jenkins - tazjenkins13@gmail.com

Richard Woehr - richardw164@verizon.net

Bob Jenkins

What's happening at Preserve Old Swedes' (HGDP)

We are delighted to report that many exciting, successive activities have occurred in the last month. The Community Design Collaborative completed the Master Plan for Gloria Dei and Queen Village Neighbors Association has featured Gloria Dei and the Master Plan in their May-June issue. The long-term vision is indeed exciting and provides much for our community to consider.

Here is the opening paragraph from QVNA Magazine, by Michael Schreiber

Sven's Woods: Bringing More Wildlife To Gloria Dei

The proposal to restore a portion of land at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church in Philadelphia to help attract wildlife is very timely. Its status as a National Historical Park and location within a big city can help make Gloria Dei a prominent example of ecological land management others can copy. The new project has been dubbed "Sven's Woods," after Swedish settlers Sven Gunnarsson and his son Sven Swanson, who both lived there in the 17th century. The new wooded area would extend efforts at nearby Washington Avenue Green to transform former industrial properties along the Delaware River into parkland, restoring them with native plants and trees.

[...] It will take quite a few more years until the new Sven's Woods is planted, and many years after that until the trees are mature. Before any planting takes place, we can expect that arborists will carefully review what species of trees might be best for the area. They will naturally take into account the fact that this is no longer a pristine portion of "Penn's Woods," but a neighborhood within a large, noisy, and polluted city. Also, trees will have to be chosen to withstand the effects of climate change. And finally, the new woodland will have to be designed to encourage the visits of people – and their four-footed companions (on a leash, of course) – along with wild creatures such as birds, butterflies, chipmunks, salamanders, and bats.

Our project was featured at the recent Leverage event in support of the Community Design Collaborative, as well as on their web site.

To read the complete QVNA article, please navigate to: qvna.org/2018/04/23/may-2018/

To learn more the Community Design Collaborative and see more of the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Master Plan, please navigate to: cdesignc.org/featured-work

To learn more about Historic Gloria Dei, please navigate to: www.preserveoldswedes.org

Our Spirits & History event on May 4th, was highly successful earning almost double the donations vs last year. Stories of our "all Swedish" list of permanent residents were delightfully received by our guests and our offering

of jazz, spirits, shrubs, and treats from our professional chef had everyone truly enjoying a summer-like evening at Gloria Dei.

Special thanks to Alan Segal, the Jazz Sanctuary (for the jazz); Heather and Tom Myers (for many of the dining ingredients); Jerry and Peggy Buescher (for the delectable shrubs); Christine Pickup, Amy Grant, Jamie Konowal, Terry Brasko and Susan Weinman (for donations to the cork raffle table), Reuben Asaram (our guest chef from Buddakan); Cory Powell (our guest pastry chef from Make'mBake'm Cheesecakes); Rev Patricia Cashman (for organizing our silent auction table of items); and the members of Gloria Dei Congregation who assisted with delighting our guests.

Our sponsors included: The Swedish Colonial Society, Philadelphia Carpentry Systems, Rowhouse Spirits, Dockstreet Brewery, The Jazz Sanctuary and Quantum Think.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our next event is an Evening with Jenny Lind on June 8th. The 2018 Jenny Lind Scholar will be singing at Gloria Dei for an evening performance in the Church. 7-9:30pm.

Jenny Lind was the Lady Gaga of the 1860s! This will be a very special evening. Tickets are suggested and can be purchased at: <https://preserveoldswedes.org/event/jenny-lind-concert/>

*Join Us for a Summer Evening of Song
circa 1850 Performed by the
2018 Jenny Lind Scholar!*

The Royal Stockholm School of Music has selected young Norwegian soprano, **Kine Sandtra**, as the **2018 Jenny Lind Scholar!** Kine is currently studying opera at the Royal School of Music in Stockholm.

She will be accompanied by **Julia Sjöstedt** who is studying piano at the Academy of Music in Stockholm.

For one night only, this talented pair will recreate a summer evening of song from 1850 when the original Jenny Lind sang at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church.

Join us for a program of Nordic folk music and opera arias in the near-perfect acoustics of Pennsylvania's oldest church!

DATE: JUNE 8, 2018

TIME: 7:30-9PM

WHERE: **Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church**
916 Swanson Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147

Suggested donation: \$20/adult and \$10/student

Proceeds benefit historic preservation work of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church and the mission of the Augustana Institute.



Kine Sandtra

Julia Sjöstedt

Not familiar with Jenny Lind?



Jenny Lind, known as the Swedish Nightingale, was the first real international superstar, like Beyoncé or Lady Gaga are today.

Possessed of an incredible soprano voice, Jenny Lind traveled all over America with her pianist and baritone supplement, singing to sell-out crowds. Because of her immense popularity, tickets had to be auctioned off to hear her performance.

Those who saw the movie, "The Greatest Showman" know something about her, but the historical figure is even more interesting!

For more information: www.preserveoldswedes.org



*“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers
for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing.”*

Letter to the Hebrews

The Hospitality Committee is deeply grateful to Rev. Patricia for saving us a lot of work preparing for the Annual Meeting. We had a wonderful catered brunch which everyone enjoyed.

It was nice to spend some time with one another and share each other's experiences from the past year. Reaching out to one another during fellowship is key to being hospitable. Let's try to keep this in mind as we move forward this year as a family at Gloria Dei.

The coming summer months will feature lighter fare. I'm looking forward to setting up outside tables with warm weather treats such as watermelon and lemonade. We continue to need support in our efforts. A sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in Riverside Hall. Help us to keep the doors not only “open” but also open to say “Welcome! Come in. Eat, drink, and feel blessed.”

Love and peace

Peggy, Re, Rita, Barb, Susan & Linda

AA comes to Gloria Dei

Are you or anyone you know struggling with alcohol or drug addiction? I once was but have found a solution. For me, my drug of choice was alcohol. I thought I just liked to drink a lot at first, but then found myself unable to stop no matter how many times I tried. I turned to doctors, counselors, therapists, and friends for help to no avail. I found the solution for recovery in the 12 Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). Recovery is possible for anyone who wants it. Too many good men are dying needlessly due to drugs and alcohol.

A new men's AA meeting is starting at Gloria Dei in the Church Hall. The first meeting will be on Tuesday evening, May 22nd, between 04:30 and 05:30 PM. The meeting is geared towards men of the trade, reaching out to contractors, sheet metal workers, roofers, ship builders, etc. It is an open meeting so all men are welcome.



Any questions, please call: Ray Spira, chair person, 215-749-0886 or Peggy Buescher, member of Gloria Dei, 267-456-4718

Peggy Buescher



LUCIA FEST

At Gloria Dei

"Her coming is the signal for the start of Christmas. May it be felt today in every language, in every locality, in every heart."

December 7th, 8th, and 9th
Celebrate a beautiful Swedish tradition!

Old Swede's Gloria Dei Church
916 Swanson Street
Philadelphia, PA

For more info, contact Elizabeth Keane, Director |610-202-6754| ekeane1996@gmail.com

Lucia news

On May 5 a meeting was held with representatives of Gloria Dei and the new Lucia leaders. Several exciting new events have been planned. On July 22 at 4 pm the first annual Lucia pot luck picnic will be held for all participants. It will be a fun time to get together and socialize. Lucia participants are invited to join the 10 am service on Sunday, September 16. More details will follow later.

Jeanette Woehr

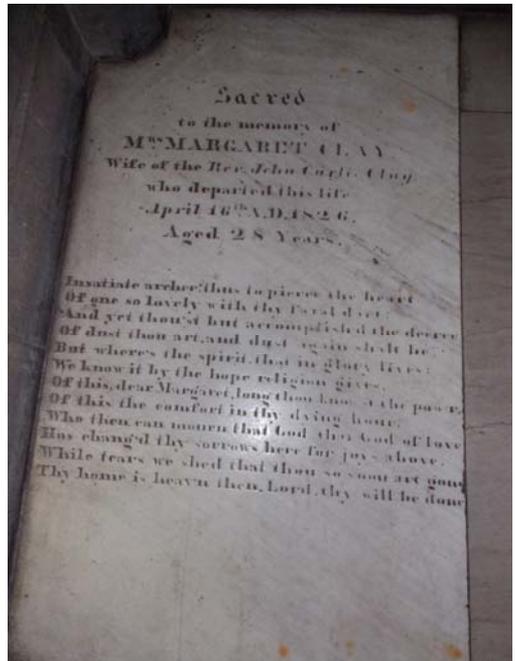


History Committee

The History committee has been involved in some exciting events. When gathering some documents to store at Lutheran Seminary, we discovered a hand painted map. This early United States map was drawn by the first wife of Rev. Jehu Clay. The map, being in poor condition was taken to a conservator for restoration. Margaret Annan created the map while attending a woman's seminary located on Chestnut Street in 1809. She was born in 1798 in Philadelphia and died in 1826 in Perkiomen.

Gloria Dei is a partner along with other historic churches in Philadelphia for the Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives grant of \$385,205. Some of our records will be scanned providing documentation for the political, social and cultural development in Philadelphia.

Jeanette Woehr



Please consider becoming a part of our

Gloria Dei NAVIGATORS
– a group of six dedicated and thoughtful parishioners

Mission:

Identify three most important goals to guide Gloria Dei for the next year
Strategize and brainstorm ways to accomplish our goals

Resources:

- Our Parish Profile, especially
 - The Survey of church members and
 - Recommendations from the four Profile Committees
- The experiences and wisdom of our rector, Rev. Patricia Cashman
- Your experiences and wisdom
- The guidance of the Holy Spirit

Approximate Time commitment: 4 hours a month for 4 months. Meeting times to be determined.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Please list personal gifts and skills that might be beneficial to our Navigator Group's mission.

Please give to any member of the vestry or to Patricia on or before June 1st.

School Outreach News

When I started on the profile committee I decided to go into our community and talk with Zach Duberstien principal at Vare Washington Elementary School.

We started a ministry with them collecting new or slightly used books for the library and Jill Duink and Julie Daye started reading to the children and helping out in the library.

Later, we added collecting school supplies.

We have given the school a few hundred books and no more books are needed at this time. Since Mr. Duberstien is leaving his position, my contact will be Secretary Kathy Snyder until a new principal is on board.

We will continue to reach out to children through Julie and Jill who said they would be glad to continue helping out at the school.

During the summer there are school supplies on sale so when you are shopping just give it a thought to pick up something on the list. The list of what is needed will be posted on our Web site, Facebook and in the next edition of DBTR.

Dear Lord, we thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts.

Lord, we give thanks for giving us the opportunity to be a part of a giving and caring ministry.

Peace and Love

Rita West

Contact #s: Rita 215 200 9770, Peggy 267 456 4718



save the date



Green Committee Meeting

June 3, 2018 at 8:30 AM in the rectory. Everyone is welcome!



Summer Solstice Outdoor Eucharist

Join us at 7:00 PM on June 20th, the eve of summer solstice to pray for the health of the Earth that sustains us all. We will gather in the rectory garden.



Sunday School

Sunday School for ages 4-8, meets on Sundays after the 10 AM service. Join Ms. Jill and Ms. Julie in the back of the church after Communion to go to the Sunday School room in the Roak House.



Sunday School/Project Church Party

Sunday School/Project Church Party on June 10, 2018 after the 10 AM service. All children and their families welcome! Join us for food and games in the rectory garden. This will be our last Sunday School/Project Church gathering for the 2017-18 school year.



Altar Flowers

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

Calendar

- May 22, 29** Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Meditation with Sheila – On hiatus until March 6
Yoga with Sarah – 7:15pm Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$ 10 per session. A slow-flow mindful practice that uses the physical shapes of Yoga Asana to deepen your awareness of breath. Mats available to borrow.
- May 24** Jazz & Joe – 7:30pm, Riverside Hall
- May 28** Memorial Dei Family Picnic – 12:00 to 6:00pm, Live music, food & fun for all, \$12 individual, \$25 family (up to 4 kids)
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- Jun 3** Green Committee Meeting – 8:30 am
- Jun 5, 12, 19, 26** Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Meditation with Sheila – On hiatus until March 6
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- Jun 6, 13, 20, 27** Chair Yoga with Kathy – 9:00am Riverside Hall, chairs provided
Great opportunity to gently stretch and strengthen muscles, reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. Drop in class, all levels welcome. \$ 10 per session
- Jun 8** Jenny Lind Concert – a HGDPCC Event – 7:30-9:00pm
- Jun 9** Yard Clean Up Day – 9:00 – 11:30
- Jun 10** Stewardship Sunday
Sunday School Picnic – 11:15
Church of Sweden – 4:00 service, followed by fellowship in Riverside
- Jun 11** HGDPCC Meeting – 5:30pm, Riverside Hall
- Jun 17** Father's Day
- Jun 21** Make Music Philadelphia – 12:00 – 8:00pm, All day city-wide free music festival, Live in the Church Sanctuary
Vestry Meeting – 7:00pm, Rectory

Calendar

- July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 9** HGDPC Meeting – 5:30pm, Riverside Hall
- July 12,26** South Philly Jam – 6:30pm, Come sing and play guitar outdoor summer Beatles Jam in the amphitheater
- July 19** Vestry Meeting – 7:00pm, Rectory
- July 22** Lucia Picnic – 4:00pm, Catch up with our Lucia family,
For more info call: Elizabeth Keane 610-202-6754
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- Aug 9** South Philly Jam – 6:30pm, Come sing and play guitar outdoor summer Beatles Jam in the amphitheater
- Aug 12** MaryAnn Price & The Edge Hill Rounders
– time TBA, Live in the Church Sanctuary



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Make Amazon purchases*



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



We mourn the passing of **Sadye Snead** and **Robert Daly**, (husband of Sally Daly). We pray that their families and friends will find comfort in Jesus' love.

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

We, the congregation of Gloria Dei (Old Swedes'), an Episcopal Church, honor God by following the teachings of Jesus to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

With God's help...

- We express our faith through worship.
- We honor and celebrate our differences and uniqueness.
- We respond to the needs of others in the parish and in the community.
- We preserve and build upon the beauty, tradition, and heritage of this sacred place.
- We are an inviting, welcoming, sustaining, and loving community.



Sunday Service:
10:00 AM
Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM
Office Hours
Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

The Rev. Patricia Cashman, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
Christine McBride, Parish Admin.
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
Mark Roberts, Treasurer

VESTRY

Peggy Buescher
Barbara Chilcott
Jill Duink, Accounting Warden
Bob Jenkins, Junior Warden
Leigh Jenkins, Secretary
Jamie Konowal
Heather Myers
Lisa Reeves
Mark Roberts
Eric Soltzcki
James Ufheil, Rector's Warden
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 (1/7/18); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/1/18); Pentecost (5/20/18); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/18). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.