



March 2011

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

### *'Tis the Season'*

The season of Lent begins unusually late this year. (Ash Wednesday is March 9<sup>th</sup>; Easter Sunday is April 24<sup>th</sup>) This means we'll be tempted with Spring Fever before we're halfway through the Lenten season – a season usually understood to be a time for introspection, sacrifice, meditation, deprivation. Spring Fever will be an added temptation to our already weak wills. Or maybe not.

Knowing the temptation that's on its way might provide us with a head start as we consider what our particular Lenten disciplines will be this year. Here's a suggestion. Instead of giving something up, taking something on, committing time and talent in a way that is difficult, an activity we'll look forward to the ending of, thanking God that it's only for forty days, maybe we can take advantage of the lateness of the season. Maybe we might do something different. It might even be something we enjoy. Imagine, a Lenten discipline that feels good.

What would something like that be? Well, being different people we'll most likely come up with different ideas. You never know, though, how your ideas might help open the mind, the imagination, the heart of another. It's helpful in a faith community, or any community for that matter, to share our creative thoughts with each other. Not so much to say "here's my great idea" but to share our inner dreams and doubts, our hidden joys and fears – to be vulnerable to each other.

So, I'll begin. Here's what I've decided my Lenten discipline will be this year. I'm going to look for a different city bench to sit on for a half hour each day of the forty days of Lent. That's it. I'll just sit, watch, and listen, maybe strike up a conversation with someone, in a different place each day. It doesn't sound like a sacrifice on the face of it, and there are plenty of benches to choose from within walking distance of home so it shouldn't be difficult. But I know I'll get busy and find it hard, before the season is over, to eke out even a half hour to sit still, much less find a new bench rather than return to one I've already visited. (And then there will be the occasional cold or rainy day when I will get discouraged, maybe even fail.) My thought is that the Spring Fever temptation, when it rears its head, will actually help me overcome the much

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greater temptation, at least for me, of being too busy, or too lazy, to keep this discipline.

Being creative has no season, nor does the tendency to succumb to temptation. But Lent gives us an opportunity to recognize our strengths and our weaknesses, to open our hearts and minds to each other, to be open to God working in us and with us and through us, together. If we let it.

So, maybe I'll see some of you as the season begins - waiting for a bus, on the way to the market, walking the dog. Feel free to join me. There's always room for company. There's always need for community. The road to Jerusalem, to the cross, is fraught with danger, with temptation, with discouragement. But it's the road we choose when we choose Jesus. And it's a journey we need to share with one another. From our first step until we reach the empty tomb, we, the Body of Christ in the world, travel together.

May you have a blessed Lent. May we have a Holy Lent.

Peace, *Joy +*



## Would you like a visit from the Pastor?

In the past it was the custom for the Parish Pastor to make regular visitations to parishioners' homes. Needless to say we are in a very different world today. Many faithful members of church would be uncomfortable if the pastor came knocking on their doors without having been invited. Pastors are often unsure of the desires of parishioners when illness or crisis occurs, or even that such has occurred. Today we rely on members to call if a visit, prayers, or counseling is desired. Please know I am always ready to be with you, to bring Holy Communion to your home or hospital room, or to sit in prayer with you when you desire such. Just let me know and I'll be there.

*Joy +*



## Guatemala Sunday

Food, restaurant gift certificate raffles, and did we mention food? Gloria Dei's Guatemala Sunday is March 27! This Sunday focuses attention on the welfare of our Guatemalan sister parishes, Iglesia Anunciacion in Vista Linda and Iglesia Ascension in San Carlos, both located in sugar cane country southwest of Guatemala City. Gloria Dei is in the process of raising a total of \$7,000 for medical and scholarship funds serving these communities.

A raffle of gift certificates to local restaurants will open on Sunday March 20th. Guatemala Sunday on March 27th will close the restaurant raffles and feature Guatemalan food after both services.

Last month's Sweet Heart Pancake Breakfast already raised \$488 for the Guatemala medical/scholarship funds, but more is needed. We are seeking to raise \$2,000 for a "Primary Health Attention Program" that brings a medical team to Vista Linda and San Carlos (five visits to each community) to provide basic medical services and to dispense vitamins and medicines free of charge. About 40 to 60 patients, primarily children, are seen each visit. The program is their only way to access medical care.

In addition, Gloria Dei also is raising \$5,000 to help 25 students from the parishes attend school. We pay half the expenses of students in San Carlos to attend a primary school and, in Vista Linda, to go to a secondary school. The Diocese of Guatemala recently has sent us a list of students seeking scholarships. A \$200 donation will support one student for the school year.

So come to Guatemala Sunday on March 27th! Enjoy the food, buy your chances in the restaurant raffles and consider contributing to the medical and/or scholarship funds. Contributions earmarked for the Guatemala medical or scholarship funds can be mailed to the church or placed in the collection plates.

A delegation of Gloria Dei parishioners plan to visit our sister parishes during a trip planned for June 30-July 9. This trip is slated to include a visit with the Bishop of Guatemala and with members of our sister parishes, and some volunteer work at the San Lucas Toliman Mission. The deadline for committing to the trip is April 1. For more information on Guatemala Sunday or the Guatemala trip, please contact Heather Myers at church or by e-mail ([heatherequine@comcast.net](mailto:heatherequine@comcast.net)) or call the church office at 215-389-1513.

## Inreach Ministry Update

One of the main reasons I joined Gloria Dei four years ago was that I could tell immediately that the people of this church are caring and compassionate. So, it is no surprise to me that many of you have responded to my request for meals for homebound and ill members of our parish. Thank you to all of you who have helped with this important ministry. Two individuals have benefited from the meals already and have expressed their sincere gratitude to you. It occurred to me recently, though, that there may be others in need of meals, individuals who are as yet unknown to me. If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving some meals, please see me after church or call my cell phone: 267-251-3579. Thanks, also, to those who have volunteered (either in person or on your Commitment Card this past fall) to deliver meals. I will be in touch with you as the need arises.

One need that remains is for additional drivers to take individuals to and from church (and an occasional church meeting). At this point there are three individuals who regularly require transportation to and from church, but I know of at least three others who would appreciate a ride on occasion, when their regular ride can't make it. Again, there may be more who would utilize this service if we can offer it. Please see me if you're interested in providing even occasional rides to one of our church members.

Many thanks for your generous offerings of time, talent, and treasures.

Sincerely,

*Megan Bartlett*



# Gloria Dei

Old Swedes' Episcopal Church



## NEWS

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As you know, because Gloria Dei is such an active parish, things pop all the time that don't make it into **Down By The Riverside**. Now, we can all stay up to date with the latest news electronically. Yes, coming to an inbox near you, The Gloria Dei Old Swedes' email newsletter. We'll be collecting your email addresses soon and please feel free to send yours to Terry O'Brien [terryo@old-swedes.org]

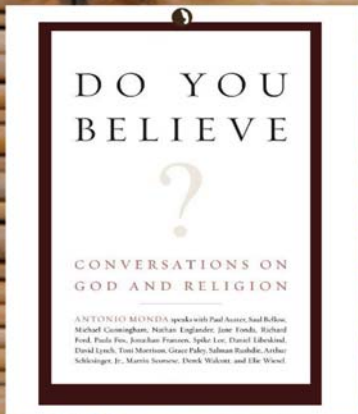
# Lenten Soup & Study

We share a simple meal, we come together in community  
to read and reflect on a work that will help us grow  
in mind and spirit.

Wednesdays beginning March 16th

Book: Do You Believe? Conversations on God and Religion

Antonio Monda



## ASH WEDNESDAY

March 9, 2011

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and the Church recognizes this with a special liturgy. At Gloria Dei we will come together for a simple meal, beginning at 6:00PM, in the Parish Hall on that evening. Following the meal we will move together into the church for the Ash Wednesday Liturgy which will include Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Please join us as we begin our Lenten journey together.

## Reducing Our Dependence on Energy Produced by Means that Harm the Earth

As you know from the October 2010 *Riverside*, our parish was gifted with a \$10,000 grant to help us reduce the church's dependence on energy produced by methods that abuse the earth and its atmosphere and to encourage us – members of the parish – to reduce our own dependence on such harmful energy.

A part of that generous gift was spent to fund an “energy audit,” to help us understand how much energy we consume, how much it costs, and how we might reduce both the amount consumed and the cost thereof.

We received the audit report in November – twenty-seven pages of numbers and tables, mostly. We looked at it, made a fairly quick assessment of what was there and what wasn't there, formed a sub-committee to study the audit and make recommendations to the parish, and then put it aside while we all dealt with the Lucia Fest.

Lucia's done for the year and so we're back to the energy project. The sub-committee has had some informal discussions and a first organized, formal meeting. We've broken down the audit report into what we think are manageable pieces, and noted that the recommendations made did not include any mention of weather-stripping or caulking or sealing. We've added those items to our agenda – certainly preventing heat loss in the winter or heat entry in the summer will decrease energy consumption.

Some of the recommendations are very easy to accomplish, some are somewhat more difficult, and some require the undertaking of coordinated projects. An example of the latter recommendation is the set of suggestions about the Roak building: there are recommendations to upgrade light fixtures, to centralize control of heating and cooling, and – the sub-committee's addition – to improve the sealing of the building.

An example of the “somewhat more difficult” recommendation is the replacement of lighted exit-sign fixtures with more energy-efficient units (the lamps in those fixtures burn 24 hours a day, 365 days a year).

The very simplest recommendations center around this principle: “Turn things off, because nothing is more effective than turning something off.” You saw an example of this principle at work on Sunday February 20, a cold but bright sunny day. In church, the 12 60-watt bulbs in the balcony sconces were turned off, as were the 12 60-watt bulbs in the side-wall sconces on the first floor. Their light wasn't needed on such a bright day. In addition, the halogen spotlights in *Riverside* were also turned off – they weren't needed. This will be the practice from now on: when those lights aren't needed, they will not be turned on. And we're looking for other lights to turn off ...

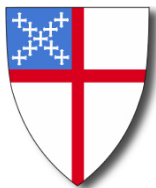
We're aware that turning off those lights will not save an enormous amount of money – for the time they would be on, fifty-two Sundays a year, the bill might come to \$70. But – and we think this is an important point – turning those lights off does indeed “reduce the church’s dependence on energy produced by methods that abuse the earth,” the main point of the donor’s gift.

In the spirit of the donor’s gift, we ask you to help us find other instances where the church can reduce energy consumption. And we hope our example will encourage you to find ways in your own homes to reduce energy consumption.

You’ll be hearing from us on a regular basis and you’ll be seeing changes as we go forward with these projects.

The Energy Sub-Committee –

*Jerry Buescher, Bob Jenkins, Jim Minacci,  
and Mark Roberts*



## Vestry Meeting Bullet Points

- A brochure describing parish property projects that need attention was approved and will be distributed to the congregation to solicit their support
- A plan to mount a trip to visit our sister parishes in Guatemala was approved
- Guatemala Sunday – to celebrate our relationship with our Guatemalan sister parishes and to raise funds to support them – was set for March 27
- The first installment of our commitment to reduce energy use was presented and first steps were taken

(approved minutes for the January 2010 vestry meeting may  
be found on the bulletin board in Riverside Hall)



# Calendar

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**Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Yoga Classes – Riverside Hall 6:00 – 7:00PM

**Mar 6** 9:00AM Service – Baptisms

**Mar 8, 15, 22, 29** Gloria Dei Ringers – 7:00PM Church

**Mar 9** Wednesday – Simple Meal @ 6:00PM in Riverside Hall  
Followed by Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion in church @ 7:00PM

**Mar 13** Daylight Savings Time Begins ●  
Swedish Service in Church – 4:00PM

**Mar 15** Guatemala Meeting – Roak Room – 7:00PM

**Mar 16, 23, 30** Soup and Study – Riverside Hall – 7:00PM

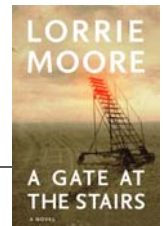
**Mar 17** Swedish Colonial Society – Riverside Hall – 1:00 – 3:00PM  
Vestry Meeting – Roak Room – 7:00PM

**Mar 20** 11:00AM Service – Baptism  
Norwegian Service in Church – 4:00PM

**Mar 24** *Jazz & Joe* – Riverside Hall – 7:30PM  
at Gloria Dei

**Mar 27** Guatemala Sunday

**Mar 28** Book Club – 7:00PM – Riverside Hall  
A Gate At the Stairs by Lorrie Moore ●



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*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.



# The Lectionary for March

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## March 6<sup>th</sup>, Last Sunday after Epiphany

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: 2 or 99

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

## March 9<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting god, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm: 103

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

## March 13<sup>th</sup>, First Sunday in Lent

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Psalm: 32

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

## March 20<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday in Lent

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

## March 27<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday in Lent

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: 95

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Gospel: John 4:5-42

*For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider,  
every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver*  
(Martin Luther)

We do consider our trees in this glorious garden called Gloria Dei to be one of the most precious of the many gifts left to us for our pleasure by those who have gone before us. Thanks to the gold and silver contributed by so many of you, beginning with the collections from our Lucia Fest 2009 and continuing through the Spring of 2010, we have been able to address the needs of our trees and ensure their health for some seasons to come. The skilled arborists from Liberty Tree & Landscape, who are artisans as well, spent many loving and caring hours on our property these past two months, honoring both our past and our future as they trimmed and chopped and shaped and nurtured our trees. Even in the starkness of the winter months, looking at the bare limbs, you can tell with what skill and care they worked. We have been blessed by their work. Next time you're on the property be sure to look at our trees. And what about Spring? Oh, we just can't wait! To see them in bloom will be wondrous indeed.

(As an added bonus, Liberty Tree and Landscape gave us an additional day at no charge. They just loved working in our beautiful space and so they wanted to contribute some much needed professional labor to trimming some of the smaller trees and removing the overgrown bushes on our path. Thank you again to Mike Duffy and all the crew that worked so hard.)



**Liberty Tree & Landscape Management**

516 Hunters Lane . Oreland, PA 19075 . 215.886.6111

## Repairing, Restoring and Renewing Our Property

As we completed one phase of the work to be done on our property, the trees, we continue to plan for the future. There is much to do. Included in this month's Riverside is a brochure titled *Repairing, Restoring and Renewing Our Property*. This brochure is a brief synopsis of what the vestry saw as they were challenged to walk our beloved property with eyes wide open, and it will give you the scope of the work the vestry has identified as most needed in the coming years. Some of the things we will need to address are small and can be completed through volunteer work, parishioners and friends. Other items we will need to plan and budget for. Still others we will need to seek out grant money to accomplish. As parishioners and friends of Gloria Dei we ask that you read through this brochure, see what you might be able to help with, and let the vestry know of other concerns you may have that are not mentioned here. This is a work in progress and as such will be molded and shaped by the days and years to come. It is a work of love and needs everybody's prayers and support.

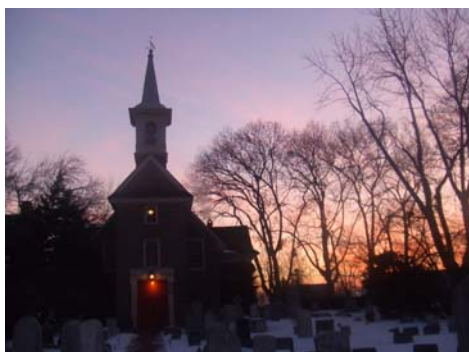


### Churchyard Renewal Project

The Churchyard Renewal Fund began with the collections from our Lucia Fest 2010, and we continue to look for donations to this fund. You will find an envelope in this month's Riverside that makes it easy for you to consider a contribution. (or you may donate online at [www.old-swedes.org](http://www.old-swedes.org) ). The Churchyard Renewal Project is focused specifically on our graveyard - the tombs and tombstones most in need of restoration, and the brick paths and drainage system that need attention in order to insure the continued health of the graveyard area. Our short term goal for this fund is \$15,000.00. This is the amount we need for the conservationists, Milner + Carr, who restored three of our gravestones this past summer, to complete what they feel are the most critical needs of the graveyard. If we can raise this amount we will be able to restore twenty-five of the oldest gravestones in the yard. We have raised \$5300.00 to date so are far short of our goal. Please consider donating to this important fund.

## Did you know?

1. Johannes Campanius, who was the first rector at the Tinicum Church, translated Luther's Small Catechism into the Algonquin language.
2. Wicaco means a pleasant place. Today Wicaco is known as Southwark which is the oldest district in the County of Philadelphia.
3. First orchestral music in Pennsylvania was played at Gloria Dei by the Rosicrucian Brothers of Wissahickon at the laying of the corner stone and again at the dedication.
4. Perhaps the oldest organ might have been in this church. Records indicate that a new organ was added in 1731.
5. In 1759 permission to preach occasionally in English was granted.
6. 1759 Rev. Wrangel arrived. During his years here he baptized 20 Africans as members of Gloria Dei making us one of the first multiracial congregations in the country
7. During the revolution, the British used the church for a hospital. The pages were ripped from the record books during that time.
8. Gloria Dei was known as the wedding chapel during Nicholas Collin's time. In 1795 he married 199 couples. In the 45 years he was rector at Gloria Dei he married 3,375 couples which averages 84 a year.
9. In 1816 at a meeting of the Vestry it was ordered that the Warden should supply the Rev. Dr. Collin with three tons of hay. The yearly income of the corporation was reported as \$1,541.48 and the Rector's share of it was \$533.33.
10. In the 1830's Gloria Dei had a sewing school where young ladies would come and be taught the fine art of stitchery. One of these works of art hangs in the Roak Room.
11. 1850 while on tour with P. J. Barnum, Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale, sang "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from our balcony. The balcony was added to the church in 1845 at a cost of \$500.
12. Summer 1944 a terrible fire occurred among drums of glycerin, oils and soap chips stored in the four-story factory just one hundred feet south Church. Only a strong, God-guided, merciful wind from the northwest saved our Church, the rectory and all our buildings from utter destruction. As the firemen who fought so valiantly put it so well, "Don't thank us, thank God!" The damage to our Churchyard, caused by the collapse of the factory wall during that fire, amounted to \$4,995.00.



Sweetheart Breakfast . Renewing Marriage Vows . At Gloria Dei



Prayer  
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## Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513  
or Florence Brook (215) 271-1091,  
(865) 585-4768, or [fbrook529@hotmail.com](mailto:fbrook529@hotmail.com)

*Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need*



## Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections

Gloria Dei Old Swedes' holds its Annual Meeting on the first Sunday of May – May 1 this year. The Annual Meeting includes reports on the state of the parish (mission, finances, activities) and the election of a new class of vestry members.

The vestry is an elected body of lay parishioners administering the temporal affairs of the parish and serving as a council of advice to the rector. The rector is the presiding officer.

Gloria Dei can use your talents – on the vestry as well as in other places. As noted below, you're committing yourself to this work for a three-year term. Most months, the vestry meets for about two hours on the third Wednesday of the month.

The vestry of Gloria Dei is composed of twelve individuals, of whom four are elected each year for a three-year term. The Bylaws of Gloria Dei state that vestry members must “be baptized and confirmed lay persons of the age of eighteen years and upwards, who shall have been worshipers in this Church as their usual place of worship for at least one year prior to the date of the election and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the expenses of the Corporation, by payment in time, talent or treasure a sum of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).”

To be considered for election at the Annual Meeting, a person must meet the qualifications above and “be nominated to the Secretary in writing by at least three (3) members, and at least four (4) weeks prior to the election; and the consent of the nominee endorsed on said nomination in writing.”

Nomination forms will be available in the church and in the parish office beginning on Sunday, March 6, 2011. Persons wishing to run for election to the vestry must secure the signatures of three members on that form, sign the form themselves (indicating their willingness to stand for election), and submit that form to the Secretary of the vestry (Lisa Reeves) no later than Sunday, April 3, 2011.

Public notice of those nominated will be posted by the Secretary of the vestry on the bulletin boards in Riverside and in the church and will be noted in the church bulletin for the four weeks preceding the election.

This year, in addition to the four individuals to be elected for a three-year term, one additional person will be elected to a one-year term to fill the unexpired term of a vestry member who resigned during the year.

Please – think about your ability to serve Gloria Dei as a vestry member. If you can make that commitment, get a nomination sheet on March 6, and put yourself in the running.

# Jazz @ Joe

at Gloria Dei

## Every Fourth Thursday

*between the hours of 7:30 & 9:30*

*1/27, 2/24, 3/24, 4/28 and 5/26*

- Friendly conversation, a cup of coffee, and great jazz - who could ask for more ?
- Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church and the Alan Segal Quartet have partnered to bring this event to the public
- BYOW (Bring Your Own Wine if you choose)
- Cost: a donation to help Gloria Dei defray the cost would be appreciated
- Free Parking is available

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## **WELCOME the Newest MEMBER**

... Of Gloria Dei Church baptized on  
February 6, 2011: **Lucas Gabriel McBride**

## **Memorial Cards** in loving memory of **Bill Flatley**

By: Marge Lord  
Joe & Dolores Collins

## **Jennifer Owens**

By: Jean & Bob Neil  
Bob Neil, Jr.  
Gary & Alexis Neil  
Donna & George Collins  
Maureen & Joe Collins  
Dolores & Joe Collins  
Marge Lord & Family  
Bert Kubiak

## **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:**

9:00 & 11:00 AM

## **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**

Megan Bartlett  
Jerome Buescher, Rector's Warden  
Barbara Chilcott  
Diane Honor, Acct. Assistant  
Robert Jenkins  
Dolores Kromchad  
Heather Myers  
Barbara Potts  
Lisa Reeves, Secretary  
James Ufheil, Acct. 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 (1/9/11); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/24/11); Pentecost (6/12/11); and All Saints Sunday (11/6/11). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advice of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.