



*July / August 2016*

# Down By The Riverside

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

## Thoughts from the Rector

For Whom the Bell Tolls

*No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.*

(John Donne)

On Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, some members of Gloria Dei and some neighbors gathered to ring the church bell 50 times. Our bell joined the din of many church bells throughout the city, indeed throughout the country, in memory of those lost in the attack at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Pulse is a gay bar, dance club, and nightclub where on June 12<sup>th</sup> 49 people were killed and 53 injured by a lone gunman. The gunman was killed in a standoff with police responding to the attack.

This, the latest mass shooting that we have had to absorb into our minds and hearts and psyches, targeted a particular community – the LGBT community. This latest incident came before we could even reach the first anniversary of the Emanuel AME Church mass shooting in Charleston last year, June 17<sup>th</sup>, where 9 African Americans were gunned down in a Bible Study. And the one before that? And the one before that? Children and college kids, teachers and laborers, policemen and bystanders, loved ones lost in a confusion of rhetoric and violence permeating our homes and neighborhoods, our cities and communities, seemingly beyond our control.

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It's easy to get discouraged, easy to throw up our hands and say there's nothing we can do to change the hate that lives in the hearts of so many. Maybe even easier to get angry and decide to take up arms or politic for votes to eradicate those who do such things from our communities. But this is not the time for easy answers or quick solutions that only mimic the actions we abhor.

This is the time to examine our own hearts and minds, to eke out the fear that causes division between those who are like us and those who are stranger, other. Whether our differences have to do with beliefs or cultures, dress or etiquette, language or diet, sexual orientation or skin color matters not. What matters is our desire to rise above these things and see each and every human being as a child of God, beloved by God.

And so, yes, we tolled the bell 50 times – not 49. We tolled the bell for the one who killed as well as those who were killed. And, somehow that evening, we couldn't stop tolling the bell. We just kept taking turns, ringing and ringing, as if this was at least one way we could say that we will not be silent. We will not be silent to hate and judgment. We will not be silent to prejudice and bigotry. We will not be silent when we hear these things, when we see these things.

If we attack the one who is attacking, we have war. Acting out in anger is an indulgence. Tolling the bell is a challenge, and a calling. It is a beginning for us here at Gloria Dei. It is a way that we say what we believe – *No man is an island...any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind.* It is a way that we call all to our safe place. It is the voice of the one who calls all of us to give our lives for the life of the world.

*And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.*

Peace,

*Joy +*



**HGDPC**  
Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes)  
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(Old Swedes) Church  
Philadelphia*

## Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

We begin this summer season with Phase 1 of the Rector's Search Process. Last issue of the Riverside I announced the need to form a 16 member Parish Profile/Strategic Action Plan Committee. There was some concern at first that we might not get enough people willing or able, to devote the time and energy needed to participate in this committee. I am happy to announce that we had 18 people who wished to be a part of this very important group. Keeping in the true Episcopalian spirit, where all are included, the vestry has approved an 18 member committee. What a wonderful way to begin!

### Here is the 2016 Parish Profile Committee

**Team – A** (*Gathering demographic information of our community and of the parish*): **Peg Berich, \*Carol Jenkins, Christine Pickup, Lisa Reeves and Cathy Ufheil**

**Team – B** (*Examining our church finances (2015 - past, 2016 - present, & 2017 - potential)*): **Jerome Buescher, Barbara Potts, \*Mark Roberts and Richard Woehr**

**Team – C** (*Examining our Worship/Spiritual (Internal) Ministries*): **Megan Bartlett, Barbara Chilcott, \*Jill Duink and \*Jeanette Woehr**

**Team – D** (*Examining our Community (External) Ministries*): **\*Peggy Buescher, Julie Daye, \*Re Henning, Candace Roberts and \*Rita West**

*\*Denotes member of the Vestry*

Each team will be working individually at times and jointly at others, coordinating their findings.

Rev. Paul Harris has been hired as the Project Consultant. He brings to us his vast experience and knowledge on churches in transition. We are grateful and very fortunate to have him with us during this process.

The congregation is encouraged to question any of the team members on the progress they are making, and to give helpful suggestions.

Let us remember we are all responsible for the future of Gloria Dei Church. It is important that we support this group and hold them up in prayer.

Wishing you a happy and safe summer,

*Carol Jenkins*

## Rain, Rain, Go Away 2016 Memorial Dei Picnic

This year's Sexton Sideshow Memorial Dei Family Picnic was clouded by imminent rain and wind, but through much prayer and positive vibration...somehow it missed us!

Great performances were had at the Sideshow Stage in Riverside hall, kicking off at 12:30pm with 16 year old Lily Albright and Friends, and a premiere performance by C.C. Crabtree and the Gin Sisters, which filled the room.

The Nite Owls featuring Reg Duzit brought hip-hop from West Philly to our door, and in between we saw great music by JOY IKE, Rev. T.J. McGlinchy, and Christopher Davis-Shannon. Appearing in his Sexton Sideshow debut was the amazing John Francis, and also the very talented Curtis Cooper.

Outside, the air was cool as Hurricane Hoss took the stage at 1pm. Things heated up with Kuf Knotz Band with Lizanne Knott also playing for the first time here at the Sideshow.

The weather was just beautiful as our good friend Ben O'Neill took the stage, followed by local favorite John Faye and Those Meddling Kids.

Our final 2 acts on the outside Sexton Stage both appeared here for the first time...Cowmuddy played some inspired country-tinged rock, and the incredible Ben Arnold finished the day strong, with his original songs and great band.

Finally, in the church sanctuary at 7pm we ended the day with Jacopo and the Late Saints. Recognition goes out to our great host on the main stage, the amazing Ken Kweder, and the Sideshow Stage host, our very own Jerry Walker.

Many thanks go out to our fantastic Sidekicks for their hard work all day! Everyone looked super cool in their new Sexton Sidekick t-shirts.

At the end of the day, we collected \$9,482.50 with a profit \$3,325.34 for the church fund, but more importantly, we had a great family day on the front lawns, with many kids and families enjoying themselves on a very beautiful & important Memorial Dei.

Peace & Love -

*Jim & Paula Minacci*





**Sunday August 7th**

The World Orphan Choir will participate in the 10 o'clock service with a reception in Riverside Hall following. Tables for post performance sponsorship information and the sale of handmade items from around the world will be set up. The sale of these table items from partnering nations help earn the needed project funds and tour expenses.

Currently made up of some of the poorest orphaned and at-risk children from Peru, India, & Liberia, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir (the flagship vehicle of International Children's Network - ICN) captures the hearts of all who hear their hope-filled message. The kids sing with such passion and meaning that their hope of overcoming tragedy and the life-changing effects of an education is truly inspiring. The Choir's contagious energy and zeal shines through a powerful presentation of original songs, cultural dances, and multimedia testimony. Never before in the history of these three nations have orphaned or vulnerable children been allowed to travel outside of their nation. However, due to the great work of ICN for the children, a great trust has allowed this historic cultural opportunity to happen.

Orphaned & vulnerable children are auditioned annually and selected from a pool of hundreds of children before leaving their home nations to travel out of their countries for the first time in their lives. These chosen few become part of a one year United States world orphan choir tour in order to be the greatest ambassadors for our world's orphaned and vulnerable children we have ever experienced. Ages range from 5 to 16, and some of these kids have never experienced electricity or worn shoes. They sing and dance and share their stories for a very worthy goal: to raise hope, awareness and educational sponsorship for the world's 600 million and at-risk children. Because of this sponsorship, orphaned and at-risk children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty, taking better control of their futures.

Through the sharing of their culture, music, pain and joy, Matsiko World Orphan Choir performances provide a complete picture of the challenges these children face each day. In addition to churches, civic groups, universities and other public/private schools around the country, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir has performed at noteworthy places such as Google, Disneyland and SeaWorld, entertaining crowds of thousands at the Los Angeles Clippers,

Seattle Seahawks, and even the Rose Bowl games. The Choir has shared their talents via personal presentations with U.S. local and national

politicians and graced the platforms of corporate giants such as Microsoft and Kraft Foods. They've even been considered for The David Letterman Show and were invited to the Gospel Music Awards.

In the next year, the choir hopes to add children from Ghana, Nepal and the Philippines. As ICN partnerships continue to grow internationally, we hope to eventually include children from Cambodia, Uganda and Belize.

For more information about a tax-deductible sponsorship of a child, ICN, or Matsiko World Orphan Choir, call Don Windham directly at 253-217-7531



or visit [www.matsikochoir.com](http://www.matsikochoir.com).

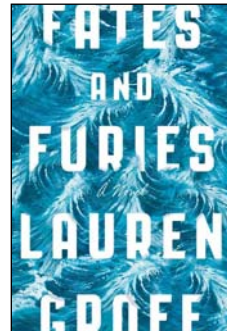


## The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here is our next book and meeting date.  
The Book Club meets at 7 pm

July, 25, 2016 **Fates and Furies**  
by *Lauren Groff*

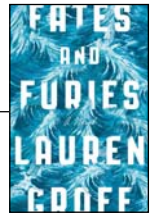
*Marilyn Johnson*



## Calendar

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- July 5, 12, 19, 26** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary  
Yoga with Sarah - 7:15pm in Riverside Hall,  
drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- July 6** Profile Committee Meeting - 7:00pm Roak Room - Team C
- July 7** Profile Committee Meeting - 7:00pm Roak Room - Team D
- July 11** HGDP Meeting - Roak Room - 5:30pm
- July 13, 20, 27** Yoga with Anita - 9:00am in Riverside Hall,  
drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- July 16** Consecration of Bishop Elect  
The Reverend Canon Daniel G.P. Gutierrez  
11:00am New Covenant Church, 7500 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19119
- July 21** Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm - Roak Room
- July 25** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall  
**Fates and Furies** —————  
by *Lauren Groff*



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### Hospitality: The Gift of Giving

The Hospitality Committee thanks all who have “stepped up” and provided the treat for fellowship in Riverside Hall. It is in giving that we receive; the Hospitality Committee really gets a thrill out of watching people enjoy what is provided. The church is now supplying the “staples” for hospitality but we’re relying on and asking members to participate and bring something.

There is a sign-up sheet on the corkboard near the bathroom in Riverside. Please examine your hearts and pitch in if you can. The clean up crew has been phenomenal. I especially want to thank Re Hemming, Rita West, Barbara Chilcott, and Linda Konowal for all their efforts.

Love and peace,

*Peggy Buescher*



## Calendar

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- Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** Evensong - 6:30pm - Sanctuary  
Yoga with Sarah - 7:15pm in Riverside Hall,  
drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Yoga with Anita - 9:00am in Riverside Hall,  
drop in class, all levels welcome, \$10.00 a class
- Aug 7** Matsiko Orphan Choir during 10:00am Service  
with reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- Aug 18** Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm - Roak Room



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Check out our Facebook page while you're there.



## 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.

## The Lectionary for July

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### July 3rd, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit, accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalms 30

Galatians 6:1-16

Luke 10:1-11,16-20

### July 10th, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Amos 7:7-17

Psalms 82

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### July 17th, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Amos 8:1-12

Psalms 52

Colossians 1:15-28

Luke 10:38-42

### July 24th, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalms 85

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

### July 31st, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9,43

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

# The Lectionary for August

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## August 7th, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 1:1,10-20

Psalms 50:1-8,22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Luke 12:32-40

## August 14th, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2,8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

## August 21st, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

## August 28th, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1,10-16

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

Luke 14:1,7-14



## Sunday Suppers

As a new congregant to Gloria Dei, I was impressed at how well the congregation responded to the needs of the women's shelter at 8<sup>th</sup> and Bainbridge Streets. The process seemed simple enough. The shelter provided a list of needed items. Parishioners deposited these items in a collection bin at the narthex of the church. Most weeks, there were items to deliver to the shelter. I would like to enlist the congregation's support to use the same process to collect items of a different sort – gently used kitchen equipment and pantry staples—for a similar mission at *Sunday Suppers*. The mission has three parts: equip kitchens, sustain families and serve families.

*Sunday Suppers* is a program that runs during the school year from September to June. Their mission is to strengthen the health and well-being of families through the transformative power of family meals. Each year, 15 families from the Kensington neighborhood enter this program to learn about nutrition and cooking techniques. On Wednesday evenings, the staff and volunteers prepare and serve dinner to the families. Prior to the dinner, families participate in programming to learn how to cook healthier meals, participate in fitness classes like yoga, zumba or bootcamps, and get the opportunity to speak to doctors, nutritionists, food scientists, to provide them with further resources to help them achieve their goals related to greater health and well-being. After supper, *Sunday Suppers* provides the families with the fixings to prepare the same meal at home. At the end of the school year, the participants graduate, equipped with knowledge of nutrition and health, progress towards their health goals, and having some new kitchen equipment.

Every October, the *Sunday Supper* organization performs kitchen assessments for newly enrolled families. It is common for these families to lack proper kitchen equipment. Pantry items are collected to be used in their weekly meals and in the weekly "to-go" bags so that families can prepare the same meal at home.

Earlier this year, I volunteered to serve dinner and bus tables for current group of families. Preparation started shortly after 4:30 pm. Cleanup was over by 8 pm. *Sunday Suppers* regularly needs 6 volunteers every Wednesday to help cook food, to serve and to bus tables. The families are grateful to the volunteers. I plan to volunteer again this coming school year, once on October 5 or 19 and again in the spring 2017. Anyone who is interested in joining me should contact me at [cmpickup@gmail.com](mailto:cmpickup@gmail.com) or via phone / text (267)216-8332. We can organize transportation from the church to Memphis Street Academy.

Stage	When to Collect	What's involved
Equip Kitchens	Start: July 10, 2016 End: September 25, 2016	Provide equipment for food preparation: cutting boards, sheet pans, sauce pans, stock pots, and frying pans.  <i>Sunday Suppers</i> is also open to other kitchen items and small appliances. Contact Hope Levin, Family Engagement Coordinator at <i>Sunday Suppers</i> at <a href="mailto:hope@sundaysuppersphilly.org">hope@sundaysuppersphilly.org</a> or 215-203-6364 to arrange transport.
Sustain Families	Start: September 4, 2016 End: June 25, 2017	Provide shelf stable staples: herbs and spices, olive oil, brown rice, canned beans, canned tomatoes (diced, pureed or whole), whole wheat pasta.
Serve Families	2 times during the school year, first date either Oct 5 or 19; second date TBD	Set dining room tables, help in the kitchen with last-minute food preparation, serve dinner to families, bus tables, wash dishes, and help with programming and children's activities. At the end of the evening clean the dining area and kitchen. You can sign up online at <a href="http://www.sundaysuppersphilly.org/volunteer">www.sundaysuppersphilly.org/volunteer</a>

Additional information: High school students can get credit towards community service hours. College students welcome. *Sunday Suppers* loves having younger kids help. While there is no minimum age for participation, please think about whether the child has the maturity to do the tasks above and can follow directions so that it will be a positive experience all around. Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Other volunteering opportunities at *Sunday Suppers* include people who have special skills to serve as photographer for an evening, lead workshops on health and well-being, or assist in the community garden.

<http://sundaysuppersphilly.org/where-we-serve/wkm/>

*Christine Pickup*

## Preservation in the Churchyard

It is once again time to restore tombstones in the graveyard. One that will be restored is located on the south side of the building near the backdoor.

To the Memory of **Adelaide A. Celestis Delormerie**

born in Paris the 26th 8ber 1781 Deceased the 31st August 1798

Mowed down in the flower of her age God called

Her to himself no doubt, for a speedy reward

Of her early and accomplished virtues

She is much regretted by all who knew her talents, beauty and mildness.

Another stone to be restored is rarely seen. It is located at the southeast corner of the Church. Anthony Duche, Sr. probably arrived with William Penn on his second voyage to Philadelphia. Anthony Duche, Sr. married Anne Doz in 1705 at the First Presbyterian Church. His first child was Anthony Jr who married Catharine Swanson, daughter of Christopher and Christiana Swanson of Wiccacoe. She was his first wife and mother of all of his children. Anthony also married Sarah Evans on January 3, 1758 at Gloria Dei and Sarah Falconer.

Near this stone are deposited the remains of **Catharine and Anthony Duche**

Catharine died October 10th 1752 in the 46th year of her age

Anthony died April 5th 1787 in the 81st year of his age.

Another stone to be restored is one of our famous residents Alexander Wilson's original tombstone. Several years ago a modern headstone was installed to replace his illegible stone. Alexander Wilson immigrated to America in 1794. Entirely self-educated, Alexander Wilson, supported himself as a teacher in the Philadelphia area. In 1802, he took charge of a school at Gray's Ferry, near the home and gardens of William Bartram. William Bartram helped Alexander Wilson learn to draw birds. Bartram offered the use of his library so Wilson could study illustrations of American birds. Wilson was convinced that no single work on American birds was free from defect, and he decided to publish a book illustrating all the North American birds. He traveled widely, watching and painting birds and collecting subscribers for his book. The result was a nine volume *American Ornithology* which illustrated 268 birds, 26 had not previously been described. Wilson's health broke down while he was preparing the eighth volume of *American Ornithology* for publication, and he died in Philadelphia on Aug. 23, 1813. His friend George Ord completed the eighth and ninth volumes from Wilson's manuscript notes and saw them through publication in 1814. Charles Lucien Bonaparte published the four final volumes in 1825-1833. He requested to be buried under a tree so the birds could sing over him.

This Monument covers the remains of **Alexander Wilson**  
Author of the American Ornithology  
He was born in Renfrewshire Scotland on the 6. July 1766  
Emigrated to the United States in the year 1794  
And died in Philadelphia of the dysentery on the 23 August 1813 Aged 47  
Ingenio stat sine morte decus

On the right side in the center is another garden tomb to be restored. Most of the inscription is illegible now, but it read:

Sacred to the memory of my husband **Benjamin A. Rose**  
Born May 21st 1783 Died September 23rd 1853.  
Farewell beloved partner of my life,  
Thou tender husband to thy loving wife,  
When everlasting joys succeeds to this,  
I hope to meet thee in the realms of bliss.

Also **Anna M Rose**  
wife of Benjamin A. Rose Born Sept. 13th 1785 Died May 24th 1873 aged 87  
years 8 months and 11 days.



## Highlights from Vestry Meetings

**May, 2016** – New Officers appointed/elected: Rector’s Warden – Carol Jenkins; Accounting Warden – Jill Duink; Secretary – Leigh Jenkins; Treasurer – Mark Roberts; Executive Committee “At Large” Members – Jaime Konowal and Jeanette Woehr

**June, 2016** – Received Self Audit for 2015; Approved Profile Committee Team Members; Approved moving funds from “Sunshine Fund,” “Century Walk Fund,” and \$1000.00 from “Historical Committee Fund” into “Churchyard Renewal Project Fund” in order to restore additional gravesites this summer; Received update from Rector on new lease for YCCA (in progress); Continued to consider individual gravesite requests prior to new Rules and Regulations being ready; Received report from HGDPC (Preservation Board); Received updated Property Report: a) New security camera installed facing the church b) Riverside Hall refurbish complete c) Approved receiving quotes for partial painting of rectory



**Welcome the Newest Members**

**Baptized on May 15, 2016**

- Lana Teresa Blanco**
- Mackenzie Marie Vieira**
- Callen John Finnimore**

**In Remembrance of:**

**Edna Goddard**  
*May 26, 2016*

**Celebrate the Newly Married**

**Danielle Lyn Burrows and Jeremy Ryan Stock**  
*May 14, 2016*

**Memorial Cards:**

**Rosalie Miraglia**  
By: Bob & Jean Neill

**Wayne Carlson**  
By: Jim & Cathy Ufheil

**Edna Goddard**  
By: Joe & Dolores Collins

**Joan Nagel**  
By: Roberta Kubiak

**Kenny McQuire**  
By: Jackie & Eddie Lord

**Ann Troendl**  
By: Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Daly Jr.



**Sunday Service:**

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

**CLERGY**

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector  
The Rev. Paul Harris, Assoc. Clergy

**STAFF**

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

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Jill Duink, Accounting Warden  
Re Henning  
Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden  
Leigh Jenkins, Secretary  
Jamie Konowal  
Michael Phillips  
Mark Roberts  
James Ufheil  
Nils van Ammers  
Rita West  
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 (1/10/16); The Great Vigil of Easter (3/27/16); Pentecost (5/15/16); and All Saints Sunday (11/6/16). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.