



June 2009

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

Romans 8

I'm willing to bet that I'm not the only one who talks to myself. I think most of us find that sometimes when we are alone we talk out loud. Often we are working on what we're going to say to someone we're angry with, or grateful for, or indebted to, or concerned about. But sometimes we're just talking out loud for no reason except maybe to assure ourselves we are not alone.

Sometimes I'm giving myself a pep talk or organizing in an out-loud kind of way what I have to get done. "I'll put the wash in, get some dinner ready, then switch the wash and go weed the garden." I've found myself recently thinking, "who am I talking to?" Those of us who live with someone else have often been asked just that question, or a variable of it: "Are you talking to me?" "No, just thinking out loud," we usually say.

But I'm wondering if this is a human trait that points to our deeper natures, our "created in the image" selves who, like the Creator, are multi-faceted beings with abilities, concerns, and desires that, though housed in one body, yearn not only for the oneness or completeness of ourselves, but the greater oneness we share with each other, with creation, with the Creator.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, says: *We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.* (Romans 8:22-23)

I think that Paul was talking about what I'm talking about. There is the reality of what we see, what we can touch and smell and taste and hear in the world we live in. And then there's another level of being in us that is aware that there is more than these things. This is a risky thought, one that both scares us and humbles us, and finally requires us to "talk out loud."

Whether we talk out loud to ourselves, to each other, or to God, the urge, I think, is not so much to be heard as to be known. Truly known, fully known, and then, in that fullness, to know love. Stepping out, stepping up, stepping into the creation that God declared Good requires us to be fully human and fully present to all that we have been given.

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Paul's letter to the Romans, and especially chapter 8 of that letter, is a comfort and help in our struggle to understand our fully human natures, our fully loved selves, and the God who comes to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. As our minds allow, our hearts accept, and our souls absorb what God has done, let us take the comfort that Paul offers and know the truth that is in all of us.

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:37-39)

Peace,

Joy



Camp 2009 Arrowhead

Kids are you interested in going to Summer Camp?

We are headed back to Camp Arrowhead.

Open to children entering 3rd through 9th grade.

Please contact Heather Myers for more information.

215-512-0363 or moosefamily@comcast.net

Visit www.camparrowhead.net for session dates.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for one of the Sundays in May or June 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.

Annual Meeting Wrap Up

Dedicated volunteer spirit was the underlying theme of our Annual Meeting held May 4, 2009. We at Gloria Dei know how to give and it was nice to hold up everything that we've accomplished in the past year and be proud of what we've done and who we've helped.

Joy started us off with a sermon about sheep and shepherds and how we are called on in our daily lives to be one or the other. I see us as busy sheep going from project to project doing our works and always coming together to be fed. I also see in us good "shepherding" as we take leadership roles in helping to make Gloria Dei the best it can be.

Mark Roberts, our dedicated Treasurer let us know that our budget is balanced for 2009. Our endowments have lost a considerable amount with the market being so volatile. Because of the three year averages with stocks we are OK for now but it will require us to roll up our sleeves and work hard to balance a 2010 budget.

Our many committees gave presentations, always including words of thanks to all of us for our help in what they do. Paula did a great job with her "poem" and having the kids as backup was heart warming. Our children are the pillar of our steeple and the up and coming sheep. Whether it be Prayer Chain, Stewardship within our space, outreach to our community and beyond, or history in the making, it's wonderful to know that there is a special ministry for everyone here. Stay tuned for more to come with Partners for Sacred Places which will be a focus as we look at our history and our future.

Vestry Elections were also on the agenda. Welcome to our newly elected members: Carl Delia, Lisa Reeves and Jim Ufheil. I was reelected for a second term. I'd like to thank Rosanne Morison, Rita West and Connie Twist for serving in this worth while ministry.

Gods work is alive and busy here at Gloria Dei. Whether we are the sheep, huddling together for support or guidance or whether we are shepherds leading the way with ideas, let us continue our journey with the friendships, love and support of each other at Gloria Dei.

Heather Myers



Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Barbara Sampieri (856) 296-9752

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

Our Steeple Will Be Painted and Repaired!

We have raised most of the money needed to paint and repair the steeple. Thank you so much to all who have made it possible for us to insure that this important work gets done this summer. If we do not raise the small balance remaining by the time the work is completed we will supplement the generous giving with capital funds set aside for property concerns.

Our Steeple Painter, Francis Atkinson, assures us that we will have full use of the church for our regular Sunday and Tuesday services as well as occasional other services as needed.

The work is scheduled to begin in mid June and will last about one month. Be sure to come by during the week and watch the progress, but be careful around the ladders and please honor the yellow tape that will be in place to insure that no one gets hurt.

Thank you again to everyone for helping to paint Old Swedes' Steeple!

THE BEST FLEAS AT THE OLDEST CHURCH

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Spring
Flea Market

Faith in Fleas 2009

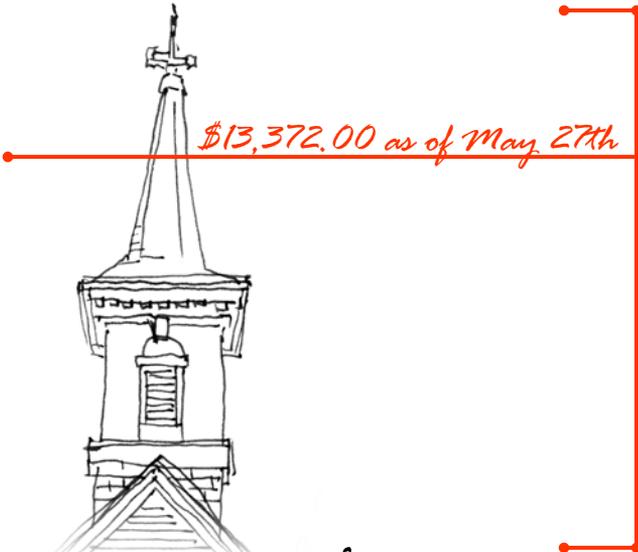
On Saturday, May 16th, Gloria Dei welcomed the community through its gates. Or, better said; welcomed people to buy a \$25.00 space to sit around on the sidewalk surrounding our property and sell their stuff!!

The day started out foggy, a bit cold, with rain in the forecast. As the day continued the fog burned off, the heat reached 75 degrees, and the rain never came.

In the end 94 people bought space, we sold 320 hotdogs, all of our homemade chili and soup was sold, and we raised \$4,605.00.

Thanks again to all who participated, donated, and volunteered.

Jim Minacci



\$13,372.00 as of May 27th

Steeple Fund

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

The steeple needs painting! Can you help?

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church is an important and historic landmark of the city of Philadelphia, as well as a beloved place of sanctuary, worship, and community activity for generations past and present.

Our steeple is in need of painting and we hope to raise the funds needed, approximately \$18,000, in time to have the work done in the summer of 2009, so that we may continue to honor the building that has been given to us to care for, and to reflect the love and commitment of this community to generations to come.

Our donors will be listed in a special program when we bless the refinished steeple.

<i>Glorious Scrapers:</i>	<i>\$25 - \$99</i>
<i>Swedish Sanders:</i>	<i>\$100 - \$199</i>
<i>Philadelphia Primers:</i>	<i>\$200 - \$499</i>
<i>Passionate Painters:</i>	<i>\$500 and above</i>
<i>Friends of Gloria Dei</i>	<i>Any amount</i>

Please use enclosed envelope to send donations to the Church Office

Calendar

- June 2, 9,
16, 23, 30** Simply Eucharist - 6:30 PM
... with a "Movie Night" Twist - 7:15 PM
- June 7** Outside Service - 10:00 AM
- June 8** Book Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Riverside Hall
- June 14** Baptisms - 10:00 AM Service
- June 17** Diocesan General Convention Deputies Meeting
Riverside Hall - 7-9:00 PM
Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM - Roak Room
- June 20** Swedish Summer Solstice - 11:00 AM - ongoing picnic
- June 26** Y.C.C.A. Graduation - Riverside Hall - 5:00 PM



The Lectionary for June

June 7th, Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

June 14th, 2nd Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 6

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm: 20

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,
(11-13), 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

June 21st, 3rd Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 7

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 17
(1a,4-11,19-23)32-49

Psalm: 9:9-20

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

June 28th, 4th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 8

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Poem read by Paula Minacci at Annual Meeting

In 08-09 the Sunday School kids were all over the lands!
Some kids went to Camp Arrowhead and then headed to Rehoboth Beach
to play in the sand.

Josh and Gracie traveled to Guatemala
They came back much taller!!

September sign-up we had a great breakfast.
We made altar flowers that no one can miss.

October our pets came to be blessed -
Halloween the graveyard's pumpkin patch was the best!

Lucia rehearsals started in November
And our bake sale for the church everyone remembers.

Christmas Eve Tableau kept everyone on the edge of their seat
With Baby Dylan as Jesus, she didn't make a peep!

January came and went
As we observed Lent

In February we sold soup for Souper Bowl Sunday
The proceeds will go to the Heifer project which will help the world some day.

We worked hard in March to perform Noah's Ark -
The money we raised we bought llamas, bees, rabbits, geese, ducks, chicks
and goats
The only thing we didn't get, was the boat!

Good Friday in April, painting and filling eggs was our job
It was for Easter Sunday, the bunny was there, what a mob!

Awesome April we created cookbooks to sell
We gave the money to paint the steeple just above the bell.

So our year is coming to an end
With our teachers Jill, Paula, Diane, Tiia, Jim, Joan and Julie, our love
we send.

Our last day, sundaes will we make!
A few extra pounds you will take!!

A thanks to all our parents of these young people
If you noticed you are the strength of the steeple.

And thank you Gloria Dei congregation
Because of you we're always in celebration!



SIMPLY EUCHARIST

All Tuesday evenings in June and August

Church attendance drops during the summer as many travel, particularly on the weekends. We celebrate Eucharist every Sunday during the summer at 10am. But for those who travel on the weekends as well as for those who remain in the city and would like a simple, quiet midweek worship experience we have added a service on the Tuesdays in June and August. We will gather in the church at 6:30pm for a simple, informal, short, contemporary language celebration of the Eucharist. Mark the Simply Eucharist celebration dates on your calendars, come and pray with us, nourish yourself at the table of the Lord, and feast on the fellowship of the gathered community.

Simply Eucharist with a “Movie Night” Twist

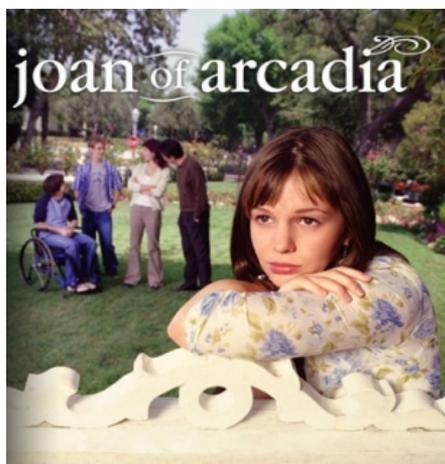
On Tuesday evenings in June and August beginning at 6:30pm, come celebrate Holy Communion in the church—this is a short, sweet and straightforward service with folks gathered around a table, no music, no sermon . . . simply eucharist (hence the name:).

Now for the Twist, after the eucharist celebration, join us in the parish hall around 7:15 for “movie night” featuring “Joan of Arcadia,” a once popular TV series about a young girl’s conversations with God and how He appears to her thru everyday people like the cable guy or the lunch lady. The show explores faith and the burdens that sometimes accompany it, actions/ consequences, fulfilling our nature, miracles, our actions as catalysts and much, much more. It is chock full of deep, meaningful discussion material, which we will do in small groups after our viewing. We can have a set of guided questions or just free form it and see where the conversations take us.

Kids are encouraged to participate—the material is probably best suited for ages 10 and up. Parents: this presents great fodder for thoughtful discussions about spirituality with your children.

And what Gloria Dei event would be complete without snacks!? Bring your favorite snack to share and we’ll supply the beverages and popcorn! Hope to see you there!!

Diane Honor



The Book Club at Old Swedes

See the insert for up-coming books.

The author of Etta, Mr. Kolpan has been invited to join us at the July meeting. He's checking his calendar, and believes he's available but not able to verify in time for publication in the Riverside. Check our website for confirmation of Mr. Kolpan's planned visit.

You may also visit his website www.GeraldKolpan.com for more information.

Marilyn Johnson

Outside Service

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 10AM

Join us as we worship outside on our beautiful grounds.

Bring chairs (though we'll have plenty to borrow if you don't have any) and blankets.

Bring friends and relatives and neighbors. Bring all the kids!

Come and give God glory in the midst of God's glorious creation!



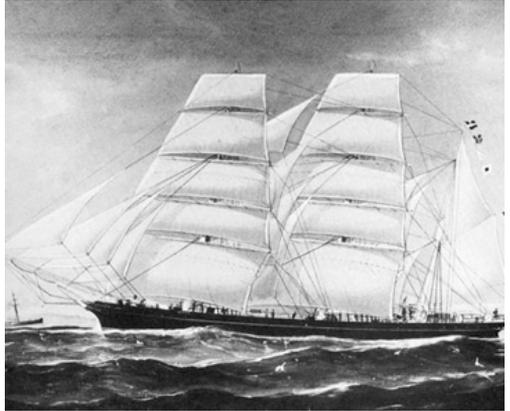
Well ours isn't quite this elaborate, but it's a good time for all.

From the Historical Committee

Captain Lodge Colton 1837 – 1913

Member of the Vestry 1894 – 1913

Being a riverfront Church, Gloria Dei has a rich history that involves many people who were involved with maritime related occupations. Captain Lodge Colton was no exception. At the age of 14 he became a mariner on the clipper barque “James Cornor.” (*sp. Corner?*) On April 16, 1868 he was married in Baltimore to Marian Watts. The next year they moved to Philadelphia. Although his service took him to ports of call around the world, they maintained sittings at Gloria Dei from 1870 on. In 1874 they settled in New Orleans. Captain Colton’s ship sailed between New Orleans and Havana, Cuba. In 1880 he became a captain in the Ward Line, making voyages between New York, Cuba, and Mexico. He moved to New York and became a senior captain in 1887.



Due to failing health he retired from the sea in 1892 and worked as a Marine Surveyor for the Insurance Company of North America in Philadelphia until 1912 when he retired. He was a director of the Pennsylvania Nautical School, having been appointed by Governor Stone in 1899 and reappointed by Governors Pennypacker and Tener. He was a member of the Vessel Owners’ and Captains’ Association of Philadelphia, the Marine Society of New York and the Cassia Lodge, F. and A.M. of Baltimore.

While on the Vestry he was a member of the Property Committee. He was buried in the Church cemetery. The Vestry Minutes of December 1, 1913 say in part “we have not only lost a most active and devoted member, but also such a genial friend and companion, one ever-ready and willing to speak the kind word, and do the kind act, that his death comes as a personal grief to each one of us, as we recall the loved associations of by-gone years.”

There are many memorial plaques on the back of the pews at Gloria Dei. Not everyone named on the plaques made the history books. Is someone related to you? Do you know some information about a person named on a plaque? Jot some notes down about the person. Indicate the pew row that the plaque is in and send the information to history @ old-swedes.org.

Bob Josnweit



WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS

... of Gloria Dei Church baptized on May 10, 2009

Ryan Chase Marrandino
Emma Marie Richardson

CELEBRATE with the Newly MARRIED

... **Helene Teresa Johnson**
Douglas John Seefus

In REMEMBRANCE of

... **MARYANN R. CASSIDY**
1939 - 2009

Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Mary Adams by: Marge Lord; Joe & Dolores Collins; George & Donna Collins; Joe and Maureen Collins; Cathy & Mike & Mikaela Cohrill; Roberta Kugiak

James Depre by: Roberta Kubiak

Maryann Cassidy by: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Daly

**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 thru August

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

The Very Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director
Terry O'Brien, Parish Administrator
Paula & James Minacci, Sextons
Candace Roberts, Dir. of Comm.
Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

VESTRY

Jerome Buescher
Barbara Chilcott
Carl Delia
Dave Hammond
Diane Honor
Robert Jenkins
Dolores Kromchad
Heather Myers, Rector's Warden
James Parsons
Lisa Reeves
James Ufheil, Acct. Warden
Jeanette Woehr, Secretary

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 (1/11/09); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/12/09); Pentecost (5/31/09); and All Saints Sunday (11/1/09). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.