



September 2009

Down By The Riverside

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

Fall – The Time of Stewardship *The Spiritual Practices of Thankfulness and Celebration*

For a long time, fall has been the time to consider “Stewardship” at Gloria Dei. That makes sense to me because, for me, “stewardship” is very much connected to “thankful” and fall was (at least for our ancestors, some of whom were “Old Swedes”) the season of harvest, a time to be thankful for the food that would keep us through the winter till the next growing season.

A major piece of stewardship is thankfulness. As Linda Grenz, one of my favorite writers on this topic puts it, “The spiritual practices of thankfulness and celebration help individuals as well as the congregation experience life in a new way. The constant practice of ‘a grateful heart’ enables all of us to see God’s presence in all of life and thus value each other, what we have, and what we experience in life.”

So, we’ll begin our reflections on thankfulness on Saturday, September 19, with a ‘Welcome Back’ spaghetti dinner. We’ll eat, drink, share fellowship with our congregation and the congregation of Historic St. George’s, and be thankful for all the wonderful things we experienced this summer – Camp Arrowhead, City Camp ’09, Simply Eucharist, Movie Night, outdoor services, and Sexton Sideshow II to name a few things.

We’ll talk about stewardship in church on September 27, October 11, and October 18. We’ll think about a renewed commitment to stewardship – our recognition that (in the words of Linda Grenz again) “God has given to each of us exactly what we need to do the work God has given us to do. God calls us to be who God created us to be—not to be anyone else. God calls us to do the ministry God has given us, not the ministry God has given to someone else. And God gives us the gifts, skills, time, relationships, resources and money we need to do that ministry.”

Then, on Sunday November 1, the Feast of All Saints, we’ll celebrate Stewardship Sunday as we remember all those people in our lives, in our parish, in our family, our city, our world – “the saints” – who forever cluster around us when we come together to worship, to break bread, and to do the ministry God has given us to do.

Please be a part of our coming together to ponder, gratefully, what God asks of us regarding the gifts, skills, time, relationships, resources and money he has given us.

Jerry Buescher For the Stewardship Committee



The Methodists are coming again!

Once again we will share worship with our brothers and sisters from Historic St. George's Methodist Church this year. On Sunday, September 20th St. George's will close their doors and join us for worship at our 11AM service. On Sunday, October 4th there will be no service at Gloria Dei so that we can all join in worship at St. George's, 4th and New Streets, at 11 AM. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join in this wonderful example of the One Body of Christ, living and worshipping in the heart of the city. Rides from Gloria Dei's parking lot will be available on October 4th.



HELP WANTED

All of the committees at Gloria Dei could use some help. Additionally we need a couple of new committees to help us as we grow in new and wonderful ways. Please think, about how you might be able to help us, either by joining an already existing committee or ministry, or by being the first one to begin a new ministry here at Gloria Dei.

Ministries in need of help: Property Committee; Stewardship Committee; Christian Education Committee; Prayer Chain Ministry; Ministry to Seamen's Church Institute; Altar Guild; Choir and Music; Guatemala Committee; Lucia Fest Team; Preservation and Capital Campaign Committee; Flea Market Team; Inreach and Outreach ministries.

Ministries to begin: Hospitality Committee; Greeters Committee.

If you have time, talent and interest to support these ministries, or if you have new ministries you'd like to see Gloria Dei get involved with, please call the office and let us know.



Prayer
Chain

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

'Welcome Back' Spaghetti Dinner

Back by popular demand – the Stewardship Committee will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, September 19, 2009 at 6:30 PM in Riverside Hall. And this year, we've invited the congregation of Historic St. George's United Methodist Church, who will join us again on Sunday for a shared worship service.

Please come to celebrate and share our summer experiences – Camp Arrowhead, City Camp '09, Simply Eucharist, Movie Night, outdoor services, and Sexton Sideshow II to name a few things.

And come to help us begin the fall – a new way of doing Sunday School, more joint worship services with the congregation of Historic St. George's, the Centennial Jubilee of the Swedish Colonial Society, our biggest and best Flea Market ever (we always set the bar high!), and the world's most incredible mixture of heart-rending beauty and heart-stopping stress: the Lucia Fest.

Fall is also the time when our congregation renews its commitment to stewardship – the use of all our God-given resources and gifts to restore the world to unity with God and us with our fellow humans, in Christ who made that unity a reality.

Our congregation glories in its fondness for celebrating fellowship with food. Methodist congregations share our fondness whole heartedly. Come to the dinner, please – renew old acquaintances and make new ones over delicious food.

The Stewardship Committee



Lucia Fest – Already??

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Lucia Fest 2009 organizational meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2009, 1PM, in the Roak Room.

Lucia Fest this year will be the weekend of December 11th through 13th.

We need all the help we can get!!



Movie Night will Resume . . . But When?

Over the summer, a group of us got together to watch and discuss the first season of Joan of Arcadia. We had some laughs, some revealing moments and some great discussions. We would like to continue getting together for Season 2 and would love for others to join us. We are waiting until mid-September to see how everyone's fall schedules shake out before we can set a date. If you are interested in attending, please see me, Bob or Carol Jenkins, Barb Chilcott or Joy with some evenings that you are available each week in late September thru mid-November. Once we get that info, we can set up a weekly time slot.

For those that are unfamiliar with the show, Joan of Arcadia is a 2-season TV series that aired on CBS in 2003. It's about a teenage girl who develops a relationship with God. The show explores the premise of God being one of us and the challenges of humanity, faith and spirituality. The show deals with a different theme each week, so if you missed last season, no worries. We can bring you up to speed on characters and you will quickly relate to the message of the show.

Peace,

Diane Honor



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for one of the Sundays in September or October 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.



Save the Date - October 8, 9 & 10, 2009

St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh
in cooperation with Leadership Institute of the Diocese of Pennsylvania
Presents



re-Imagining Ourselves
God Calling Women To Action

Featuring

Theologian Jane Williams

Author of *Bread, Wine and Women* (with Sue Dowell), *Perfect Freedom*, *Lectionary Reflections*,
Approaching Christmas and, more recently, *Approaching Easter*

Visiting Lecturer at King's College, London, Lecturer at St. Paul's Theological Centre

Married to Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury and mother of two children

Join us for one or all events

Thursday October 8th: Dinner and Reflection by Jane Williams

Location: St. Luke's, Germantown
(Seating limited to first 150)

Friday October 9th: Evening Prayer and Keynote Address

Location: St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

Saturday October 10th: Workshops and Eucharist

Location: St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

For further information, when promotional materials become available, please send your name
and e-mail address to waltopp@stthomaswhitemarsh.org

Nightwatch at the Philadelphia Cathedral

An evening of prayer, music games and community for the youth of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

February 27th-28th, 2009

Philadelphia Cathedral
Corner of 38th & Chestnut
Philadelphia, PA 19104

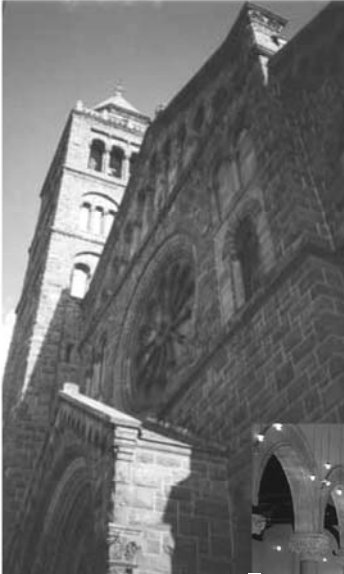
Registration begins at 6:45pm

Pick-up at 12pm on the 28th

Cost: \$15 per youth

Registrations are due February 20th, 2009.

For more information contact & to register:
Andrew Kellner
215.627.6434 ext 120
andrewk@diopa.org



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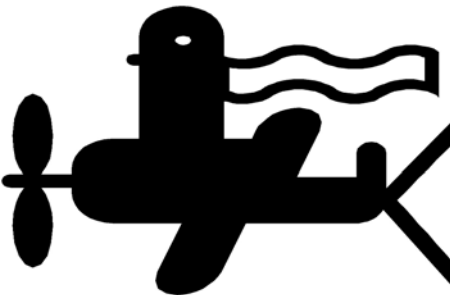
See Heather Myers for more information and to sign up. Call 215-512-0363 or email me at moosefamily@comcast.net.

Reminders

*Sunday School Breakfast
Sign-Up 9/13/09 at 10am.*

*New Time for Sunday School
is 10:30-11:30*

*Babysitting available
from 10:30-12:30*



Calendar

- Sept 6** Outside Service - 10:00 AM
- Sept 7** Office Closed - Labor Day Holiday
- Sept 13** Two Services - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Stewardship Committee Meeting - 10:15 AM
(after 09:00 AM service)
Baptisms at 11:00AM Service
Sunday School Sign-up Breakfast
Lucia Meeting - Roak Room - 1:00 PM
Swedish Service 4:00 PM
- Sept 14** Commission on Ministry Meeting - 7:00 PM - Roak Room
- Sept 16** Vestry Meeting - 7:00 PM - Roak Room
- Sept 17** Swedish Colonial Society - 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Roak Room
- Sept 19** Welcome Back Spaghetti Dinner - 6:30 PM - Riverside Hall
- Sept 20** 11:00 AM Service - Historic St. George's Methodist Church
Here at Gloria Dei
- Sept 21** Book Club Meeting 7:00 PM - Riverside Hall
Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
- Sept 27** Baptism 11:00 AM Service
- Oct 3** A Celebration and Thanksgiving for St. Francis
- Oct 17** Save the Date - Fall Yard Day - All Day Long.
Plan now to attend - We need your help.



Volume 5 of the Colonial Records Is Here

Vol. 5 of the Colonial Records of the Swedish Churches in Pennsylvania is available for purchase from our Church office.

The books normally sell for \$25. There is a special price of \$20 for Church members. Get yours by calling the Church Office, 215-389-1513. Reserve yours today.

The Lectionary for September

September 6th, Proper 18

Grant us O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

Psalm: 125 or 146

2nd Reading: James 2:1-10(11-13)14-16

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

September 13th, Proper 19

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm: 19

2nd Reading: James 3:1-12

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

September 20th, Proper 20

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

September 27th, Proper 21

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Psalm: 124

2nd Reading: James 5:13-20

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50



From the Historical Committee

I-95 Dig Provides Link to Old Swedes

If you travel I-95 north of center city you have undoubtedly experienced the road construction going on. The improvement project will cover a three-mile stretch of I-95 heading north from Race Street. Under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 all federal construction requires historical review of affected areas.

In June archaeologists picked a sliver of land 10 x 100 foot for their investigation by a highway retaining wall on Shackamaxon Street. They discovered the plot was part of the backyard of a home that Godfrey Remer bought for his shipwright son, Matthew, in 1778 in what was then called Kensington and now Fishtown.

According to an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer, "Godfrey, most likely came to America as an indentured servant, eventually buying side-by-side houses for himself and his son, Matthew. During the Revolutionary War, Matthew joined the Kensington Artillery and helped repair the fleet of Durham boats before Gen. George Washington led troops across the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776."

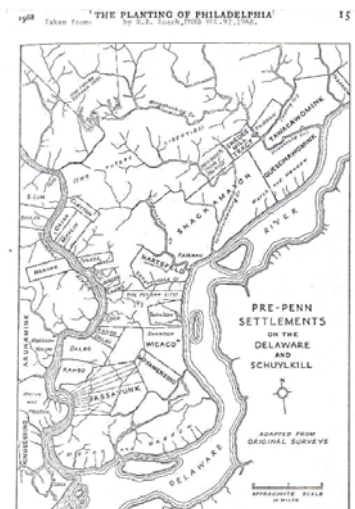
Kensington was originally settled by Swedes. A quick search of Old Swedes' marriage records shows Mary Remer married William Forepaugh, Jr. on November 4, 1770.

The article went on to say that "in six pits used as 18th-century dumpsters, they found such household items as a painted pearlware bowl from England, a chamber pot, a fractured teapot. They dug up a bone button, a domino, a piece of a flute-like recorder. They unearthed scraps from colonial meals: apple seeds, a peach pit, fish bones. And in undisturbed layers of earth, they chanced upon stone points from spears and arrows, probably wielded by Native American hunters 1,000 years ago."

As additional digs are done along I-95 and the site of the Sugarhouse casino, there are possibilities that other links may be found to Old Swedes.

Until next time....

Bob Josnweit



The Book Club at Old Swedes

We invite you to join The Book Club @ Old Swedes
as we read the following books.

We meet at Old Swedes' Church, Christian Street and Delaware Ave.
Monday, September 21st at 7 p.m.

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson.

This book alternates the story of Marconi's quest for the first wireless transatlantic communication with the tale of a mild-mannered murderer caught as a result of the invention.

Monday, October 12th at 7 p.m.

The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid.

A young Pakistani graduate from Princeton began work with an exclusive firm in New York, fell in love with a well connected American girl, and then the twin towers came down on 9/11. Now he sits in a cafe and tells his story to an American.

Monday, November 16th at 7 p.m.

Netherland by Joseph O'Neill.

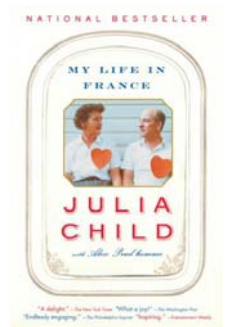
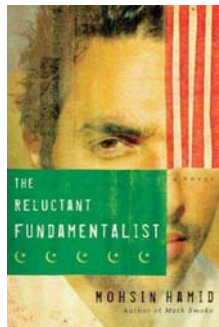
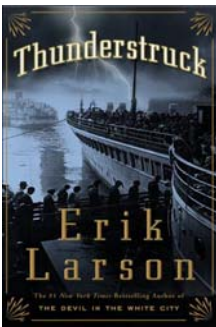
Hans van den Broek, the novel's Dutch narrator, finds himself adrift in New York City after he watches the twin towers fall on 9/11. His marriage founders and he finds solace by playing cricket with comrades from the West Indies and Asia.

Monday, December 14th at 7 p.m.

My Life in France by Julia Child.

In this memoir, Julia Child talks about how she knew nothing about cooking when she moved to France in 1948. She began taking classes at the Cordon Bleu cooking school. She eventually became a cook, teacher, and writer.

Marilyn Johnson



Woodstock Redux . . . Revisited

(in case you missed it)

On August 15, 2009, Gloria Dei hosted the Sexton Sideshow's 3rd music festival, Woodstock Redux. Over 100 people attended, which exceeded our hopes. We made \$2,553, which includes a \$1000 check from Wal-Mart. This time, vendors and performers utilized our entire space and it was a great opportunity for us to show off our beautiful grounds to the community.

Each of our sites was bustling with activity. The parking area was a loading zone for music equipment and was used as the main entrance to the event. The admissions table was set up there as well, to welcome people, give freebies (pretzels, schedule/map and promos from Woodstock movie), and collect admission money. TD Bank supplied us with bags to hold all the goodies. Thanks to Peg and Jerry for the pretzels and to Joan, Sue, Joy and Kim for ably attending that station.



The Riverside Hall was a hotspot, as well. In addition to being the food court and bar, there were also poetry readings and dancers and several musical performances. The kitchen ran smoothly (thanks to Tiia and Megan, Kim and the Myers gang) and the food was a big hit, as evidenced by the tiny bit of leftovers. Most of our food was donated by local bars and restaurants—Wings from the Artful Dodger and Ceasar Salad from O'Neal's. Heather and Tommy donated the meat (as usual) used for Chicken Minacci and Honor's Chili. We tried out a new menu item—Paula's idea for Frito Pie—in a cup drop a layer of fritos, add a heaping scoop of chili, a sprinkling of cheese and top with more fritos—voila a Frito Pie. Now for the bar: thank goodness for Steph, who kept a very smooth running beverage station featuring Philadelphia Brewing Company's Rowhouse Red and Kenzinger beers, and Java Company's iced coffee. In between checking IDs and serving drinks, she whipped up a mean sangria. Off to the left,



proudly displayed on the wall was a gorgeous mural made for the occasion by our very own Leigh Jenkins. Luckily, there are pictures because the actual painting is GONE . . . because someone bought it! Her first piece sold and it happened at Woodstock! Check out this edition of the Riverside to see Leigh's amazing mural! Right outside the hall, on the south side, the fun continued with a henna artist, a face painter, and vendors selling jewelry and baby clothes.



The next performance site was inside the church. Guests were welcomed with paper fans to keep cool as they listened to the mellow and hypnotic melodies of Uke Ellington. Outside, modern dancers from the Elysian Dance Company flooded the brick pathway as they improv-ed to Alex's hip hop poetry, while a fascinated audience looked on from the graveyard.

Another lively scene was created in front of the Roak House. An arts and crafts table, run by our community service children and 2 of my students from West Philly, was a big hit. People were prancing around in daisy chain head-dresses, making spin art, rubbing on tattoos, and painting a mural. At one point, we even spotted a dog with a daisy chain collar. Too cute!! Ugly as Sinn performed right outside the office to a rather civilized audience seated on benches and chairs under the shade of the old plum tree.

Last but not least, at dusk, the amphitheater was transformed into yet another performance area. Several bands played, including Dillon's, to an audience of about 60, sitting Woodstock-style in the grass as they tuned in—or out—a perfect depiction of peace and harmony. What more could we ask for? As the bands packed up, a DJ entered the space and entertained those remaining until midnight.

Luckily, Vicky and Jim, on security detail, kept a watchful eye on the grounds and the people, as the performers rotated from space to space. Also, Jim Parsons, our resident medic, was on-call in case of emergencies. Luckily, his presence was all that was needed. And speaking of luck, we are grateful that Brent showed up at the end and was part of the clean-up crew. He really helped speed things along!

Well, that was the skinny of the Woodstock event, in case you missed it.

On a more personal note:

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All Gloria Dei events are well-planned and well-run and this was no exception! Jim and Paula meticulously planned this event down to the last detail. It's truly a cool experience to be in on the planning stage and see all the behind the scenes work that goes in to an event like this—it is a tremendous undertaking!! Kudos to Jim & Paula for planning another successful fundraiser! It was fun to shadow you guys and pitch in here and there as I got swept up in the amazing energy generated by this event.

The dedication of our volunteers and those who support us, either by attending or contributing, never ceases to amaze and inspire me—our little community is truly extraordinary! I am so proud to be part of this group and can't wait until the next event!

P.S. Just one more thing: Mark and Candy supplied us with beautiful, high-quality flyers and posters, which Jim & Paula plastered around the city to advertise our event. In addition, we tried something new and posted our event on www.phillyfunguide.com. That is how the producers of "Taking Woodstock" found us and donated promotional material for the upcoming movie to us. It's a great advertising tool that we would like to keep using in the future. If you would be so kind as to write a review or leave a comment, it will be very helpful for folks deciding whether to attend an event of ours in the future. To do so, just go the website. In the search box, type in Woodstock, find Gloria Dei and click it. Scroll down to write a review.

Peace & love,

Diane Honor

Ever-growing List of Sponsors, (in case you want to know):

Artful Dodger	Wings
Bluebond	Equipment
Carl's Farm Fresh Eggs	Meat (hot dogs, ground beef & chicken)
For Pete's Sake	\$
Java Company	Coffee
Nuts to You	Trail Mix
O'Neals	\$ and Ceasar Salad
Philadelphia	
Brewing Company	Rowhouse Red & Kenzinger kegs
Society Hill Beverage	Soda and Ice
TD Bank	Reusable grocery bags
Tattooed Mom's	\$
Wal-Mart	\$
Woolly Mammoth	\$



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

9/13

10:00-10:30 Sunday School Breakfast and Sign-Up
10:30-11:15 Meet & Greet Parents, Students & Teachers
11:15-11:30 Craft Stained Glass for installation on 10/18 Children's Sabbath

9/20

10:30-10:45 Craft Stained Glass for installation on 10/18 Children's Sabbath
10:45-11:30 Lesson

9/27

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10:45-11:30 Lesson

Upcoming Events:

10/3: Blessing of the Animals

10/4: No Sunday School; Service at St. George's

10/18: Childrens Sabbath – Installation of Stained Glass & older kids to read psalm during service.

10/25: 1 service at 10am; Sunday School will begin at 9:30

2009



WELCOME the Newest MEMBER

... of Gloria Dei baptized on July 5, 2009
Kieran Parker Shih-Yang Ning

In REMEMBRANCE of

... **Florence M. Laudano**
1940-2009

Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Felix D'Lauro by: Doris Connor
Michael Marvel by: Jean & Bob Neill; Marge Lord;
Joe & Dolores Collins; George & Donna Collins
Stella Dempsey by: Bob & Jean Neill
Maryann Cassidy by: Louise Collins
Mr. Bob Rodebaugh by: Mr. & Mrs. Robert Daly
Captain James E. Miller by: Sally Daly
Kevin Schenk by: Jean & Bob Neill
Josephine Achoian by: Cathy & Michael Cottrill

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.