

February 2010

Down By The Riverside

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

The World Is Crazy

The world is crazy. I listen to the news and it is chaos, frightening and hysterical. Bombs on airplanes, 10% unemployment, drug wars. I feel that I should do something but what can I do? I can't make the Israelis and the Palestinians stop killing each other. I have no control over tsunamis or earthquakes or pirates from Somalia. I can't control Congress or the mayor of Philadelphia. I can't make my husband stop smoking. I can't even keep my cats from jumping onto the kitchen counter.

But Jesus gives good advice about this problem. He says, "Love your neighbor as yourself." A neighbor has a name, needs help with the same sorts of things we need help with. Food, comfort, a job, someone to talk to.

Guatemala is a corrupt country, full of poverty and crime. Our neighbors at our sister parishes Ascension and Annunciation are malnourished and frequently don't have access to clean water. We can't change that. But we do help 25 children from our sister parishes receive basic medical help and some education. We are helping a few children grow up stronger, with a few more tools to negotiate life.



There are so many people alive today, people who live in towns we've never heard of, speak languages we've never heard of. So many of them are starving, living in refugee camps, living in fear of war on their doorstep. And they are all important, all immortals on the path to God. God knows and loves each single one as well as He knows and loves you and me.

Sunday, February 21st, is Guatemala Sunday at Gloria Dei. It is the day we celebrate our relationship with two small Episcopal parishes in Guatemala. It

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is the day you are asked to sponsor one or two of our scholarship children. It is the day you are asked to contribute to some basic medical care for them. I hope you are able to help with your donations once again.

The Guatemala Committee meets once a month and all are welcome. The committee is currently planning Guatemala Sunday which includes a church presentation, a bazaar where we will sell genuine Guatemalan crafts and plenty of food, of course.

If you are interested in helping out with this special Sunday, contact Heather Myers (215-512-0363) or Julie Daye (215/551-1723).

Julie Daye



Ash Wednesday February 17, 2010

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.

Hi all, it's me, Diane Honor. I volunteered to organize the **Ash Wednesday** meal that Joy mentioned above. As part of my duties, I need to gather volunteers for 5-6 soups, 5-6 breads and maybe 3 salads. Given the connotations of Ash Wednesday marking the beginning of Lent, we ask that our soups be of the vegetarian variety so we are in keeping with the simplicity and disciplined nature of the season. Any takers? Please let me know. There will be sign up sheets at the back table at church, or you can visit the Friends of Gloria Dei Facebook page. Please let me know if you plan on attending, regardless, so we can get a sense of the headcount. Hope to see you there!

Thanks so much!

Diana

IKEA/Lucia



During Lucia, IKEA graciously agreed to donate Swedish Meatballs in exchange for a donation of our time. We eagerly accepted the invitation and were intrigued about how we could help. They needed Gloria Dei volunteers to help promote their line of sparkling ciders by letting customers sample their delicious varieties of ciders. So an enthusiastic bunch of us (Paula, Diane, Peggy, Sally, Flossie and Doris) answered the call of duty and

volunteered over 3 Sundays, pouring and distributing cider and mingling with the masses at IKEA. What a BLAST! We all had our “Lucy & Ethel” moments and were so happy to reciprocate to a local company in the community that has done so much for us. Way to get involved Gloria Dei!!



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

2/7

SOUPer Bowl Sunday Fundraiser. We need soups to sell! Please tell Paula what soups you are bringing. Soup can be brought on Sunday or the week of. The older kids will sell soup between services. Little Glorias will have Sunday School during the regularly scheduled times.

2/14

PERFORMANCE for the Bishop at the 11 o'clock service. All kids should be at church at 10:15 for rehearsals!

2/21 & 2/28

10:30-10:45 Craft 10:45-11:30 Lesson



Altar Flowers



If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday 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.

Lenten Soup and Study

Please join us for our Lenten Soup and Study each Wednesday in Lent from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Riverside Hall. We come together around a simple meal of soup and bread followed by a discussion of the book we have chosen to read together. This year we will be reading *God: Stories*, edited by C. Michael Curtis. This brief description of the book appears on the back cover:



In a fresh approach to an age-old discussion, an esteemed editor of the *Atlantic Monthly* collects twenty-five dazzling short stories by eminent writers about spiritual experiences of all sorts. With works by John Updike, Philip Roth, Louise Erdrich, James Joyce, Flannery O'Connor, James Baldwin, Alice Munro, and more, *God: Stories* offers insight, solace, and pleasure not only to the faithful but to seekers – and those who simply love fine stories. This rare and precious collection explores the human dimensions of spirituality from the comic to the passionate, the skeptical to the mystical and beyond.

If you would like a book and/or can bring soup or bread on any of the Wednesdays please sign up. (The sign-up board is in the back of the church) If you need a ride please call the office and we will arrange for you to be picked up. If you cannot join us Wednesday evenings please consider signing up for a copy of the book and reading along with us. (Expense for our books this year will be covered by the Rector's Discretionary Fund)

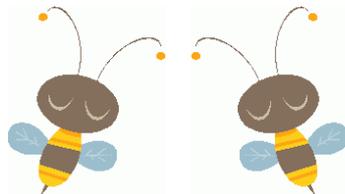
We close each evening with the short nighttime service of Compline. Please mark your calendars for the Wednesdays in Lent (2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24) and plan to join us as we open our minds and hearts to the many experiences of faith shared in these stories and in our fellowship.



From the Hospitality Committee

Special thanks to all who contributed their “time, talent, treasure” to our Sunday morning fellowship. There will be a “sign up” sheet for future weekly participation. We look forward to your continued support.

Any suggestions or questions, please contact the “Two Busy Bs” – Ann Blackstone (215-990-8776) or Peggy Buescher (267-456-4718).



Witness Trees

Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

BY YOUR GENEROUS OFFERING THE WORK & WORSHIP OF THIS, THE OLDEST CHURCH IN PENNSYLVANIA, IS PERPETUATED

This year the collections from our Lucia Fest services began a fund for the care and maintenance of the many trees on our property. Gloria Dei is over three hundred years old and many of the trees have witnessed much of its history. But many of them are in need of professional care if they are to continue to be a source of beauty and an integral part of our beautiful grounds.

These trees need your help so that they may continue to be our witnesses of history as it unfolds in this beloved place of sanctuary, worship, and community activity.

Glorious Trimmers: \$25 - \$99; **Swedish Pruners:** \$100 - \$199; **Philadelphia Defenders:** \$200 - \$499;
Extraordinary Arborists: \$500 and above; **Friends of Gloria Dei:** Any amount

Send donations to:

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For information (215) 969-1513 www.olds-wedes.org



Next Date: February 25th

JAZZ Joe

at Gloria Dei

Every fourth Thursday,
between the hours of 7:30 & 10:30

the Jack Alan Quartet

Parking Available • Admission: A Donation would be Appreciated • Coffee and Sweets Provided

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Calendar

- Feb 4** Souper Bowl Sunday
- Sunday School fundraiser for Haiti
- Feb 8** Book Club 7:00 PM - Riverside Hall
The Glass Castle ● —————
by Jeanette Walls
- Feb 9** Guatemala Committee Meeting - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
- Feb 10** Diocesan Finance & Property Committee Meeting
4:30 - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Feb 14** BISHOP'S VISIT - Receptions 11:00AM Service
Renewal of Marriage Vows
Sweetheart Pancake Breakfast
Swedish Service 4:00PM
- Feb 16** Sexton SideShow Presents: - Fat Tuesday
- Feb 17** Ash Wednesday - 6:00 Simple Meal
7:00PM Service - Holy Communion & Imposition
of Ashes
- Feb 18** Swedish Colonial Society 1:00 PM - Roak Room
Vestry Meeting - 7:00 PM - Roak Room
- Feb 21** Guatemala Sunday
Norwegian Service 4:00PM
- Feb 24** Soup & Study 7:00 - 8:30PM - Riverside Hall
- Feb 25** Jazz & Joe - 7:30 - 10:30PM - Riverside Hall



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

The Lectionary for February

February 7, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)

Psalm: 138

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

February 14, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-25

Psalm: 99

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: John 15:9-12

February 17, 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

1st Reading: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalm 103 or 103:8-14

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

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

February 21st, First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

February 28th, Second Sunday in Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm: 27

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Gloria Dei: One Bread, One Body Through Christ

In late 2009, I decided on a whim—one that was no doubt planted in my head by the Holy Spirit—to take the diocesan training that would enable me to be a Eucharistic Visitor to the sick and shut-in members of Gloria Dei. Since then, some of you have seen me walk up to the altar after communion to receive from Joy a small black bag (which contains the bread and wine from our communion feast) and be sent forth with a prayer in which we are all reminded that though we are many members, we are one body in Christ.

Several times now, I've had the pleasure of visiting with one of our ill parishioners and bringing her your greetings, as well as sharing with her the body and blood of our Lord. When I visit with her, I assure her that through the breaking of bread and drinking of wine she is with us each Sunday and we are with her. I am reminded of St. Paul's moving message in his first letter to the Corinthians: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." He adds, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it" (1 Corinthians 12: 12, 26).

Whether we're gathered together in our beautiful sanctuary on Sunday morning or simply going about our daily lives, whenever we know of any of our members who are suffering in any way—physical or mental illness, loneliness, grief, hunger, homelessness, poverty, lack of mobility or transportation—we, too, suffer. And we, the one body, must act on behalf of the suffering member and do whatever we can to help, or risk greater suffering to the whole body.

In the past few weeks, I've been thinking about other ways that I can reach out to members of our parish. I am aware of some in need of transportation to and from church on a Sunday. Others need someone to pick up and deliver a few items from the store once in a while. Someone else might need a ride to a doctor's appointment when other modes of transportation fail. And there are likely other needs that have yet to be recognized.

I'd like to find several others at Gloria Dei who are interested in meeting with me to talk about what we can do to improve our "inreach" to the sick and shut-in members of our parish. This ministry would be different from that of Eucharistic Visitor; it would simply be lending a hand once in a while to those from our parish who need it. If you are interested, please see me after church some Sunday (if you don't know me, please ask someone to point me out). Or feel free to email me: megan77777@yahoo.com. Thank you for prayerfully considering this ministry.

May we, who are one body, recognize when our members are suffering and be given the grace, gifts, and courage to help and heal. Amen.

Sincerely,

Megan Bartlett

All proceeds will go to Haiti
thru Episcopal Relief and Development

Sweet Heart Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 14th

Renewal of Marriage Vows
at each Service – 9 am & 11 am

Breakfast starts at 10 am
and will serve till 1 pm

\$7 - Adults \$4 - Children under 12

Includes pancakes, sausage,
fruit and coffee/tea/juice

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SEXTON SIDESHOW PRESENTS

FAT Tuesday

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Columbus Blvd. & Christian St. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



**February
16th**

JAZZ Horses

Featuring:
Kevin Hanson

**Mardi Gras
Jazz Trio**

Paul Fejko
- Tony "Stickman" Wyatt -
Marlon Salaam

\$5 UNDER 21 / \$10 OVER 21

Food Available - Beverages Included for Over 21

Doors Open at 6pm - Music Begins at 7pm

Sponsors



Sexton Sideshow's 1st event of 2010 is Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday, February 16th. Join us for live music featuring our very own Paul Fejko and his jazz group. Also performing are Jazz Horses featuring guitarist Kevin Hanson who has played with local Philly bands Huffamoose and the Roots. Beer is provided by Phila Brewing Co. Great Cajun Cookin will be available. Come join us for a great time . . . and then it's Lent.

Books on the Way!

The Swedes wrote to their homeland asking for ministers and religious books “in order to promote the preservation of our holy religion among this small number of settlers in America.” It was recommended to the archbishop on February 18, 1696 that he “grant them aid, and to favor their petition for obtaining two clergymen.” He should “carefully select for them such good and learned pastors as they desire to have; and it is our will that, as soon as they shall be ready for their voyage, they be provided with a passage, and the necessary funds to defray their expenses. You will also procure the bibles, homilies, common-prayer and hymn-books, catechisms, primers, and spiritual treatises which are desired; so that the ministers may take these books along with them, which we will present free of expense.”

The books sent included “30 Bibles, 150 Manuals, 100 Religious treatises of different kinds, 100 Books of Common Prayer and Hymns, 2 Ecclesiastical Acts, 2 Church Regulations, 100 Catechisms of Archbishop Suebilhis, 400 Primers, and 500 Catechisms in the Indian language. “ After several delays due to storms the ship, Jeffris, finally sailed from England with the books and two clergymen on February 4, 1697.

Bob Josuweit



From Your Friendly Neighborhood Parish Musician!

There may be those who were inspired by the music this past Christmas Eve. That music was in large part made possible by a generous gift from a parishioner. Having found out about that Christmas gift, another parishioner decided to contribute to special music for the Bishop's visit on Valentine's Day.

I will engage some singers and we will offer parts of the 'Wedding Cantata' by Daniel Pinkham. Any who might want to join in this endeavor can come to the church for a special rehearsal Tuesday, 2/9 at 6:30pm. Between now and then, those interested could join us at the regular rehearsal time: Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Riverside Hall.

Perhaps others might be moved to contribute to musical offerings on special occasions. Indeed, if just 50 people gave only \$10 per week to fund music offerings, we would have the means to offer up great musical inspiration every Sunday!

Those interested in making contributions to music should contact Mark Roberts, Jerry Buescher, Heather Myers, or me.

Music is such a wonderful way to spread joy, inspiration, and spirituality. More of such is always welcome!

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WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS

.. of Gloria Dei baptized on:

January 10, 2010 *Patrick Hamilton Budd*

Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Anselmo Cardamone

By Marge Lord

Joe & Dolores Collins

Mary Black

By Jean & Rob Neill

Joe & Dolores Collins

George & Donna Collins

Eddie Lord & Kristin

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 Services:

9:00 & 11:00 AM

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.

Diana Booren, Seminarian

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 (1/10/10); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/4/10); Pentecost (5/23/10); and All Saints Sunday (11/7/10). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.