Sanuary / Sebruary 2018 Down By The Riverside

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Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

2018 is upon us and with it comes great change for our church. The Search Committee of Gloria Dei church – Jerome Buescher, Carol Jenkins, Nora Melley, Heather Meyers, Karen Onyschzak, Jim Ufheil, and Jeanette Woehr have been very busy in the past few months reading resumes, and interviewing potential candidates for rector. This process was filled with open discussions and many prayers. Many thanks to the Parish Profile Committee who provided the necessary information on who we are and where we would like to go as a parish. Thank you to the parishioners and friends of Gloria Dei for your important feedback on the parish survey.

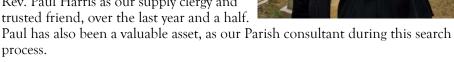
After much work the Search Committee chose a candidate to present to Bishop Gutierrez. He gave his full blessing and support to Gloria Dei church and our chosen candidate. The vestry then had to vote on the presented candidate. The result was a unanimous <u>Yes</u> vote for the candidate!

I am proud to announce that the 26th rector of Gloria Dei church is **Rev. Patricia Cashman**

Please join us for Patricia's 1st Sunday at Gloria Dei on January 21st at 10:00am. This will not be her official installation, that will be appounced at a later date.

2018 promises to be an exciting time for Gloria Dei church as we begin our journey together, creating new ministries and sustaining our current ones.

Lastly, we have been blessed to have Rev. Paul Harris as our supply clergy and trusted friend, over the last year and a half.



Please join us as we say thank you and farewell to our trusted friend on his final service Sunday January 14^{th} at 10:00am

Thanks be to God, Carol Jenkins

Dear Welcoming Congregation of Gloria Dei

In a few weeks we will be meeting for the first time and we will begin to get to know each other. I can think of no better way to start as your rector than in visiting with each of you at a time and place for us to easily enjoy sharing stories and conversation. As I learn about Gloria Dei through you, I will have confidence that my adjustment to this historic, diverse, busy place will be a time of calm confidence, exciting joy and deep listening.

As your rector, I want to be the resource for your spiritual needs and growth. As your rector, I want to see Gloria Dei achieve church growth through a spirit of enterprise. In the years to come, I hope we learn to crew, as on a tall ship, not tied up to the wharf passively, but sailing bravely on the high seas of the future.

Gather round, lads and lassies! Somewhere someone said *Life is an adventure or nothing!* Together, let us pack up for the voyage what is most dear to us and journey on.

Blessings be upon your homes and loved ones! Peace be in your hearts! Let us give Gloria to God as the bells of our nation ring in the New Year, 2018.

Faithfully,

Patricia+





Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee spoke to the parish during the month of October, using the theme "Stand Up" – stand up for our love for this place, for this place where the Kingdom makes its presence felt in South Philadelphia. Stand up – for our love and care for our brothers and sisters in this parish. Stand up – for our commitment to the community where we worship.

We set a pledge goal of \$51,000 - because that number represents one-half, just one-half, the cost of supporting our rector. As we completed the process of calling a new rector, it would be a fitting - and new - thing if our pledges were to cover one-half that cost.

Sadly, we did not accomplish that goal. Only 27 pledging units pledged, and those 27 units pledged a total of \$44,194. In the previous year, 31 units pledged and those units pledged a total of \$44,279.

Are we disappointed? Yes. Will we throw up our hands and say "@#\$%"? No.

The first thing we noted is that a smaller number of pledging units pledged an amount equivalent to the amount pledged the previous year. That's a good thing. The second thing we noted is that the pledge letter was not sent to the best list of parishioners and parish supporters. That was not a good thing, and it was remedied by sending a second letter to those missed on the first mailing. We've had, so far, one response to that second letter. We'll wait till January 31, 2018 to determine the final number of pledging units and the amount pledged. Stay tuned ...

We'll continue to work on this pledging issue and we'll, once again, continue our goal of making the parish aware of "stewardship" all year long, not just in the month of October. Look for articles in the *Riverside* on a regular



basis. There's a good chance that you'll also hear from us at services, throughout the year, not just during October.

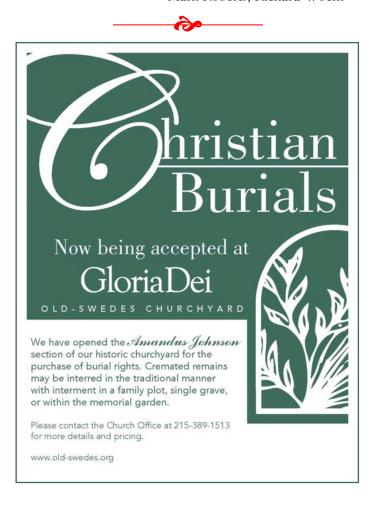
We're about to begin another chapter during the 341st year of Gloria Dei. A new rector will join us on

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January 21, 2018. We'll welcome her. We'll hear her share her ideas. We'll listen as she reflects back to us the ideals we laid out in six months of hard work in our Parish Profile. And then we'll Stand Up – stand up for our love for this place, for this place where the Kingdom makes its presence felt in South Philadelphia. Stand up – for our love and care for our brothers and sisters in this parish. Stand up – for our commitment to the community where we worship.

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 1988 accepted this resolution: "that the statement 'Stewardship is the Main Work of the Church' be adopted by this General Convention and affirmed as a theological stewardship statement for the Church." We, the parishioners of Gloria Dei parish, will do our best to make it obvious that we take that resolution to heart.

The Stewardship Committee: Jerry Buescher, Barbara Potts, Mark Roberts, Richard Woehr



Angel Tree Project Update

The Angel Tree Project was a new external ministry created in 2016 as a result of work done by "Team D" of the Profile Committee. One of our goals in developing this external ministry was to follow our missional statement here at Gloria Dei - to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by loving God and our neighbors as ourselves. Our specific purpose was to respond to the needs of others within the parish and our community - meeting the needs of a child at Christmas seemed to fit the bill!

We reached out to a neighborhood school - Nebinger - and obtained twenty-five sets of initials of first and second graders who might be in need at Christmas time. Those initials were placed on angel ornaments, hung on a Christmas tree, and were taken by parishioners to sponsor and provide a gift for that child. All twenty-five were chosen within two weeks and we were thrilled wit such generosity and participation.

Several parishioners approached me and asked me to increase the number of children this year, as they didn't have the opportunity to sponsor a child last year because all the angel ornaments had been taken. I listened and did that exact thing ... I increased the number of children to forty first- and secondgraders. I am disappointed to say that thirteen unsponsored angel ornaments remained on the tree the week before Christmas ... With the help of several vestry members and the budget that was approved when I submitted my request, we were able to secure forty-three gifts to Nebinger School. I would like to thank all that helped deliver the gifts of five large bags filled with toys in our "Santa convertible sleigh" and Uber - Re Hemming, Rita West, and Susan Weinman.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in this "giving." We received many smiles from children, and gratitude from parents and teachers. I'd say it was another successful year. This project is truly an example of the importance of reaching

Love and peace,

out beyond our walls and of the

difference we can make. Peggy Buescher

Hospitality

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, shaken together, running over, will be put in your lap. For the measure you give you will get back." (Luke 6:38)

Thank you to all who extended themselves and made the effort to make hospitality so successful. There's never a shortage at Gloria Dei thanks to your generosity and support. We've had all sorts of "tastings" that have welcomed many visitors and sustained us as we interact with each other.

I always remind myself when doing hospitality that the Lord said, "It is better to give than receive." "Giving" takes effort and I need your help – help in signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board and sharing your time, talent, and treasure with us.

We hosted several wonderful events the past several months. We welcomed the families and friends who come every October in loving memory of the lives lost in 1980 on the SS Poet, the subject of the large bronze plaque on the south side of the rear wall in the church. We welcomed the amazing Matsiko children choir. We hosted a farewell celebration for Joy, and – as always – an abundant Christmas Eve reception.

We continue to need people to step up and sign up on the hospitality sheet on the bulletin board in Riverside Hall. We strive to carry out the mission spelled out in the letter to the Hebrews: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Help us keep the doors not only "open," but also open to say, "Welcome, come in. Eat, drink, and feel blessed."

Joy and peace, Peggy Buescher, Re Hemming, Rita West, Barb Chilcott, Linda Vitkow, and Susan Weinman



Jan 25th and Feb 22nd 7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall



About Friends of Nebinger (FON)
Established in 2011, the Friends of
Nebinger (FON) is a votunteer,
community-based group that has
partnered with the G. W. Nebinger
Elementary School administration, faculty,
parents, students, community, and city
leaders to maintain and strengthen the
community's pride in the school by raising
funds and support for its academic,
cultural, and school climate endeavors.
The school is located at Sixth and
Carpenter in the Bella Vista neighborhood.
QVMA is a fiscal sponsor for FON.

About Queen Village Neighbors
Association (QVNA)
Cusen Village Neighbors Association
(QVNA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit
organization to serve the residents of
Cusen Village and strengthen the
community by: providing a forum for
public discussion of issues of concern
and interest, supporting improvements to
our neighborhood, our schools and our
city, facilitating understanding and use of
public services and acting as a channel of
communication with city officials and
elected representatives.

About The Jazz Sanctuary

The Jazz Sanctuary is a 501(c)3 public charity created to maintain America's great music invention: JAZZ; by bringing jazz to the community through performance at community gatherings; to further the study of jazz to those who cannot afford the cost and to pay musicians a fair rate for their effort. www.thejazzsanctuary.com

About Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, an Episcopal church, is blessed with the beauty and charm of a garden-like setting located in Queen Village. Our church community views themselves as friendly, open, accepting, relaxed and welcoming to all! Jan 1 Happy New Year! Resolve to "like" the Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')

Jan 2 Office closed

Jan 3, Chair Yoga with Kathy - 9:00am Riverside Hall, chairs provided

10, 17, Great opportunity to gently stretch and strengthen muscles,

24, 31 reduce stress, and develop better breathing habits. Drop in class, all levels welcome. \$ 10 per session

Jan 9, Evensong – Tuesdays at 6:30pm

16, 23, Meditation with Sheila - On hiatus until March 6

Yoga with Sarah – 7:15pm Riverside Hall, drop in class, all levels welcome, \$ 10 per session. A slow-flow mindful practice that uses the physical shapes of Yoga Asana to deepen your awareness of breath. Mats available to borrow.

Jan 8 HGDPC Meeting - 5:30pm, Roak Hall

Jan 14 Church of Sweden - 4:00 service, followed by fellowship in Riverside Hall

Jan 18 Swedish Colonial Society Meeting -11:00am - 3:00pm, Riverside Hall

Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm, Riverside Hall

Jan 25 Jazz & Joe – 7:30pm, Riverside Hall





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.

Calendar

Feb 6, 13, 20, 27 **Evensong** - Tuesdays at 6:30pm

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Feb 7, **14**, **21**,

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Feb 11 Church of Sweden – 4:00 service, followed by fellowship in Riverside Hall

Feb 12 HGDPC Meeting - 5:30pm, Roak Hall

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

Feb 15 Swedish Colonial Society Meeting -11:00am - 3:00pm, Riverside Hall

> **Beers n' Blues** – 7:30pm, Riverside Hall, fundraiser for George Nebinger Public School in conjunction with QVNA

Feb 21 Vestry Meeting - 7:00pm, Riverside Hall

Feb 25 Jazz & Joe - 7:30pm, Riverside Hall





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Now all these things can be done online at Gloria Dei's website! Just visit us as www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing. Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

The Lectionary for January

January 7 - Baptism of our Lord, First Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11

January 14 - Second Sunday after Epiphany

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Samuel 3:1-10[11-20] Psalm 139:1-6,13-18

1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51

January 21 - Third Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Jonah 3:1-5,10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

January 28 - Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28



The Lectionary for February

February 4 - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11,20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

February 11 - Transfiguration of our Lord, Last Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Joel 2:1-2,12-17 Psalm 103:8-14 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

February 25 - Second Sunday in Lent

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:22-30 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Remarkable Occurrences - Rev. Nicholas Collin

(spelling is per Collin's journal)

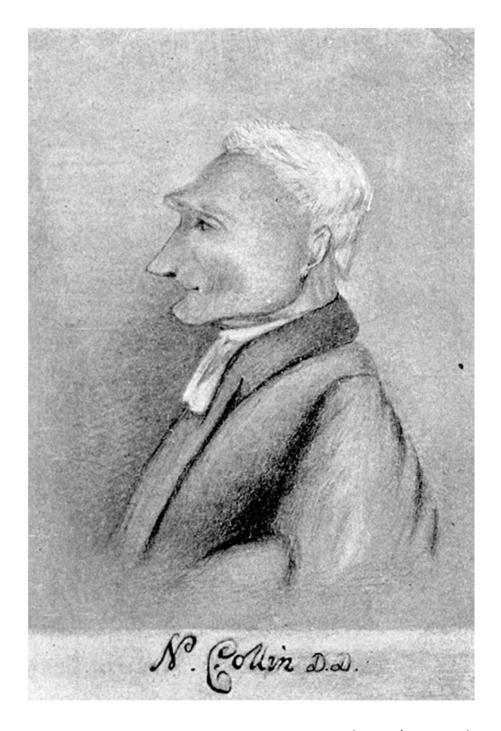
January 1, 1805 - Two men and two young women came of genteel appearance. The intended bridegroom, 27 yrs old told me in private of his premature intimacy with his future bride, and of his firm resolution to conceal the time of wedlock from the parents to save her reputation; seemed very allicted and agitated, assured me of their perfect acquiescence, et. His friend, a man of mature age and in trade of decent behaviour, affirmed that all was proper. In this case there was considerable weight, the more as the woman was 19, and had also a cousin with her. (one of the 2) Yet I would not consent, but offered him gratis any advice.

January 25, 1807 - In evening about 8 a Swede, call. himself Johnson, mate of a Russian vessel here, came with a woman of indifferent appearance, to be married, and a Dane for witness. He is well made, talk, and about 30, confessed also his real name and family which is reputable; in a principal town of Finland, where his mother, a widow has a house. The name was known to me. I gave him severe and pathetic warning. I also threatened the woman if she presumed to get married to him; and said that the marriage would be null and void. He was a little in liquor.

January 5, 1809 - Five young men came A.M. Having comp. I requested them to return p.m. They came by 5 told me truth. that the intended bridegroom was the son of a man, well known, and in a rep. situation, in this city. p. 22, which his appear. confirmed that the bride was past 19, now living with his sister who is married to a man here well known- that his father and her mother know of the connexion; but he will not permit his son to marry before he can begin decent housekeeping; which he cannot ask in this embargoing but hopes to mend his fortune by going to New Orleans, and wishes to be married secretly. I gave all the usual advises against the disadvantages, even dangers, of such marriages; strongly counseled him to marry openly, and live as he can which in the opinion of reflecting persons is the best and most honourable. I also offer my mediation with his father. He wised that my liberal sentiments were more common, but declined the offer, as entirely ineffectual on his father-retired with complaisance, and only desired me not to mention the matter to any person.

January 1818 - A widower about 40, desired marriages with a widow of suitable age, but wished it secret for a while, as his first wife had been dead but two months. He gave as reason the expense of boarding himself and children. He is I believe an honest man, and his trade is at present very dull. Yet I refused and advised him to wait for some time.

February 21, 1801 - Half past 10 at night two couples came, two of them as evidences. The intended bridegroom was said to be a sailor who must go to sea



next morning. Being refused on account of the late hour, they knocked at the door and kept entreating for 15 to 18 minutes.

February 14, 1807 - About 7 in ev. a young, appar. decent couple applied, the girl 18, and an orphan, by her own acct. The man by looks 22 or more. The companions were a young man and a girl. I told them that falsehood is too common for a clergyman to believe anything without the strongest evidence, and so dismissed them. They went off in a quick manner, and the intended bridegroom said that some body also would marry them.

February 7, 1811 - In the night a party, Irish by dialect, came about 11 at night, and a long time kept asking, and knocking, not with st. my reinonstrance, but finally went off, without and bad words.

March 30, 1807 - A decent couple came. The bride, the intended husband, and her brother affirmed that her first husband a sailor had died on a voyage to Ile of France, two years ago. But, as all the three had an interest in the affair, I could not rely on their testimony alone, and refused. She was 26 yrs. of age, by her account, and appeared so. Two other men, and one woman came with them, but had no knowledge about her first husband.

March 30, 1808 - Early p.m. a man of good appearance and of middle age, came with a d of a gentleman well known to me. Gen. now holding a civil office and resid. in Phila. She appeared to be above 21 by some years. Her name and relation was freely acknowledged, and his consent was also by her affirmed, but not so clearly. On my refusal until I had seen him, they declined, saying that they would try to get married this ev. as they were going to leave town immediately afterwards.

March 21, 1809 - A middle aged woman asked if I could marry a couple, and antedated the certificate for 11 yrs. They had been married by some minister who was dead, and had left no records, and a child of theirs was dead. The woman feared that in case of her demise the property come by her, would be carried from the husband by her brother. Answer Anted. is imposs. Advice to be qualified before a magistrate that they were married - If they really had not been to get married immediately. She said that in the country where they lived, probably was no minister, and that besides, they in that case; wished to be married here in order to conceal the time.

Jeanette Woehr

To support the historic preservation of the properties and grounds for Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church so that future generations may share in this historic and architectural treasure.

JOHN HGDPC Founding Lifetime Member

This opportunity is for those who wish to support The Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation and for those who wish to honor an important person in their life by making a gift in a loved one's name. The *HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member* program will be offered to the first 100 individuals who pay \$1,000 or pledge \$1,000, to be paid quarterly or monthly over 12 consecutive months by check or credit card.

There are many benefits to becoming a HGDPC 100 Founding Lifetime Member Benefits to enrich our society:

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- · Your gift will inspire others to join in this mission to preserve Old Swedes
- You will have the satisfaction of knowing that your gift will be safely invested to provide support for decades to come

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- Names will be permanently displayed and honored on the website, in Annual Reports, and in selected HGDPC publications
- · Receive a beautiful lapel pin to wear and identify yourself as a supporter of Old Swedes
- · Receive a certificate of appreciation, suitable for framing
- Free attendance to one HGDPC event each year and offered discounted tickets to other events as may be appropriate
- Will be able to build marketing exposure by offering door prizes at events

Historic Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Preservation Corporation Columbus Blvd. & Christian St., Philadelphia, PA 19147 Please join us Today by check or online at www.preserveoldswedes.org





In Remembrance of: Lovegrove Ann Hunter October 2, 2017

Celebrate the Newly Married
Adrianne Moore & Fred Scevoli
on November 7, 2017
Nadia Ciaravino & Eugene Gallagher
on November 11, 2017

Memorial Cards: Salvatore DiNubile By: Bob & Jean Neill



Sunday Service: 10:00 AM Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM Office Hours Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

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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 (1/7/18); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/1/18); Pentecost (5/20/18); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/18). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.