



June 2012

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

A Sign of the Times

If you've been to Gloria Dei recently you've seen an array of new signs – banners, sandwich board signs, notices tacked on trees, signs placed on the property, flyers on our doors and gates. This is all part of our attempt to make ourselves better known to the community around us as well as the community that passes by us every day, driving to work or school.

When I first interviewed for the job as Rector of Gloria Dei the Search Committee and the Vestry told me that most people who pass by, and a lot of folks who live in the neighborhood as well, think Gloria Dei is a museum. It seems that having a wall around the property and being a historical site have about them both blessings and curses.

Recently we have begun to struggle with what needs to change in order for Gloria Dei to grow, to learn how to be an important and relevant part of people's lives in the 21st century, this new time. This isn't anything we suffer alone, mind you. Many, I'll even say most, churches in the United States as well as Western Europe are in decline. This has to do with a myriad of factors – societal, cultural, environmental, economic, political, historical – and there are no simple answers as to what the future holds for the life of the church. A lot depends on the nature of the individual church itself – is it friendly, open, inclusive, does it answer some of the needs of the community, does it afford a place for gathering and for worshipping in a meaningful way. Does it offer something that folks can't get anywhere else?

What will it mean to be church in the 21st century? We can't answer that yet. If we could we would all do what we needed to do to insure we became that thing. What we do know here at Gloria Dei is that we can no longer smile or roll our eyes when we hear someone saying "I didn't know this was an active church; I thought this was just an historical site." Hence, the signs.

Of course our changes must go beyond signs. Signs will, hopefully, dispel the notion that nothing but musty, dusty stuff exists within these walls. Signs will hopefully draw people into our space. Signs reflect the activities and events that happen here and engender a new identity for us. But signs will not be enough to awaken us, or the community, to the newly emerging church of the 21st century. We must embody the signs, become the signs, ourselves.

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We have begun to incorporate new hymns and new prayers into our worship services, and that is helpful. Speaking the language of the community rather than the language of the past helps folks to hear the Good News, which is our first and most important job. But our calling as Christians has always been not only to “preach” or even “teach” but to live out loud what we say we believe. That means we must also be willing to listen; to listen with compassion, with love, with open minds and hearts, to those who come to our doors seeking deeper community. It is all well and good to invite folks in, but into what? A place where we tell them what to do and how to do it? Or a place that invites new energy, new thoughts, new ways of doing things, new ideas; a place that knows it is only when the stranger arrives and is made friend that we are made new?

This is the harder work. We can design catchy signs and come up with pithy sayings, but if we are not willing to be open to the new work God is doing in our midst we will continue to be what we have been and not what we can be. It will take all of us, working and praying and playing together, to greet the stranger, to let go of our old notions of church, and to meet the days to come with faith that God has work for us to do and will give us the means and the vision to accomplish it.

Jesus is our example. Let us remember how many, many times he said, “Your faith has made you well.” Let us live convinced of the truth of his life, his example, his words. Let us live out loud at Gloria Dei the faith that moves mountains.

Peace,

Joy +



Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

I'm writing this on Thursday May 24. I have to be away all this weekend so I'll miss the great red-flaming day of Pentecost at Gloria Dei.

I've been a regular at the Tuesday *Evensong* – and I have to say, you owe it to yourself to come some Tuesday and try it. A few songs, a few prayers, a piece of scripture – and lots of SILENCE in a quiet place in the company of familiar people.

Here's a piece from one of the prayers:

Breath of God, Breath of Life, Breath of Deepest Yearning – Come,
Holy Spirit.

Comforter, Disturber, Interpreter, Enthusier – Come, Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Friend, Lamplighter, Revealer of Truth, Midwife of Change
– Come, Holy Spirit.

Those lines get to me every week but we're coming to the Sunday that started the church's understanding of who the Spirit is and how the Spirit fits into the life of the church.

The Spirit is simultaneously the comforter and the disturber – so when I'm comforted by one thing in church and disturbed by another thing, I know that's OK, that's the way it's supposed to be.

"Enthusier" – the spirit is our source of energy and renewed commitment to the work of bringing about the kingdom (but I can't help think that my high-school English teacher is turning over in his grave about that word).

Lamplighter – the one who lights a lamp to dispel the darkness of fear, grief, anger, doubt; how aware I am of my need for that at this time.

Midwife of change – the spirit who ever and always calls the church to bring forth – in pain and suffering – new ways to bring about the kingdom.

The other thing about Pentecost is that it begins the long downhill glide to the end of the church year. And our "year" here at Gloria Dei also slows down. We've elected new vestry members, we're coming to the end of our Transforming Congregations sessions but only beginning the work of using those tools to transform our congregation – there's the Midwife of Change again, and we have the visit of the Bishop and confirmations – the conferring of that troublesome Spirit – and baptisms on June 17 to anticipate.

I'm looking forward to relaxing a bit this summer but my relaxing will include being around Gloria Dei – it's just part of my life. Hope we all gather here at least some of the time this summer.

Breath of God, Breath of Life, Breath of Deepest Yearning – Come, Holy Spirit.

Jerry Buescher



Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact the church office (215) 389-1513
or Florence Brook (267) 273-5175,
fbrook529@hotmail.com

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

Would you like to receive *Down by The Riverside* via email?

It's very simple, navigate to www.old-swedes.org, scroll to the form on the home page, fill in your contact information and you will be subscribed to our monthly newsletter. We will send you a link to download or view the PDF version of *Down by The Riverside*. (It's really more of a news source! Complete with stories about the congregation activities and the occasional history lesson. We are over 300 years old after all!)

And we will never, ever share your information with third parties or bother you in any way. This will simply keep you apprised of events like Jazz 'n Joe, the bi-annual Flea Market, the Sexton SideShows and all the community programs happening at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes' Church)



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"Down by the Riverside" to keep up
with our community events and
activities:**

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By the grace of God

The Rt. Rev. Franklin Turner, Suffragan Bishop, ret.

of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

will, by the Laying on of Hands, Confirm

Kaitlyn Marie Amato

Taylor Marie Amato

Esther ChenQi Duink

Marissa-Marie Josephine Reed

Sunday, June 17, 2012, 10:00AM

at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Columbus Blvd and Christian Street

Philadelphia, PA 19147

Your prayers and presence are requested

Reception to follow



A peek under the floorboards

Guatemala ... An Update

Guatemala Sunday had us speaking about Care, Concern, Camaraderie and Currency. Well, bottom line is we need the Currency in order to continue our work. Have you sent in your scholarship or medical assistance? Yes – **Thank you! NO – We need your help to make a difference** in the lives of our brothers and sisters at La Ascension and La Annunciation. It's easy – become a E-Giver, donations can be paid with a credit card and spread out over a few months. Call the office for details.

Our Flea Market table was once again a huge success. We touch the lives of so any people out there, talking about our mission, talking about Gloria Dei and selling, selling, selling...I think Sally could sell ice to an Eskimo! You rock Sally and thank you Julie for your continued support and assistance.

The big picture here is that we make a difference – within our community and beyond.

Please help us help our friends in Guatemala.

Thank You,

Heather Myers



Milner + Carr will be back this summer

Calendar

- June 2 - 16** Rector on vacation – The Rev. Albert Holland will officiate
- June 5, 12, 19, 26** Evensong 6:30PM – 7:00PM church
Yoga – 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
- June 6, 13, 20, 27** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10-11:00AM
All levels welcome
- June 17** 10:00AM Service – The Rt. Rev. Franklin D. Turner presiding. Confirmations and Baptisms will be performed at this service. We will also be joined by Historic St. George's United Methodist Congregation
- June 20** Vestry meeting – 7:00PM – Roak Room
- June 25** Book Club – 7:00PM – Riverside Hall
Fast Times in Palestine •
By Pamela J. Olson



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.



Donate to Gloria Dei
Make a pledge payment
Purchase books
Make Amazon purchases



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

The Lectionary for June

June 3rd, The Holy Trinity

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the true God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm: 29

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

June 10th, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm: 130

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

June 17th, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Confirmation Sunday

Grant, Almighty God, that we, who have been redeemed from the old life of sin by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, may be renewed in your Holy Spirit, and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 139

2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-27

June 24th, 4th Sunday after Pentecost;

Joint Worship Service @ Gloria Dei with St. John's Emmanuel

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Job 38:1-11

Psalm: 107:1-3, 23-32

2nd Reading: Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Gloria Dei Timeline - 1600

1637 During the reign of Queen Christina, the Kalmar Nyckel (Key of Kalmar) and a smaller vessel, called the Fogel Grip, (Flying Griffin) were fitted out in Gottenburg and sailed for New Sweden.

April 6, 1638 The two small ships dropped anchor at the site of Wilmington.

1642 Two more ships arrived bringing to these shores the first governor of Pennsylvania, **Colonel Johan Printz**. Colonel Printz being a soldier found the site of Wilmington unsatisfactory for the control of the river and moved the center of interest to Tinicum Island.

September 4, 1646 Tinicum Church was dedicated in the presence of Governor Johan Printz, and practically the entire population of New Sweden. The ceremony was conducted by the **first rector of the parish Johannes Campanius**, assisted by Israel Fluviander from Christina (Wilmington).

Johannes Campanius made the first known meteorological observations in the Delaware Valley, collected specimens of the flora and fauna of the Country and made the first translation of a Protestant book into the American Indian language. Johannes Campanius translated **Luther's *Small Catechism*** into the Algonquin language.

1648-1677 Laurence Lock - Rector

1677-1691 Jacob Fabritius - Rector

1677 Blockhouse erected with the first Christian worship held on the Wicaco site. (Gloria Dei present location). Wicaco means a pleasant place. Today Wicaco is known as Southwark which is the oldest district in the County of Philadelphia

1693 The Swedish Colony numbered 139 families totaling 939 individuals.

June 30, 1697 Three clergymen arrived from Sweden - Andreas Rudman settled at Wicaco (Gloria Dei, Pennsylvania), Eric Bjork at Christina (Trinity, Delaware) and Jonas Auren at Raccoon and Penn's Neck (Trinity, New Jersey).

1698 - 1702 Andreas (Andrew) Rudman - Rector

May 16, 1698 Vote by lot was taken to decide location of Gloria Dei.

1698 The cornerstone was laid

In Philadelphia

March 1681 Charter of Pennsylvania granted by Charles II. The original city was laid out from the Delaware to the Schuylkill Rivers, from Cedar Street (South Street) to Vine Street.

July 1681 William Penn to build great town on Delaware

1681 The first parks or public enclosures laid out in North America

October 28, 1682 William Penn arrives in Philadelphia. His house was the first brick house erected in this country.

November 1682 Penn's Treaty with the Indians at Shackamaxon

August 12, 1684 William Penn left Philadelphia and returned to England.
First almanac printed, "American's Messenger," William Bradford

1690 First Paper Mill established by William Rittenhouse, on Wissahickon Creek

1691 City Charter issued.

February 12, 1698 First public school established on the east side of Fourth Street below Chestnut Street. Inoch Flower was the first Schoolmaster.

1698 First school book published in American by Francis Pastorius.

1698 Quaker Meeting House built southwest corner Second and High (Market) Streets

Jeanette Woehr





THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thanks to all the Altar Guild members who served in May - Peggy Buescher, Candy Roberts, Dolores Collins, Marge Lord, and Jeanette Woehr.

Thanks to those who helped with our Sunday morning Hospitality in May: Peggy Buescher, Jerry Buescher, Ree Henning. And thank you to all who baked or bought goodies for our Sunday fellowship.

Thanks to those who served at St. John's Food Cupboard in May: Dolores Collins, Joe Collins, Sally Daly, Kathy Furber, Ree Henning, Rita West, Floss Brook, Sarah Eisenstein, Ann Blackstone.

Thanks to those who tutored at St. James School in May: Ann Blackstone, Maria Reilly, Barbara Chilcott, Joy Segal.

Thanks to Jim and Paula Minacci for another amazing Flea Market and Sexton SideShow in May - and to all who worked so hard to make those events fun and welcoming to our community and visitors.

Thanks to Megan Bartlett and Heather Myers for our Annual Meeting Luncheon, and to all who brought things to make our fare so bountiful.

Thanks to Jim Ufheil and Heather Myers for their service on the Vestry as they cycled off this May. And thanks to all who were willing to serve on Vestry this year.

Thanks to the "groundskeepers" who continued their dedicated work in our graveyard in May, insuring that those who visit know that this place is tended with loving care: Carol and Bob Jenkins, Joy Segal, Jeanette and Richard Woehr, Uri McMillan and Austin Jenkins.

Thanks to those who write cards and make phone calls to those who cannot be with us on Sunday, and to those who pray daily the names requested, and to those who read and serve at the altar on Sundays, and to those who serve on our committees, and to those who guide and tend to our children.

Thanks to all who serve in so many ways at Gloria Dei.

Spring Fleas 2012

Once again Gloria Dei Church shined brightly at our Spring Flea on Saturday, May 19th. We sold 320 hotdogs, 80 hamburgers, all our meatballs and soup, and half our homemade chili. It was 80 degrees outside so chili was a hard sell. Thanks to the many folks who helped on Saturday and every one who contributed and donated soda, water, supplies and their precious time.

This years spring flea marks our second decade of flea markets at Old Swedes. We shared space under 95 with Philip Neri church, and competed for people at the Italian Market Festival and Flea Markets from Head House Square and 4th & Pine. Still we shined brightly and raised up \$5,470.00 for the church fund.

C.U. in the fall.

Jim and Paula Minacci



Memorial Dei @ Gloria Dei

Sunny Skies – Tender Hearts – Hot Grills
Rowhouse Red – Dueling Banjos – Upright Bass
Irish Mist – Sax Solo – 240 Burgers – 320 Hot Dogs
Cold Water – Four Kegs – Super Side Dishes
Community Participation – Lucy Stone – Setting Up
Breaking Down – Cool Vibe – KENNETT So. 2
Artful Dodger – Brent Allen – Philadelphia Brewing
Volunteering Works – 200+ People – Seven Bands
John Paul – Park Service – Horse Shoes
Water Fun – Dillon James – Sexton SideShow.

“Like Us” – Super Wow – Monies Raised

\$3,141.00

Thank You

Jim and Paula Minacci





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WELCOME the Newest MEMBERS

... of Gloria Dei Church baptized on
May 27, 2012: **Sophia Auden Shi-Yi Ning**
Jacob Thomas Kohlenberg

CELEBRATE the Newly MARRIED

Edwardo Gafas
and
Kimberly Diane Williams



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
Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM
Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

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

VESTRY

Megan Bartlett, Secretary
Ann Blackstone
Florence Brook
Jerome Buescher, Rector's Warden
Robert Dieters, Acct. Assistant
David Hammond, Acct. Warden
Carol Jenkins
Dolores Kromchad
Barbara Potts
Lisa Reeves
Mark Roberts
Jeanette Woehr

STANDING NOTICES

Weddings

Weddings at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church must be scheduled with the clergy at least three months in advance. All weddings in the church will be governed by the Canons of the Diocese of Pennsylvania and the Book of Common Prayer. Pre-marital counseling is a prerequisite. No weddings will be conducted during Lent.

Funerals

When death occurs a family member is asked to contact the clergy so that timely arrangements for a funeral may be made. It is appropriate for the funeral of a Christian to take place in the church. It is also appropriate that funeral arrangements be made in advance and kept in a file in the church office. Burial plots are available for members of the parish in the church's cemetery. Consult the church office for costs and details.

Baptisms

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated during one of the principle Sunday liturgies and is governed by the Canons of the church and the Book of Common Prayer. Baptism is normally celebrated on one of the four appropriate feast days designated in the Book of Common Prayer. These are: The Baptism of our Lord (1/8/12); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/8/12); Pentecost (5/27/12); and All Saints Sunday (11/4/12). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advice of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.