



March/April 2015

Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

Reflections on the Seasons of Lent and Easter

A quiet time, a time to go deep.
A time to be thankful, a time to be you.
A time worth remembering, a time that is new.

A day of deliverance, a day of meaning.
A day of forever, a day of rest.
A day for the worst, a day for the best.

A season of cold, a season of dark.
A season of dreams, a season of vision.
A season to consider meaning and mission.

A lifetime of images, a lifetime of memories.
A lifetime of struggle, a lifetime of hope.
A lifetime within and beyond human scope.

A moment, a wish, a time not yet.
A morning, an evening, a new way of seeing.
A night full of meaning, a way of believing.

In joy and in sorrow, with dust all about,
Sunlight reborn midst shadows of pain,
And life everlasting again and again.

As we travel the road from cradle through cross to empty tomb, beyond our understanding yet deep in our souls, Lent and Easter live side by side. May you know the presence of God through all these days. May you see Christ on the road, and may you rejoice in the journey – every day of it, every year of it, every lifetime of it.

Peace,

Joy +

Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

As I write this a deep freeze is upon us, making spring seem like a mythical land, found only in a dream. But believe it or not it is right around the corner. With the coming of spring is Gloria Dei's Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday May 3rd, after our morning service. During this Annual Meeting we will discuss the work and workings of the church, with reports on our finances, our mission and up and coming events and activities. Mark your calendar and be sure to join us. This is also the time of year we elect new vestry members.

This is an open invitation to all qualified parishioners to run for vestry.

WE WANT YOU!

The Bylaws of Gloria Dei church state that vestry members must "be baptized and confirmed lay persons of the age of eighteen years and upwards, who shall have been worshipers in this church as their usual place of worship for at least one year prior to the date of the election and who shall appear by the books of the Corporation to have contributed towards the expenses of the Corporation, by payment in time, talent or treasure a sum of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)

To be considered for election to the vestry at the Annual Meeting a person must meet the qualifications stated above and be nominated to the Secretary of the vestry in writing by at least three (3) members, at least four (4) weeks prior to the election. This nomination must be signed by the person being nominated to be valid. It is acceptable for a person to nominate themselves. So don't be shy.

Nomination forms will be available in the church and in the parish office beginning on Sunday March 8, 2015. These nomination forms must be submitted to the Secretary of the vestry (Leigh Jenkins) no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

Public notice of the nominated members will be posted by the Secretary of the vestry on the bulletin boards inside the church and Riverside hall four (4) weeks, prior to election, beginning April 5, 2015.

The vestry of Gloria Dei is normally composed of twelve (12) individuals. Currently we have ten (10) members. Four (4) members are normally elected each year for a three year term. This year we have four (4) three year term openings.

Now you may be saying to yourself what exactly is the function of the vestry? *The vestry is a group of elected parishioners who administer the temporal affairs of the parish and serve as a council of advice to the rector. The vestry is the leadership body of the church and its voice. The vestry makes decisions with the best interest of the church in mind.*

Carol Jenkins



spring *forward*



*don't forget to set your
clocks **forward**
Sunday, March 8th*

Bell Ringing

April 9th, 2015 marks the 150th Anniversary of General Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. The act is seen by most Americans as the symbolic end of four years of bloodshed. The National Park Service is marking the moment with bell ringing across the nation at 3:15pm. The bells will ring at Appomattox Court House at 3:00pm. Old Swedes will ring her bell for four minutes, each minute symbolizing a year of war, beginning at 3:15pm.

All are welcome to take a part in the ringing of our bell.



Notes from the Jan/Feb Vestry Meetings

Property: The vestry received a copy of the existing conditions report, a very detailed report of the buildings on the church grounds with all improvements that will be needed. We are awaiting a prioritized copy with pricing.

We have also been exploring the possibility of expanding the Riverside Hall in the event that there will not be a new building with Seaman's Church Institute. Joy has begun conversation with the architects to explore that possibility.

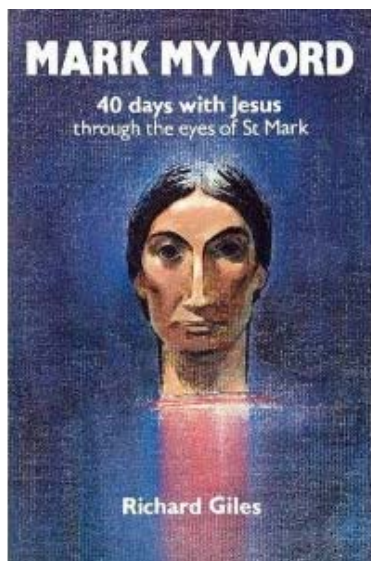
Outreach: Since we will be now be doing out outreach closer to home, you can keep an eye out for opportunities coming up to join us in working with the St. Barnabas Mission.

Gloria Dei in the 21st Century: On March 8th, 2015 Gloria Dei will be guest chefs at the Ronald McDonald house again.

Gloria Dei Partners/Affiliates: We are still looking for someone to attend the QVNA General meetings as a representative of Gloria Dei, the meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

Leigh Jenkins

One Read at Old Swedes – Lent 2015



Our book for Lent this year is *Mark My Word; 40 days with Jesus*, by Richard Giles. This is a daily reading of the Gospel of Mark with reflections, questions, and prayers. I hope everyone will consider reading along each day – just a page or two. As we journey through Lent I pray that this read, along with our other Lent programs will comfort and strengthen us as we realize we are on this journey together. Please plan to take a bit of time each day, from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday, to consider Mark's word's to us, and our journey together in this place.



Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

Please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Megan Bartlett, with your prayer requests. You may email her (megan7777@yahoo.com) or phone her (267-251-3579), or you may contact the church office or the Rector at 215-389-1513. All request will remain confidential.

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need



*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 as www.old-swedes.org and find out what else we're doing. Check out our Facebook page while you're there.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Sunday, March 22nd, 12Noon to 2PM, in the Roak Room. Anyone interested in being involved in crafting our Easter Season Sunday liturgy is welcome to join us. We will review the Scripture selections for the season as we consider creeds, Prayers of the People, opening and closing acclamations, and post communion prayers from our own denominational sources and from sources within our common communion partners. Please consider if this may be a way in which you might serve Gloria Dei. Lunch will be provided so please let the rector know if you plan to join us for this fun-filled, worship-filled, spirit-filled work.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday | <i>Liturgy of the Palms, Passion Reading, Holy Communion Rite II</i> | 10:00am |
| March 31, 2015 Tues. in Holy Week | <i>Evensong</i> | 6:30pm |
| April 1, 2015 Wed. in Holy Week | <i>Passover Seder</i> | 6:00pm |
| April 2, 2015 Maundy Thursday | <i>Maundy Thursday Liturgy, Holy Communion, stripping of the altar</i> | 7:00pm |
| April 3, 2015 Good Friday | <i>Easter Egg Preparation Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from the reserved sacrament</i> | 10:00am 7:00pm |
| April 5, 2015 Easter Day | <i>Easter Vigil, Holy Communion, Rite II Holy Communion, Rite II, Baptism Easter Egg Hunt</i> | 5:30am 10:00am 11:15am |

All Are Welcome, All The Time

www.lentmadness.org

LENT MADNESS

Who will win the Golden Halo?



"Join us again this year for Lent Madness. Pick up a grid and a calendar on the back table in church. Then plan to log onto the Lent Madness website each day, learn the stories of two saints each day during Lent (some will be familiar, some will be new to us), then vote for your choice. We'll have the Master Grid posted on the bulletin board in Riverside Hall so you can keep up with the developments throughout Lent. Who will win the Golden Halo this year?"



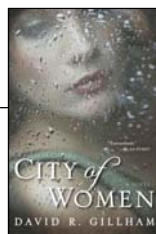
Easter Flowers

If you wish to make an offering to Gloria Dei this Easter, as a memorial or thanksgiving, please return the enclosed envelope with the information (names, printed clearly) you would like to be printed in our Easter bulletins. In order to insure your information appears in our Easter bulletins we need to receive your envelope no later than Tuesday, March 31, 2015.



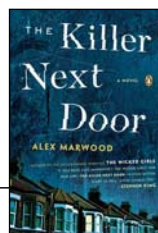
Calendar

- Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church
Bells 7:00pm
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
Mindfulness for Wellness - 7:15pm-8:15pm, suggested donation \$5.00. Meditation classes - open to all levels
- Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25** Yoga - 8:00am. All levels welcome. Drop in class
\$10.00 a session
Dinner Church 6:30pm, Riverside Hall
- Mar. 4, 11, 18,** Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM.
All levels welcome
- Mar. 5, 12, 19** Line Dancing & Lessons with Vicki in Riverside Hall
7:00-8:30pm, \$7.00 a session, All levels & genres
- Mar. 8** "Spring Forward" Daylight Savings time begins!
Ronald McDonald House - 3:30 pm departure
Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church,
Reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- Mar. 19** Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00-3:00PM
Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
- Mar. 22** Liturgy Committee Meeting, 12:00 noon
- Mar. 23** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
City of Women —————
by David R. Gillman
- Mar. 25** Chair Yoga, 10:00am, All levels
Drop in Class, \$10.00 a session
- Mar. 26** *Jazz & Joe* - 7:30pm
at Gloria Dei
- Mar. 29** Liturgy of the Palms - 10:00am Service - Passion Reading
Holy Communion Rite II
- Mar. 31** Evensong in Holy Week, 6:30pm



Calendar

- Apr. 1** Passover Seder 6:00pm - Riverside Hall
- Apr. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Yoga - 8:00am. All levels welcome. Drop in class
\$10.00 a session
Chair Yoga, 10:00am, All levels
Drop in Class, \$10.00 a session
- Apr. 2** Maundy Thursday Liturgy - 7:00pm
Holy Communion, Stripping of the Alter
- Apr. 3** Easter Egg Preparation - 10:00am - Riverside Hall
Good Friday Liturgy and Communion from reserved sacrament - 7:00pm
- Apr. 5** Easter Vigil, Holy communion, Rite II, 5:30am
Holy Communion, Rite II, Baptism, 10:00am
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15am
- Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28** Evensong - 6:30pm - 7:00pm- Church
Bells 7:00pm
Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome
\$8.00 a session
Mindfulness for Wellness - 7:15pm-8:15pm, suggested donation \$5.00. Meditation classes - open to all levels
- Apr. 9** Ringing of the Bells, 3:15pm
- Apr. 9, 16, 30** Line Dancing & Lessons with Vicki in Riverside Hall
7:00-8:30pm, \$7.00 a session, All levels & genres
- Apr. 12** Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church,
Reception to follow in Riverside Hall
- Apr. 17** Jesus Christ Superstar Show - 7:30 pm - Church
- Apr. 18** Jesus Christ Superstar Show and Dinner - 6:00 pm
Riverside Hall and Church
- Apr. 23** *Jazz & Joe* - 7:30pm
at Gloria Dei
- Apr. 27** Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall
The Killer Next Door —————
by Alex Marwood



The Lectionary for March

March 1st, 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.**

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| 1st Reading: | Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 | Psalm: | 22: 22-30 |
| 2nd Reading: | Romans 4: 13-25 | Gospel: | Mark 8: 21-38 |

March 8th, Third Sunday in Lent

Holy God, through your Son you called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

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| 1st Reading: | Exodus 20: 1-17 | Psalm: | 19 |
| 2nd Reading: | 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 | Gospel: | John 2: 13-22 |

March 15th, Fourth Sunday in Lent

Oh God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted us this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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| 1st Reading: | Numbers 21: 4-9 | Psalm: | 107: 1-3, 17-22 |
| 2nd Reading: | Ephesians 2: 1-10 | Gospel: | John 3: 14-21 |

March 22nd, Fifth Sunday in Lent

Oh, God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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| 1st Reading: | Jeremiah 31: 31-34 | Psalm: | 51: 1-13 |
| 2nd Reading: | Hebrews 5: 5-10 | Gospel: | John 12: 20-33 |

March 29th, Palm Sunday, Sunday of Passion

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-9a

Psalm: 31: 9-16

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 5-11

Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15:47

The Lectionary for April

April 2nd, Maundy Thursday

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalm: 116: 1, 10-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

Gospel: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

April 3rd, Good Friday

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 52: 13-53:12

Psalm: 22

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 16-25

Gospel: John 18: 1-19:42

April 5th, The Great Vigil of Easter

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Romans 6: 3-11

John 20: 1-18



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April 5th, Easter Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm: 118: 1-2, 14-24

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Gospel: John 20: 1-18

April 12th, Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God. now and forever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Psalm: 133

2nd Reading: 1 John 1: 1-2:2 Gospel: John 20: 19-31

April 19th, Third Sunday of Easter

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.**

1st Reading: Acts 3: 12-19 Psalm: 4

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-7 Gospel: Luke 24: 36b-48

April 26th, Fourth Sunday of Easter

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

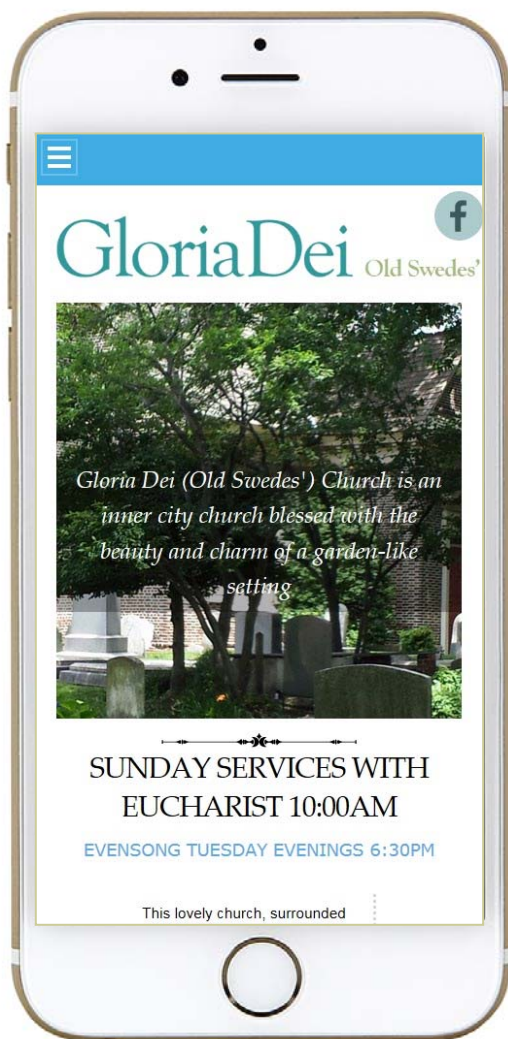
1st Reading: Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 16-24 Gospel: John 10: 11-18



Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers for an upcoming Sunday please call the office and let Vicki 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.



Gloria Dei is Now Mobile Responsive

www.old-swedes.org

SAVE THE DATE: May 2, 2015

Colonial Day at Old Swedes



Where: Gloria Dei
(Old Swedes') Church grounds
Columbus Blvd & Christian St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147

Time: 10am-6pm

ENJOY Plenty of homemade
food and treats from the
Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') cooks!

For more information:
www.preserveoldswedes.org

PLANNED ACTIVITIES:

- ◆ Opening parade for everyone with bag pipes and fife & drums
- ◆ Dueling Demonstration
- ◆ 18th Century Military Drill
- ◆ 17th Century Dance Demonstration
- ◆ Pony rides
- ◆ Hay rides
- ◆ Moon bounce
- ◆ Games and contests
- ◆ Children's craft projects
- ◆ Face painting
- ◆ Story-telling
- ◆ Music performances

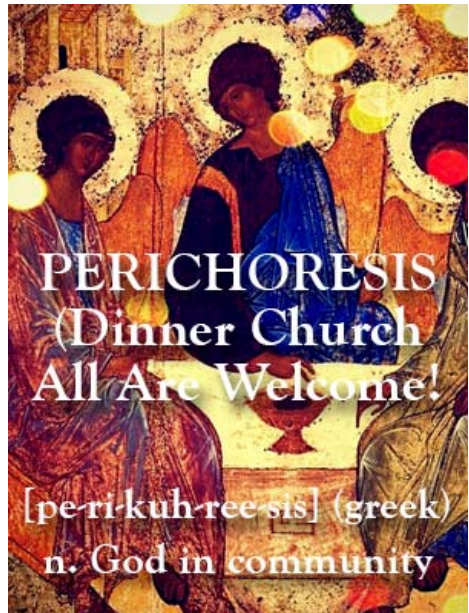
PHOTO OPS WITH:

- ◆ New Sweden Colonial King and Queen (CONFIRMED!)
- ◆ New Sweden Colonial Governor (CONFIRMED!)
- ◆ Ben Franklin (invited!)
- ◆ Thomas Jefferson (invited!)
- ◆ Betsy Ross (invited!)

Proceeds benefit Historic Preservation at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church
All donations are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
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New This Lent - Join Us for Dinner Church

What is “Dinner Church” you ask? Well, the short description is that it’s a time that we worship at the dinner table – we incorporate our worship, prayers, bible reading and discussion (not sermon!), and communion, as a part of our dinner. We will break (gluten free) bread together, pass a (non alcoholic) cup to each other, and talk about the gospel while we share dinner, blending our table fellowship with our worship fellowship. So, put aside the Wednesdays in March (3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25) as we gather for our special Lenten meals and celebrate our journey together. Plan to join us at 6:30PM on those evenings – and bring friends! All are welcome at our table!



Eucharistic Visitors

Have you been thinking about how you might serve the church in a new way? Consider becoming a Eucharistic Visitor. This is a rewarding ministry that will open your heart to God’s presence while serving those among us who cannot, for one reason or another, join us for communion at church. Here at Gloria Dei we have a number of folks who are in need of sacramental companionship. At this time we have no Eucharistic Visitors. The rector would be pleased to train anyone interested in this important ministry. If you’d like to know more about what’s involved please contact the rector.



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Sexton SideShow Presents



JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice

ONE MAN : ONE GUITAR

Starring E.J. Simpson

Fri. April 17th

Show at 7:30 pm - \$10

Sat. April 18th Last Supper and Show

Reservations Required - \$25 Starting at 6:00

Show Only - \$10 at 7:30 pm

Tickets available online at
www.old-swedes.org

At Gloria Dei
(Old Swedes') Church
916 S. Swanson Street



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LINE DANCING

with lessons
at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')

All Genres

From beginner to best
YOU choose what is taught!!

\$7.00/session 7-8:30pm

Thursdays:

March 5, 12, 19

April 9, 16, 30

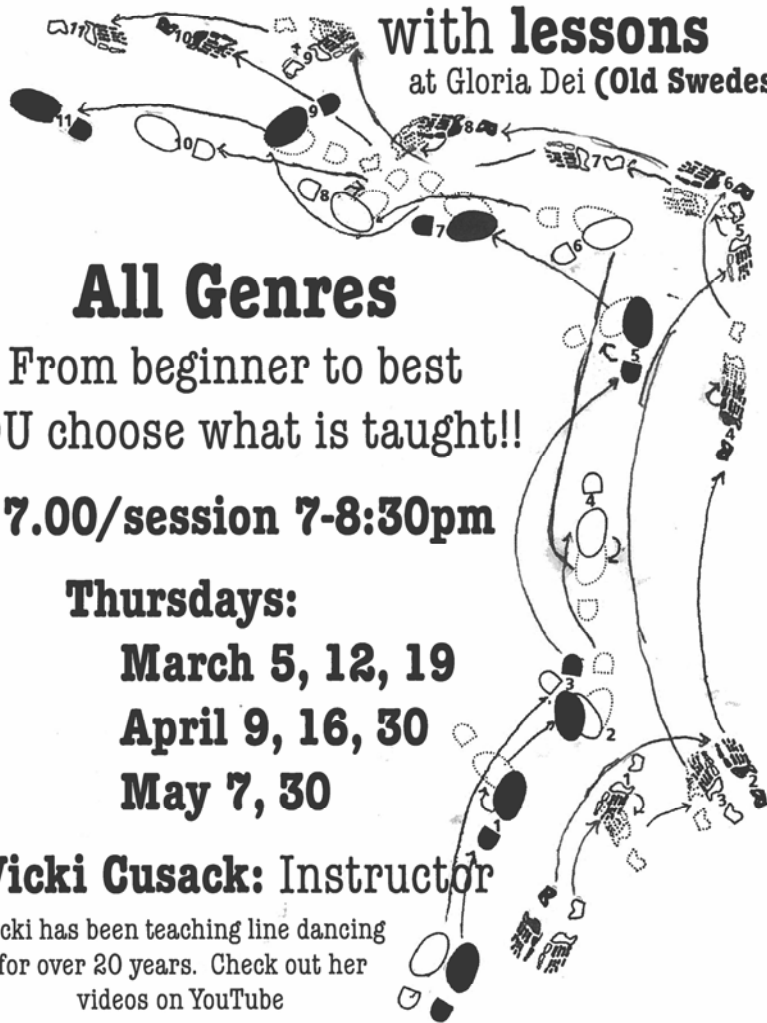
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Vicki Cusack: Instructor

Vicki has been teaching line dancing
for over 20 years. Check out her
videos on YouTube

Low impact (anyone can do this) **high energy** (your own high energy)
choreographed dancing! Great for the body and mind and the spirit!
Dancing is a shortcut to happiness, so come on out and **be happy with us!** You will let her know what you want to learn and she will teach your favorites.

Dancers are the athletes of God - Albert Einstein





Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House

We are once again going to be Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House, on Sunday, March 8, 2015. We will leave for RMH at 3:30PM from the church parking lot and will return by 7:30PM. We will be planning the menu after church on Sunday, March 1, 2015. If you cannot go with us but would like to contribute to the meal, or if you would like to join us and need a ride, please let Joy know.



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.



4th Thursdays, Mar 26 and Apr 23
7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall



The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates. The Book Club meets at 7 pm

March 23, 2015

City of Women

By David R. Gillham

April 27, 2015

The Killer Next Door

By Alex Marwood

May 18, 2015

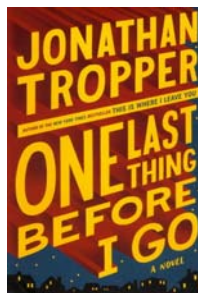
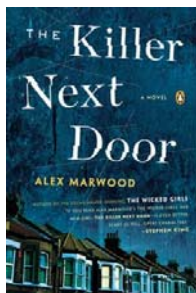
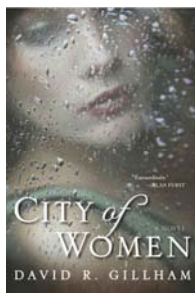
One Last Thing Before I Go

By Jonathan Tropper

June 22, 2015

All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr



Marilyn Johnson



Memorial Cards in loving memory of:

Floss Druding

By: Joe and Dolores Collins

Charles Wright

By: Bert Kubiak

Nick Weneck

By: Bert Kubiak

Toni O'Malley

By: Bert Kubiak

Barbara Brown

By: Mike & Terry

Bertha Vitkow

By: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Troendl

J. DeBoer-Boon

By: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Daly and
Dorothy Troendl

Albert Burba

By: Mrs. Daly

CLERGY

The Rev. D. Joy Segal, Rector

STAFF

Paul Fejko, Music Director

Vicki Cusack, Parish Administrator

Paula & James Minacci, Sextons

Deirdre Flint, Dir. of Comm.

Mark Roberts, Treasurer; O.S.C.A.R.

VESTRY

Barbara Chilcott

Jill Duink, Accounting Warden

Kimberly Goodwin

Re Henning

Carol Jenkins, Rector's Warden

Leigh Jenkins, Secretary

Jim Parsons

Michael Phillips

Barbara Potts

Jeanette Woehr



Welcome the Newest Members

Baptized on January 11, 2015

Olivia Rose Ferraiolo

Scarlett Rose Leyenaar

Grace Eloise Cicirello

In Remembrance of:

Bertha C. (ne Fennimore) Vitkow

1922–2015



Sunday Service:

10:00 AM

Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday 9:30-2:30

Friday 9:30-12:30

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 (1/11/15); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/5/15); Pentecost (5/24/15); and All Saints Sunday (11/1/15). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advice of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.