S eptember/October 2014 Down By The Riverside

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

Thoughts from the Rector

There and Back Again

As we gear up for the fall I find myself thinking that so much is the same, yet everything is different. Do you know what I mean?

It's true we can count on lots of things staying the same. It will get cooler, there will be less daylight, the leaves will fall, Sunday School will start up again, Jazz & Joe will return, Flea Market and Lucia will happen when they're supposed to, and on and on.

Yet, at the same time, so much will be different. The graveyard looks very different since the restorers completed their work this year. The forsythia was cut back and now we see the great expanse of park land within our walls formerly blocked by the overgrowth. The children have grown, some loved ones have died, new neighbors and friends are joining us, our events are drawing new folks to our parish life, and our community within and without the walls is an ever-changing demographic.

Sometimes it feels like we do the same things year in and year out. Other times those same things feel different. I wonder - do we look for newness in the things we always do? In the people we've known for years? In the places where we live and work and worship?

I've titled this article "There and Back Again," which is the subtitle of that wonderful book by J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*. The story of Bilbo Baggins' adventure is told by Bilbo himself after his return, as he takes time to really think deeply about his adventure – there and back again. He recognizes what I'm trying to say. His adventure has changed him for sure. But it changed his friends and family and community as well. Things were different when he wasn't present, and now that he's home, things are different again. Life didn't go back to "the way it was." And that realization has a powerful effect on Bilbo. One person's experiences can change relationships, can even change a whole community.

As we breathe deeply of the end of summer and prepare for our fall programs, I encourage us all to recognize the comfort in "sameness" as well as the blessings and growth that relationships and experiences give us when we open ourselves to new ways of understanding our mission and ministry here at

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Gloria Dei. Yes, we'll still be doing some of the same things (lots of them! – as you will see in this newsletter) as well as some new things. Hopefully we'll be open and aware of how those same things are sprinkled with newness – by the presence of a newcomer, by the absence of a long loved one, by a change in word or phrase or a time or a day, by one person's experience. And just as we are blessed with continuity, let us give thanks for the challenge of a new day, a new word, a new voice, a new way in which we can answer God's call to be the Body of Christ in the world.

We've come full circle once again - from Fall to Winter to Spring to Summer, and back again to Fall. That could get old, but it never does. Each season, each year, each era, brings blessings and challenges through which the people of God are called to do the work of making Christ known. We have been "there and back again" many times, and by the grace of God we will be "there and back again" many more times. As we move across time let us recognize our journey as one of relationship and community. Let us give thanks to God for this time, this place, this community.

Friends, and family, strangers and guests, old and young, sick and well, joyous and grieving – we are the family of God in this place. Let us rejoice and be glad in this new day!

Peace, **Joy+**



Thoughts from the Rector's Warden

Summer is winding down and I am grateful we didn't get hit with massive heat waves, like years past. My electric bills have been proof of that.

Lots of restoration work at Gloria Dei. Just take a walk around the graveyard. It looks amazing! Our local Red tail hawk thinks so too. The restoration of the Ord graves has brightened the north side of the church and is now ready for some garden work. We had the opportunity to examine the Webb crypt and were grateful that it is still in good shape. We said a little prayer, thanking them for allowing us to disturb their slumber and peek into the past.

Another happening this summer was the opportunity to cook at Ronald McDonald House as guest chefs again. We had a large number of volunteers and were able to prepare a fantastic meal. Thank you to all who helped make it a success. If you didn't get to join us don't worry we'll be doing it again in the fall.

Lastly we said goodbye to our parish secretary Terry O'Brien. We wish her well and are thankful for all her hard work. Searching for her replacement was difficult with so many great and qualified applicants. We welcome Victoria Cusack to our Gloria Dei family, as parish secretary

Carol Jenkins



The pier where many Philadelphia families first arrived in this country now welcomes visitors from shore as the city's newest riverfront park.

Pier 53, located in Pennsport near the intersection of Columbus Boulevard and Washington Avenue, behind the Sheet Metal Workers Union, now features public access to the end of the pier and panoramic views of the river; an elevated boardwalk; access to the water; and ecological improvements designed to further improve natural habitat.

To read more: http://planphilly.com/articles/2014/08/15/new-pier-53-

park-opens-on-thedelaware-nearwashington-ave



Need in Philadelphia

Sixty children and forty mothers were homeless or abused and living at ECS (Episcopal Community Services) St. Barnabas in West Philadelphia when Joy, Re, Rita, Megan, Julie, Jill, Kim and Sue toured on July 15. How can we make a difference to these families? How can we be a part of the St. Barnabas mission?

Enthusiastic Shana Kaplanov, who will soon be leaving for Seminary, introduced us to the mission of St. Barnabas and led our tour. We also met Victoria Sicks, Director of Individual and Planned Giving. We saw a very clean and organized library, day-care, dining room and playground. Upstairs, two dormitory style rooms provide sleeping quarters.

ECS St. Barnabas is a temporary shelter for families in need, but they do so much more. ECS provides counseling, referrals for housing, day care, health programs, and other supports and activities to help move these families toward stability. Several of us had to wipe away a tear when Shana shared a story from one such activity. The children were asked to describe what made them happy. First, the children needed an explanation of what was meant by "being happy". Then, instead of listing swimming or visiting Grandma; the children thought about knowing where they would sleep or having enough to eat.

There are many ways for us to be a part of this vital mission:

- read to the children during story-time
- attend knitting group with moms
- lead children's activities and games
- volunteer in the food pantry
- serve a meal
- help in the computer lab
- garden
- clean
- host a party
- help with archives or library
- be a career night speaker
- donate new toiletries, food pantry supplies, household supplies, school supplies, gift cards and (limited due to storage space) new clothing.

Exciting work is also being done at the ECS Youth Center, serving ages 14 to 23, at 225 S. 3rd Street. The Center provides an intensive support system for children who have experienced homelessness or poverty. Those at the Center work to tap into each child's strengths and energy to "equip participants with the skills, resources, and support to obtain post-secondary education, sustainable employment, and financial security." (https://www.ecsphilly.org/participant-profiles/jays-story)

To learn more about ECS St. Barnabas, ECS Youth Center, and other missions, please watch the video at http://www.ecsphilly.org/about-ecs/videoall and explore the website. Gloria Dei will assist those who wish to volunteer at ECS St. Barnabas Mission or work with children and teens to complete the required Pennsylvania child abuse clearance and background check.

Those of us who visited ECS St. Barnabas were moved in many ways. Some want to spend time with the children and families. Others want to interact with the moms. Others have a lot to offer teens and young adults at the ECS Youth Center. Each of us can make a powerful difference to families and young people in Philadelphia.

We'll be getting organized around these opportunities this fall. Please consider how you might be a part of our support of the wonderful ministries ECS is offering to those in our city who are the least and the lost.



Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House

We are once again going to be Guest Chefs at Ronald McDonald House, on Sunday, October 19, 2014. We will be planning the menu after church on Sunday, October 12, 2014. If you cannot go with us but would like to contribute to the meal, please let Joy know.



Many Hands Makes Light Work

Calling all planters, gardeners, caretakers, willing hands and grateful hearts! It's time to do our fall cleanup. Saturday, September 20th, 8AM-Noon, will find many of us raking and planting and weeding and cleaning up our beautiful grounds. Please plan to join us. We'll have rakes and brooms and shovels and bags available, but if you've got some outdoor tools bring them with you - and don't forget gloves!



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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.

Gloria Dei History

Thanks to the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, this great treasure - Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church – now has its rightful location in the center of a city block cleared of decadent housing, factories and other encroachments. The original two acres of open space has been enlarged to five acres. It is pleasing to note that the City of Philadelphia in respect to the Swedish colonization, adopted the flag colors of Sweden as its official emblem. Also, that many of the street names in the vicinity of the church perpetuate the Swedish beginnings: Christian Street, Queen Street, Swanson Street.

In our graveyard some people of interest have been laid to rest:

- Margaret Boone, sister of Daniel
- Lying in unmarked graves are two important early Swedish American painters - Gustavus Hesselius and Adolph Wertmuller
- Also many officers and soldiers of the American Revolution
- Captain John Douglas, Washington's aide-de-camp
- Captain George Ord, who speeded the Revolutionary cause by bringing shiploads of gunpowder to the colonies from Bermuda
- Beneath a tree, as he requested, "where the birds will come and sing above me," lies the father of American Ornithology, Alexander Wilson. The paragraph, inscribed upon the marble covering his grave, carries sufficient detail for Who's Who.

This monument covers the remains of Alexander Wilson,
Author of American Ornithology.
He was born in Renfrowshire, Scotland on the 6, July 1766
Emigrated to the United States in the year 1794
And died in Philadelphia of the dysentery on the 23 August 1813
Aged 47

Many of Gloria Dei's clergy were outstanding men of unusual attainments.

- 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.
- Johan Dylander (Serving Gloria Dei 1737-1741), the greatest pulpit orator in America of his day, was so accomplished a linguist that, besides preaching sermons in Swedish and Latin "he delivered sacred orations in English and German without a trace of foreign accent."

- Carl Magnus Wrangel, who served Gloria Dei from 1759 to 1768 was perhaps even more influential and made an even greater contribution to the religious and cultural life of the community. He was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, in 1769, the only foreign pastor so honored at that time.
- Nicholas Collin, the last Swedish pastor of the Church, was likewise a remarkable person. He was a celebrated linguist, writing articles on Comparative Philology and the History of Language. He was a botanist and zoologist and sent "innumerable specimens of skins, plants and flowers to Swedish Museums". He was an outstanding meteorologist, a century ahead of his time, and he made, like many of his contemporaries, systematic observations on the weather and other phenomena. He was a student of medicine, "generations ahead of his time in his medical thinking", and was one of our first "patent judges", appointed by President Jefferson to pass on patent claims. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, a charter member of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and was one of the most faithful and active members of the American Philosophical Society from 1786 to 1831.

Jeanette Woehr



Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24	Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
Sept. 7, 14	Rector on Vacation - The Rev. Dr. Kim Eric Williams Supply-Clergy Sunday School Begins - 10:30AM - Noon Toddler Class - 9:45AM - 10:30AM
Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30	Bells - 7:00PM - Church - All are welcome
Sept. 14	Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church, Reception Riverside Hall
Sept. 18	Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00-3:00PM Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
Sept. 20	Yard Day - 8:00AM - Noon
Sept. 22	Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall The Signature of All Things - by Elizabeth Gilbert
	ALL THINGS





Requests For Prayers Are Always Welcome

 $Please\ contact\ the\ Rector\\ (215-208-7380;\ jsegal1214@gmail.com)$ or the church office (215-389-1513; info@old-swedes.org)

Intercessors will pray on behalf of those in need

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Tai Chi (Classes are \$10.00) 10 - 11:00AM. All levels welcome
Oct. 2	Pre-Convention Meeting - 7:00 - 9:00PM - Riverside Hall
Oct. 4	Blessing of the Animals 5:00PM
Oct. 7, 17, 21, 28	Yoga - 7:15PM, drop in class, all levels welcome \$8.00 a session Evensong - 6:30PM - 7:00PM Church Bells 7:00PM
Oct. 8	Deanery Plenary Meeting - 6:00 - 8:00PM
Oct. 12	Swedish Service - 4:00PM - Church - Reception Riverside Hall
Oct. 16	Swedish Colonial Society - Riverside Hall - 1:00 - 3:00PM Vestry Meeting - 7:00PM - Roak Room
Oct. 19	Serving Dinner - Ronald McDonald House - See a Vestry Member to participate
Oct. 23	JAZZ Joe - 7:30PM - Riverside Hall
Oct. 25	Fall Flea Market - 8:00AM - 3:00PM - \$25.00 per space - no tables or reservations THE BEST FLEAS AT THE OLDEST CHURCH Gloria Dei (Old Swedes) Church
Oct. 27	Book Club - 7:00PM - Riverside Hall - TBD
Oct. 31	Sexton Sideshow "Boo-Ga-loo"

The Lectionary for July

September 7th, Proper 18, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11 Psalm: 119:33-40

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-14 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

September 14th, Proper 19, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Genesis 50:15-21 Psalm: 103:1-13

2nd Reading: Romans 14:1-12 Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

September 21st, Proper 20, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:11 Psalm: 145:1-8

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:21-30 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

September 28th, Proper 21, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Psalm: 25:1-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-13 Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32



The Lectionary for August

October 5th, Proper 22, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm: 80:7-14

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

October 12th, Proper 23, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm: 23

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

October 19th, Proper 24, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm: 96:1-9

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

October 26th, Proper 25, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 Psalm: 1

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46





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.

Welcome back Sunday School!

Sunday School 2014 begins on Sept. 7. ALL are invited to join us on Sept. 7 for singing, story, feast and prayer. We hope to see you after services in the Roak House upper room!

Toddler Class (age 2 to 4) 9:45 to 10:30 — Children are escorted to church at 10:30

Young Swedes (age 5+) after communion to 12:00 — Children are escorted from church to Sunday School after communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2014-2015

September 7 – June 14

Sunday School breaks:

- Dec. 7 Lucia Weekend
- Dec. 28 after Christmas
- April 5 Easter Egg Hunt
- (TBD) worship with St. George's
- May 3 Gloria Dei Annual Meeting

Julie, Jill, and Re will join the children in worship and learning on Sunday mornings. Sarah, Angel and Mike will contribute their many talents and time as needed. We look forward to a wonderful year!



LUCIA TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE THIS YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2014. TICKETS WILL BE AVAILBLE FOR PURCHASE THROUGHOUT OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER - ON LINE AT OUR WEBSITE OR THROUGH THE OFFICE. LUCIA FEST THIS YEAR IS DECEMBER 5TH, 6PM AND 8PM, AND DECEMBER 6TH AND 7TH, 2PM, 3:30PM AND 5PM. TICKET PRICES: ADULTS \$12.00, CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$6.00.

BLESSING OF THE Animals

at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

OCTOBER 4TH, 5PM

on a saturday this year!



Join us on St. Francis Day for the Blessing of the Animals & a pet fair after, featuring vendors & organizations near and dear to your pet's heart (and grown up beverages for you)!











Colonial Day at Old Swedes - May 2, 2015

In my time at Old Swedes' (yes, I know we're officially "Gloria Dei" but I want to use our family name here), I've heard repeatedly about something from our past called "Colonial Day." I've heard of it mostly from Jeanette Woehr (who was actually a participant), the Jenkins, and Delores Kromchad. From what I hear, it was a huge event, celebrating the presence of the Swedes, here, in colonial times. I've wondered what that must have looked like – hundreds, even thousands of people, on our grounds. People playing games. People participating in parades. People sharing home-made food. People hobknobbing with persons from our past – Swedish royalty, sea captains, some of the founding fathers. People showing their crafts and artwork.

Wonder no more! On May 2, 2015, the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation, the foundation that supports our historic presence here, will sponsor our own Colonial Day.

We plan an opening parade with pipes, fifes, and drums for everyone. Demonstrations of 17th century dance – and an opportunity to learn and participate. Events for kids – pony rides and photo opportunities, a moon bounce, games and contests. Face painting. Story telling. Musical performances. Maybe even a dueling demonstration ...

And – we are Old Swedes', right? – homemade food and treats from our cooks, including the return of our long-lamented, trademarked, Old Swedes' meatball sandwiches.

We plan to have a chance to meet the New Sweden colonial king and queen, the New Sweden colonial governor, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and – to commemorate her wedding in our church – Betsy Ross.

Why are we doing this? For many reasons. First, we will raise money to fund the Historic Gloria Dei Preservation Corporation. But we will also

continue and extend the outreach that's been behind the flea markets and the Sexton Sideshow events - outreach to the hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of people who live in our neighborhood but who haven't been to Sexton Sideshows or the flea markets – or to church.

We plan to be open from 10:00 in the morning till 6:00 in the evening. So please – save that date (May 2, 2015) and those hours to be here.

Rest assured – there will be a place for everyone who wants to support this event and a place and a job for everyone who wants one. You'll hear more on a regular basis as we get the details worked out.

... and the reason I'm writing this is that I agreed to be the person to get this renewed event, Colonial Day, organized and operating. I'm looking forward to this, I'm looking forward to working with all of you to make this a great experience.

Jerry Buescher – 215-432-4292 or jerome.buescher@gmail.com



Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee will meet on Sunday, September 21st, 12Noon to 2PM, in the Roak Room. Anyone interested in being involved in crafting our fall liturgies is welcome to join us. We will consider hymns, creeds, Prayer of the People, opening and closing acclamations, and Eucharistic Prayers from our own denominational sources and from sources within our common communion partners. Please consider if this may be the way in which you might serve Gloria Dei in the coming year. Lunch will be provided so please let the rector know if you plan to join us for this fun-filled, worship-filled, spiritfilled work.



Thursday, Sept 25 and 0ct 23 7:30 to 9:30 pm - Riverside Hall

Old Swedes Crew form the Work Ready Program!

We are here from Philadelphia Youth Network. This summer we helped Ms. Paula at Old Swedes here are our thoughts...



Christian Liked playing with Goku and Dingo. And loved the rainbow

water ice Ms. Paula and Mr. Jim gave us!

Alexander The best part about this job when I was cleaning the yard and

pulling out weeds.

Zakiyha Most of all we had fun as we worked everyone respected every-

one and we enjoyed doing our job.

Ryan Playing kickball in the field and seeing a grave be cleaned. Also

cleaning the riverside.

Taylor The things we did were cleaned the church, cleaned and

organized the kitchen, hall and church office etc. besides the

working we had a fun time!

Isaiah I cut shrubs on the outside crew was fun and Ms. Paula was

really funny.

Alexandria While working here it was an enjoyable and fun job. Having

Ms. Paula be a nice and sweet person to be around was great.

Jordan I like the way Old Swedes treated us. I was part of the outside

crew! Cut the shrubs and cleaned the steps to Delaware Ave.

I got to see a hawk and we saw a tomb being put in.

Nigel I raked leaves and those bugs chased me the entire time.

Danaya I liked labeling the Lucia stuff and vacuuming.

Anikah I think I did the best at pulling out the weeds and sweeping up

the leaves. Also cleaning out the Lucia closet.

Patrick I had a great summer experience at old Swedes and would rec-

ommend it to all PYN workers.

Tytianna I did good at cleaning out the closet and cleaned out the rose

bushes.

Talia The things I enjoyed at Old Swedes was cleaning the church,

discovering old things I never seen before. I also enjoyed looking at the tombstone, seeing how old they were and to see how some of them died. Cleaning the pews in church and upstairs

by the organ.

So for six weeks this summer "My Angels" came and helped Gloria Dei look beautiful! It is a great program and for the past 3 years the kids in the program have really helped out here on the grounds!

We are blessed here at Old Swedes for having the program and that is why I truly Believe they are "My Angels"

Paula Minacci



The Book Club at Gloria Dei

Here are our next books and meeting dates.

Sept. 22, 2014 The Signature of All Things

by Elizabeth Gilbert

Oct. 27, 2014 TBD

Marilyn Johnson



THE BEST FLEAS AT THE OLDEST CHURCH Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church

Flea Market

Saturday, October 25th 8:00am to 3:00pm

Spaces - \$25.00 Paid at the Door

FOOD TRUCKS, BAKED GOODS, SODA, PRETZELS

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Ida Farrell

By: Bert Kubiak Stanley Szelagowski By: Bert Kubiak

In REMEMBERANCE of Robert J. Morgan June 29, 2014 Joan Franks August 18, 2014





Sunday Service: 10:00 AM Tuesday Evensong 6:30 PM

Office Hours Tuesday-Friday 9:30-2:30

CLERGY

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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 (1/12/14); The Great Vigil of Easter (4/20/14); Pentecost (6/8/14); and All Saints Sunday (11/2/14). Other Sundays may be chosen, if necessary, with the advise of the clergy. Baptism instruction will be provided for parents and godparents beforehand.