

Mission Statement
Trusting God, we
love as God loves,
acting justly and
helping one another
carry the word of
God.

Gloria Dei Reminder

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From the Pastor Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Hallelujah!

After a blessed and rich Lenten journey the celebration of Easter came full of color, full of joy. Following the Gloria Dei style we start this beautiful gathering as a big family around the table to taste the traditional and delicious breakfast lovely prepared by the Shafae-Moghadam Family. Thanks to Kamale, Gloria, Sara, Dorna, Roxane and Aria for their gentleness and holy dedication. Special thanks for those who made possible our great celebration of Easter with the uplifting musical presentations, the sanctuary filled with flowers, and the natural sunlight streaming into the sanctuary from above – all contributed to filling our hearts with one spirited acclamation, “*Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed. Hallelujah!*”

Now we move forward as people of the resurrection telling others that Christ lives. We are reminded that the biblical story tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples and many others during a period of 40 days, until his ascension. Following the solemnity of Lent, Easter season is often filled with joyful events, and so it will be here at Gloria Dei.

Praise God for the joy of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel together and for demonstrating in good works of compassion and love that the Risen Christ is alive in the hearts and minds of the people of Gloria Dei!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Santiago



Yard Sale!! A **BIG THANK YOU** is extended to all who helped to make the yard sale a success, especially to the following people who worked so diligently to organize it: **Mercedes, Rafy and Alex, Esperanza y Ester, Margarita y Timoteo, Mike Torino, Sandra, Rafaelina, Gerson, Maria y Beato, Lucy, Pilar and Reyna.** A grand total of \$1,133 was raised. ANOTHER YARD SALE IS PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER. Please set aside any items that you plan to contribute and ask family and friends to do the same.

God's Blessings,

Joyce Collard

Getting to know you **Dulce Espinal** –Dulce means sweet- I born in Santiago, Dominican Republic. I have a big family, 4 brothers and 5 sisters. I've been living in the United State for around 20 years. I work at T.F. Green Airport of Rhode Island as Breaker Cashier, but I love to do personal business. I sell jewelries and accessories. One of the most exciting thing in my life right now is my great achievement. I am expecting my graduation in May in Business Administrations at CCRI .I feel proud of myself because as a single woman I had to break lot barriers to move forward and to be successful in this country. My following dream is to find a job in an office as accounting.

How did you connect with Gloria Dei? I came to Gloria Dei through the Step Up Center. Keila Rodriguez, the director open my eyes and give me the "Step Up" that I was needing to reach my dream to get a degree in this country. I'm deeply grateful to God and Step Up Center.

What are your hobbies? One of my hobby is to travel. But also I love shopping in yard sales during summer time.

Thanks be to God for all good things he has made in my life! *Written by Keila Rodriguez*

May Birthdays ✕ 7th Richard Johnson ✕ 12th Modesto Batista ✕ 23rd Virginia Ponce de León

Coming up


May 8 Church Council 7 PM

May 11 Mother's Day

May 23-25 New York Trip

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 17th. Gloria Dei has reserved the chapel and waterside pavilion at Colt State park for our annual outdoor worship and field day.

From the community The **Rhode Island Interfaith Coalition** will hold their 5th Annual Conference to Reduce Poverty with Faith on Monday, May 13th, 2013 in Donavan Dining Hall at Rhode Island College. For more information email: mcooper@shalomri.org or danderson@councilofchurchesri.org or phone: Marty Cooper (401) 421-4111 or Rev. Donald Anderson (401) 461-5558

 <p><i>Worship Support for May - if you are unable to perform this responsibility, please rearrange with another.</i></p>				
Role/Date	4th	11th	18th	25th
Worship Assistant	Jeanne Johnson	Dorna Shafae-Moghadam	Lydia Mwash	Richard Johnson
Spanish Lector	Wilma Ponce	Erin Abrahamsen	Wilma Ponce	Dulce Espinal
English Lector	Camila Carasco	Richard Johnson	Dede Bruns	Jeanne Johnson