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## St. John's First Holy Communion Class

St. John's First Holy Communion Class will be taught by Mrs. Madge Tamber on six successive Monday nights from March 7th through April 11th, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. If you have a child in second or third grade and would like them to participate, please contact the parish office at 724.347.4501. Parents of older children who would like first communion instruction should contact Father Adam.

## Spring Rummage Sale

Are you starting your spring cleaning early this year? Don't forget that the ECW will accept you unwanted items for their Rummage Sale in May. Items can be left outside the sewing room door.

## Lent begins on March 9th this year

Please return your blessed palms to the church no later than Sunday, March 6th, so that they can be burned to make the ashes for the First Day of Lent.

## FEBRUARY 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8th	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Healing & Prayer ministry (lounge)	<b>10:00 am</b> - Sung Eucharist
9th	<b>7:30 pm</b> - Choir Rehearsal	<b>11:30 am - 7:00 pm</b> - Youth Group Avalanche Express
10th	<b>10:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>NOON</b> - Articles due for the newsletter	21st <b>Parish Office Closed (President's Day)</b> <b>7:00 pm</b> - ECW Touring West Hill Ministries Oakland Ave. location (192 N. Oakland Ave.)
13th	<b>8:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday School <b>10:00 am</b> - Sung Eucharist <b>6:00 pm</b> - Valentine's Banquet at First Methodist Church	22nd <b>7:00 pm</b> - Healing & Prayer ministry (lounge)
14th	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Vestry	23rd <b>7:30 pm</b> - Choir Rehearsal
15th	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Healing & Prayer ministry (lounge)	24th <b>10:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>NOON</b> - Articles due for the newsletter
16th	<b>7:30 pm</b> - Choir Rehearsal	25th & 26th - Cathedral Choir Festival
17th	<b>10:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>10:30 am - 12:30 pm</b> - ECS Food Pantry distribution <b>NOON</b> - articles due for the newsletter	27th <b>8:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday school <b>10:00 am</b> - Sung Eucharist <b>11:30 am</b> - Youth Group packing bags at ECS
20th	<b>8:00 am</b> - Holy Eucharist <b>9:00 am</b> - Sunday School	

## The 2011 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE)

**The 2011 Episcopal Youth Event (EYE),** *Come Together: Intimately Linked in This Harvest Work* will take place from June 22-26 in St. Paul, Minnesota. As you may know, EYE is the triennial gathering of young people and their sponsors from every diocese of our Church. It is a celebration to inspire deeper faith in Jesus Christ and a renewed commitment to mission and ministry. It is the single largest youth event in the Episcopal Church.

Our diocese has been allotted a limited number of spaces for youth in 9th through 12th grades. For this reason, the application process includes several parts to ensure a fair selection of the youth delegation from Northwestern Pennsylvania. If you are interested in attending this year's EYE you will need to complete the following steps: First, fill out the application, which is available on the diocesan website or at your church and includes a brief essay explaining why you want

to attend EYE, and return it to the Diocesan Church Center. Second, give the Clergy Recommendation Form (also available on the diocesan website or at your church) to your Priest. They should return this form directly to the Church Center. The application and essay, as well as the Clergy Recommendation Form, must be returned by February 18, 2011. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Several adult sponsors will be traveling with the group and participating in the event. Bishop Sean and I will join the group for part of the week. The registration cost for this year's event is \$275, plus the cost of travel. The Diocese will be responsible for one-third of that cost for each participant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 814-474-2399 or by e-mail at [carlyhrowe@gmail.com](mailto:carlyhrowe@gmail.com)

*~ Carly Rowe*

**The youth group received the following letter and would like to share it with you:**

*When I was 8 years old, my father a Lutheran, my mother, a Catholic, allowed me to choose my own church. I chose St. John's. My parents joined me. I spent many happy hours swimming in the pool, attending church dinners with my parents, and going to dances. I loved the Lenten services in that beautiful church with The Rt. Reverend Lloyd Gressle who retired in Bethlehem, PA. I was fortunate to grow up in Sharon and have the Buhl Club, Buhl Park, Thornton Hall skating rink and bowling alley, movie theaters and a great library in town. I hope you will make good things happen at St. John's and in Sharon. Now, I live in an area that has 4 recreation centers with golf courses, a bowling alley, swimming pools, restaurants and many clubs. I am very fortunate to live a good life.*

*Bless you ALL,  
Nancy Bailey*

The youth group is very thankful to Nancy for her kind words, and for supporting St. John's Youth Group.

## The Episcopal Diocese of NWP's Journey to the Holy Land August 6-18, 2012

Under the direction of the Rt. Rev Sean W. Rowe. The trip is planned for the people of the Episcopal Diocese of NWP and their friends and family.

There is room for approximately 35 people and the spaces will be granted on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to know more about this trip, you will find the information on the brown table in the parish office. Contact Information: Carly Rowe at 814.474.2399 or by e-mail at [carlyhrowe@gmail.com](mailto:carlyhrowe@gmail.com)

### Upcoming dates to remember:

*Tuesday, March 8th*  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

*Wednesday, March 9th*  
Ash Wednesday

*May 13- 14: Spring Rummage Sale*  
*June 12-18: Diocesan Summer Camp*