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SAVE Your Eyeglasses

April's ECW meeting featured Bob Means who spoke about Eye Care International Mission Group. Forty volunteers go to poor countries and fit needy people with glasses. Last year, they outfitted 4,500 people with corrective lenses, all of which were donated and sorted throughout the year in preparation for their 2 week mission trip.

Bring your glasses to the church office where they will be passed on to someone who will be thrilled with their clearer vision!

Thank you! *Dorothy O' Stafy*

Looking Ahead

- May 18 - Deadline for submitting articles for the June newsletter.
- The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.
- On May 31st the Parish Office will begin summer hours
Our hours Monday - Friday will be:
 9:00 a.m. - 12 NOON (closed for lunch) • 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MAY 2011 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 13th | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Rummage Sale | 22nd | 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist & Sunday school awards |
| 14th | 9:00 am - 12 NOON - Rummage Sale - Dollar Bag Day | | 10:00 am - Sung Eucharist & Sunday school awards |
| 15th | 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist
9:00 am - Sunday school (last day)
10:00 am - Sung Eucharist | 24th | 7:00 pm - Healing & Prayer Ministries |
| 18th | 12 NOON - Articles are due for the newsletter
7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal | 25th | 7:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal |
| 19th | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist
10:30 am - 12:30 pm - ECS Food Pantry distribution
1:00 - 5:00 pm - Piano Guild Auditions | 26th | 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist
10:00 am - Christian Associates Board Meeting in Allen Hall |
| 20th | Piano Guild Auditions | 29th | 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist
10:00 am - Sung Eucharist
11:30 am - Youth Group packing bags at ECS |
| 21st | 9:00 am - 7:00 pm - Youth Group year-end retreat | 30th | Memorial Day - Parish Office Closed |

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a wonderful series of Holy Week and Easter celebrations. The Journey 2 Adulthood class organized a profound Good Friday Prayers in Motion walk that brought 40 people praying throughout downtown Sharon. Our joint Easter Vigil with St. Jude's had more than 180 people attending the service and almost that many for an incredible reception in Allen Hall afterwards. Our little ones were carrying large baskets of colorful eggs and candy Easter morning and Alleluia's were resoundingly proclaimed on a glorious Easter morning. Thanks to all those folks who did so much work to prepare for Holy Week and Easter in so many ways. Dozens of people undertook a wide variety of tasks to allow us to proclaim

Diocesan Summer Camp

Every summer, our diocese offers a Summer Camp Program at Camp Nazareth near Mercer, PA. This year's camp will be held from June 12 through June 18. Kids Kamp is offered for those who are completing grades 2 through 5 and Teen Camp is for those who are completing grades 6 through 12. Two different programs are offered, but they run simultaneously with meals and worship held together.

Registration & Scholarship Deadline is May 27. This year we ask that you **return your completed registration along with your \$25.00**

the Good News of the risen Lord Jesus with a beautiful series of liturgies. Your contributions to our worship life are very much appreciated!

I also want to announce that this will be our last weekly postcard. Beginning in June, we will move back to a monthly newsletter. The newsletter, still to be called "From God's House to Your House" will include a monthly calendar, include photos and features, and keep you informed on the variety of things happening at St. John's. By the end of the summer, we also hope to have a more frequent e-mail newsletter that can act as a reminder of schedules and upcoming events. Hopefully the monthly newsletter will address some of the concerns raised about the postcards.

Peace, Adam

registration fee (check payable to: The Diocese of NWPA) to the parish office by Monday, May 23rd, and St. John's will send all applications in at one time. Proceeds from the Waldameer Diocesan Picnic last year were designated for scholarships for camp this year. The camp fee this year is \$310. However, the 1st 100 registrations received or posted by May 27 will receive a \$60 scholarship to reduce the fee to \$250.

Registration forms have been mailed out. Extra forms are available in the parish office on the table. See you at camp!

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania DIOCESAN PICNIC!

Sunday, June 19, 2011

Registration: 10:00 am - 10:50 am
(Redeem ticket for Waldameer wristband)

Service: 11:00 am

The bishop will preach and celebrate.

It is hoped and expected that those coming to the picnic should also attend the worship service.

Tickets are \$15 per person (with a \$60 maximum per family), which includes, food, rides and the water park. Tickets must be ordered and paid for in advance. Please see Tina in the parish office or Donna Billioni on Sunday's. Tickets must be purchased no later than Sunday, June 5. No exceptions.

The youth group would like to share the following thank you that they received with the parish:

Dear Ms. Peretic:

We would like to extend our thank you for the donation of Kids Kits that you have given our children of Behavioral Health Services at Sharon Regional Health System. These include the Inpatient Unit as well as the Kite Strings and Pathfinders Programs. This donation will make a few kids very happy because of your generosity. Once again, thank you from the staff at Sharon Regional Health System.

Sincerely, Charlotte Chew-Sturm, Senior Director