



Upcoming Events

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, February 17 5-6:30 PM, Parish Hall

Shrove Tuesday (also known as Pancake Tuesday) is the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Pancake Suppers on Shrove Tuesday are a beloved tradition in Episcopal Churches. This year, Christian Education/Youth will be sponsoring the return of this tradition to COHS. Bring your families and friends to enjoy a supper of pancakes, sausage/bacon, juice, and coffee/tea.

All proceeds will benefit the **Christian Education/Youth Fund**. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex and tickets will also be available at the door: \$7/person; \$25 for families of 4 or more; children under 3 are free.

If you would like to help with this fundraiser, please let Karin Schwabe know. All are invited to help including children!

- **January 2, 3 & 4th- Annual Youth Spruce Lake Retreat for youth 6th grade through college**
- **January 18th : Joint Parent/Youth Confirmation Meeting, 9:00 am, Annex 2**
- **February 14th : Annual Music Fundraiser at Generations in Souderton**
- **February 17th : Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
- **February 18th : Children's Ash Wednesday Service**
- **March 22nd : Bishop Visits, Confirmations and Receptions**

Ash Wednesday February 18

Noon and 7:30 PM

5 PM service for families with young children

This year we will again offer an Ash Wednesday Service (about 30-45 minutes in length) especially focused on families with young children. We will explain the meaning of the ashes in ways that are more understandable to children and share a simple service of Holy Communion.



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Confirmation at Church of the Holy Spirit Sunday, March 22, 2015 The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd Presiding

Pilgrims Sunday School Class Students

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, Church of the Holy Spirit will welcome The Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel 3rd, the Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the biannual Episcopal visit. Bishops are charged with leadership and oversight of the Church at the Diocesan level. They represent the unity of our diverse Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion, and Christian faith. In this capacity, Bp. Daniel will preside and preach at both services; he will also preside over the sacrament of Confirmation for the members of our Pilgrims Class.

Confirmation is a mature affirmation of faith during which the youth reaffirm their baptismal covenant with the church community and commit to nurturing their spiritual lives "with God's help." The youth prepare for this in the Sunday School class each week, at the annual trip to Spruce Lake (this year, we will be learning about Creeds), and during a number of special classes that will be taught by the Rev. Robert Coble in early 2015.

If your youth plans on being Confirmed, he or she will need to participate regularly in Sunday School in 2015 in order to prepare for this important sacrament. The Confirmation program is also an important part of their preparation for the Pilgrimage to Canterbury, England in 2016.

On Sunday, January 18, the parents and youth are invited to meet with the Rev. Kathryn Andonian to discuss Confirmation, which will be held on March 22, 2015. We will discuss the following:

- What is Confirmation? Why do we celebrate Confirmation?
- What is required of candidates in order to be Confirmed?
- How are the youth preparing for Confirmation?
- What will happen when the Bishop visits?
- Time for questions and answers.