

## Shared Ministries & Events

### Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents of children who will be preparing for first Eucharist in the Spring.

Parents may choose one of the following dates and times:

**Sunday, February 5 @9:45am at Our Lady of Fatima**

**Sunday, February 12 @ 11:15am at St. Helen's Church/Chapel**

**Our Lady of Fatima:** Pat Policastro 370-0027

**St. Helen's:** Kris Rooney 377-3119

### Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

- This weekend is "**Souper Bowl Sunday**"! Please support SICM and Sacred Heart/St. Columba's Food Pantries. Members of our Youth Ministry and Social Justice Committee will be collecting money and food after this weekend's Masses.
- **Schedule Change Reminder!!!** Sunday February 5h Evening Sessions at Our Lady of Fatima for Grades 6-8 will be held from 12:45pm -1:45pm.
- **Habitat for Humanity Meeting - Sunday, Feb. 5th at 1pm in the St. Helen's Parish Center.** Please bring your hammer and safety glasses!
- The next session for **Confirmation Prep I (current 10th graders) is Feb. 12th from 6-7:30pm at OLF.** Please bring your journal and pen.
- **Diocese of Albany Young Adult Winter Retreat is the weekend of February 18th and 19th at the Pyramid Life Center.** The retreat begins at 10am on Saturday morning and concludes at 3pm on Sunday. Cost of the weekend is \$35 per person. To register contact: David Stagliano at davidstagliano@rcda.org.
- **Attention Middle School Parents!!!** The Spring Retreat "Fasting and Feasting: Making the Most of Your Lent" is scheduled for **Saturday, March 10th from 8:45am - 1:30pm in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center.** Any 6th, 7th or 8th grader who did not attend the Fall Middle School Retreat will need to attend the Spring retreat. Registration forms will be emailed this week.

- **Anna Denney** 377-3119 youth1803@gmail.com
- **Lisa Kuban** 370-0027 ym612@olfatima.cc

### Adult Faith Enrichment

Do you feel like you need a time to rest and find balance and focus in your life? Plan to come to a **Morning of Reflection: Breathe in the Breath of God – Saturday, February 11.** Along with prayer and sharing, we will use Tai Chi (Jackie from Gold's Gym will lead us). This will be a healthy morning for you in mind, body and spirit! We'll have light refreshments at 9:30am with the program starting at 10am and ending about 11:30am. Please sign up for this event in the gathering spaces of both churches – although you certainly can come whether you sign up or not. All are welcome!

\*Check out the Mayo Clinic web site for more info on the health benefits of Tai Chi.

Sharing faith, insights and questions can be invigorating and fun! Come to a **Scripture/Prayer group** and let Scripture come alive with meaning and insights for you. We meet on Tuesday at 4:00pm OR 7pm (the RCIA process) OR Thursday at 1pm at Fatima's Community Room.

**February's Book Group** offering is *Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 Cents at a Time* by Jane Knuth. Here is an easy read that will delight and inspire you. Our theme this year is the Heart of Christ. Rediscover the truth we already know: when we serve others, we find Jesus. Jane reluctantly began to work as a volunteer in an inner-city thrift store. She found in this service many 'saints' along the way that led her straight to the heart of Christ. These compelling and sometimes funny stories will be discussed on **February 15 at 7pm** in Fatima's Community Room. Come to share your insights and be enriched, too. A few copies of the book are available to borrow or to buy in Fatima's library; you can also get one from amazon.com for around \$10.

There will be an **ACE (All Community Experience) Planning Meeting on Wednesday 2/8 7:00pm in the Our Lady of Fatima Community Room.** With jobs big and small, we could use your help! Please know all are invited to pitch in...please come to our meeting or get on our email distribution list to contribute from home. If interested, contact Kris Rooney at 377-3119 or kris.rooney@gmail.com.

**Say thanks** - Take a minute to thank those involved in pastoral care ministries who were blessed today! They do ministry in all of our names!

## Saint Helen's

### Faith Formation K-5

The children are making Valentines this week for Veterans. The young people that are preparing for Confirmation helped set up the kits for them to make them. Thank you so much...it's great when we all work together to show our love for people in our community!



### REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR Jeanette Jakubiak who has gone before us in faith.

### ST. HELEN'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Week of: 2/11-2/12	Saturday	Sunday 10:00am
<b>READERS:</b>	Valerie Rivera Walt Urbanski	Anita Pierce Rudy Quirini
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Alexis Dean CJ Dean Henry Fernandez Emily Johnson	Tim Rice Mila Stafford Daniella Uribe-Cano Jurgen Bach
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Team II	Team II

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
1/29/12	\$10, 420.01	\$7,802.

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**A St. Baldrick's Head-Shaving Event is being held at Proctor's Theater, Saturday, March 24th, 1-5 pm.** Young and old, male and female sit side by side, and face the clippers as part of the worldwide effort to Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer! Join us by shaving your head or creating a team of friends to shave their heads. If you can't shave your head, sponsor Fr. Bob for the event. He'll face the clippers too! To learn more or sign up go to [www.StBaldricks.org](http://www.StBaldricks.org). Please help raise funds for life-saving childhood cancer research!

## Mass Intentions

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Masses held at **Our Lady of Fatima Church** are shaded.

Masses held at **St. Helen's Church** are not shaded

<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30	p.m.	Gabriel Davi, Lucielle & Charles Wuest (Davi Family)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/5</b>	
8:30	a.m.	Bob Goodwin (Pete & Jeanne Aviles) Nadine Kilcullen (Tony & Lee Orsini)
10:00	a.m.	Elizabeth Fox (Family) Margaret Forth (Forth Family)
11:30	a.m.	June Punte (Gloria Conde) June Cameron (Art & Marie Duncan) Marie Thomas (Anne Marie Brown & Grace Riccobono)
<b>MON</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>St. Paul Miki and Companions</b>
9:00	a.m.	Henry Rizzo (Diane & Tom Bigos)
<b>TUES</b>	<b>2/7</b>	
9:00	a.m.	Angeline Gerardi (Barry Loffredo) Anthony Tulio (Jeanette Sommer & Mark Kelly)
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>St. Josephine Emiliani &amp; St. Josephine Bakhita</b>
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
<b>THUR</b>	<b>2/9</b>	
9:00	a.m.	Nadine Kilcullen (Bereavement Committee) William Redmond (Debbie DeMarco)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>St. Scholastica</b>
9:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30	p.m.	Valeria Erikson (Don & Kris DeLuke) Christopher Ryan (Bucher Family)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/12</b>	
8:30	a.m.	Bob Goodwin (Schmidt Family) Elizabeth Mack (Family)
10:00	a.m.	Albert France (Arzula) Edna & Joseph Balcerzak (The Bick Family)
11:30	a.m.	Nadine Kilcullen (Helen Moon) Judy Slater (The Moon Family) Jack Van Kamerik (Wife, Irene) Patricia Szemela, 1st Anniv. (Genevieve Freer)

**Let us Remember the Sick in our Prayers:** Mark Barsotti, Ruth Connelly, Mary Grace Doherty, Tom Grogan, Stacey Hopkins, Ruth Janiec, Eileen Kilrain, Edward Kleinkauf, Liam Lambeth, Dick Mahony, Pat Moskwa, Mary Catherine Muccigrosso, Kevin Olsen, Marian Smialek.

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**We recently received this letter of thanks from Bishop Howard Hubbard and Vincent Colunno, CEO of Catholic Charities.**

*We write to thank all the donors in the Albany diocese for their incredible generosity to the Hurricane Irene Relief Fund. Once again, our Diocesan Family has far surpassed our expectations and donated well over \$300,000.*

*Catholic Charities agency staffs, Parish staffs and Community Partners have provided items such as:*

- *Basic necessities such as food, winter footwear and clothing, bedding, furniture*
- *Resources to purchase washers/dryers, refrigerators, stoves, freezers, dishwashers*
- *Funds for rents, security deposits and mortgage payments*
- *Resources to purchase and install furnaces, water heaters, fuel replacement*
- *Connections to skilled labor for sheet rocking, foundation work, flooring, insulation, roofing, electricity, basement drying*
- *Dedicated case managers to listen, direct and connect those affected by the flooding to existing services*

*Catholic Charities will continue to provide supports as the needs of those affected continue to change and our neighbors continue to rebuild.*

*Do you know of anyone who needs help recovering and rebuilding after Hurricane Irene/Lee? If so please be in touch with your local Catholic Charities Office. The phone number is 372-5667. Do you know of any skilled laborers who might wish to volunteer their time to assist in rebuilding efforts? If so, please contact Mary Olsen at Catholic Charities at 453-6650.*

Faithfully yours,




Join the **Cluster Senior Group** for lunch and the first session of **The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything** by James Martin, SJ this Wednesday, February 8th at 11:30am at the Parish Center on Union Street. Bring your lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill. Like Jesus we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."

## Our Lady of Fatima

### FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Parents Please Read:

Now that we have reached the mid-point of the Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Year, we wanted to pass along these safety reminders:

- For the Safety of the Children...parents of all children in our K-5th Grade sessions should pick up their children at their classroom.
- Drop Off, Pick Up and Parking...during the winter months it is not possible to use the orange safety cones. Please remember, **the area in front of the Parish center is a No Parking Zone.** This area allows children and adults to safely exit the building.
- Leaving early??? If your child/youth needs to leave their session early, please make sure to notify their Catechist. Also if someone other than you will be picking up your child please notify your Catechist.

Thank You!

**VALENTINES.** The children in our Kindergarten-Grade 5 Faith Formation Sessions are making Valentine cards which will be sent to our parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes.

### REST IN PEACE

**WE PRAY FOR** Mark Barsotti, brother-in-law of Christopher Rooney of OLF who has gone before us to new life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
1/29/2012	\$5,990.35	\$7,140.00	-\$1,149.65

### Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 140-45

**Gospel of the Week:** Mark 1:29-39

Question for Adults - His disciples said to Jesus, "Everyone is looking for you." Are you?

Question for Children - When do you make quiet time for Jesus?

## Community Events

The Diocesan Consultation Center invites you to an evening of reflection-**Forgiveness- A Heart's Journey through Art**-presented by Joan Horgan, campus minister at the College of St. Rose., on **Wednesday, February 29th from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 900 Madison Avenue, Albany.** No artistic talent needed to benefit from this evening. A free will offering will be taken. Pre-registration is not required but would be appreciated by calling the Consultation Center at 489-4431.

The Independent Living Center of the Hudson Valley, Inc. is looking for Peer Outreach Volunteers for the Money Follows the Person program. Peer Outreach volunteers meet with nursing home residents and provide them with objective information on community and home based services. Volunteers can be part of the disability and or aging community and they provide training and mileage reimbursement. For more information or to volunteer call Carrie Snyder, Project Coordinator at 274-0701.

Thank you to our Sponsor:

**Lansing's Farm Market & Greenhouses**  
**204 Lishakill Rd.**

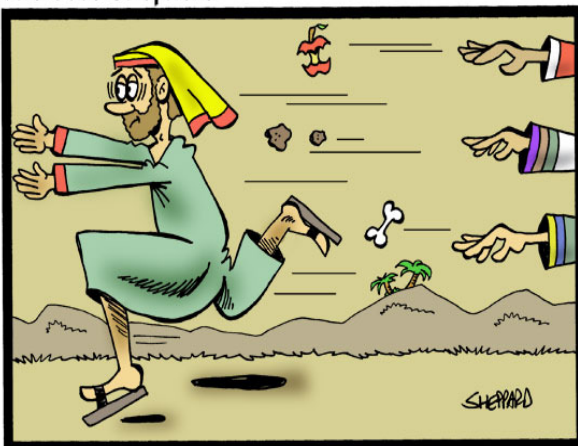
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## Calendar of Events

Items in Blue take place at Our Lady of Fatima.  
 Black type, indicates St. Helen's Church

The Good Shepherd



Reaction to Pharaoh's new health care taxes was truly unexpected

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>2/5</b> <b>RE/YM</b> Pastoral Care Blessing at Masses 8:30am YM-Souper Bowl Collection	<b>2/6</b> <b>YM</b> 7:45pm Volleyball	<b>2/7</b> <b>RE</b> 3:00pm Rosary 4:00pm Scripture Group 6:00pm Court of Hon- ors 6:30pm Naming Committee Mtg. 7:00pm RCIA
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2/8</b> 11:30am Senior Lunch 7:00pm ACE Mtg.	<b>2/9</b> 8:40am Rosary for Peace 1:00pm Scripture Group 6:00pm Karate	<b>2/10</b>
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	COMING
<b>2/11</b>	<b>2/12</b> <b>RE/YM</b> 11:00am 1st Eucha- rist Parent Mtg. 1:00pm Journey Mtg.	