

## Shared Ministries & Events

### Faith Formation (Grades K-5)

There will be **no sessions the week of Feb 19th or the week of Feb. 26th because of the winter break.** On March 4th, please attend our All Community Experience (ACE) after the 8:30am or 10:00am Masses.

**Our Lady of Fatima:** Pat Policastro 370-0027  
**St. Helen's:** Kris Rooney 377-3119

### Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

- Just a reminder...There are **no youth ministry sessions for grades 6-9 and Confirmation Prep I & II scheduled for Feb 19, 20, 26 & 27.**
- **Grade 10 Confirmation Prep I will meet on Sunday, February 12th from 6pm - 7:30pm in the church at Our Lady of Fatima.** Please remember your journals and pens. Parent volunteers are needed to help us with small group facilitating.
- Additional volunteers and driver/chaperones are needed!!! **Friday, February 24th from 4:30pm-6:45pm to serve the Community Evening Meal at the Schenectady City Mission.** The group will leave the Our Lady of Fatima parking lot at 4:45pm. Contact the Youth Ministry Offices to sign up.
- **Grade 11 Confirmation Prep II will meet on Sunday, March 4th from 6pm - 7:30pm in the church at Our Lady of Fatima.** Please remember your journals and pens. Parent volunteers are needed.
- **Thank you so very much to Mr. Peter Coffey** and generous parishioners who helped to raise money for our new flat screen television, blue ray dvd player, vhs player and new dvd's for our Youth Ministry Program!! What lovely additions to our program!!
- **Attention all high school students!!!** Tuesday, March 13th is New York State Catholic Conference Public Policy Day to the State Capitol in Albany. Young people are needed to join us to share the young person's perspective on important Catholic issues as we make the rounds to the offices of our elected officials. Contact the Youth Ministry Offices about signing up.
- Many thanks to the young people who helped us raise \$2,068.03 for the needy at our "Souper Bowl" collections last week!

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

### Adult Faith Enrichment

- Would you like to understand the Bible readings that are used on Sunday at Mass? Come to a **Scripture/Prayer group:** Sharing faith, insights and questions can be invigorating and fun! 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** is coming up: *Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25 Cents at a Time* by Jane Knuth. Rediscover the truth we already know: when we serve others, we find Jesus. These compelling and sometimes funny stories will be discussed on **Feb. 15 at 7pm in Fatima's Community Room.**
- The **dental team has returned from their mission to our Sister Parish.** They will report on their trip sharing their adventure and insight with us on **Thursday, Feb. 16th at 7pm at the Community Room under the Church on Rosa Road.** Please come for an interesting and inspiring evening with lots of pictures and stories!
- **This Lent: come and be enriched with *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* by James Martin, SJ.** This will be a four week series beginning on Wednesday, **February 29 immediately following the 7 pm Mass at St. Helen's and then Monday, March 5, at 7 pm in the Community Room under the Church on Rosa Road.** The other two sessions on Wednesday, March 14 and Wednesday, March 28 will follow immediately after the 7pm Mass at St. Helen's. Sr. Betsy will break open the book briefly each night followed by a prayer practice discussed in the book. Feel free to get the book and read it or come to share the experience.
- Here are some wonderful opportunities to view and discuss **Fr. Robert Barron's highly acclaimed DVD's *Catholicism*.** We will be using the ones on Jesus and on prayer for our Lenten enrichment. Linda Triplett will facilitate the daytime groups after Mass at St. Helen's Parish Center on these Tuesdays: March 8, 22, and 29. Helen Moon will offer the same on these evenings at 7pm in the Community Room under the Church on Rosa Road: March 8, 22, and 29. Come to one! Come to all! You will find them well worth your time and effort.

**March Forth with the Heart of Christ!** Everyone is invited to come to our **All Community Experience on March 4th, held at Our Lady of Fatima after the 8:30am Mass and St. Helen's after the 10:00am Mass.** This is a gathering for all ages to perform charitable service and reflect on how we are called and sent forth. We will meet in the church...no sign-up required. There will be sharing, laughing, singing, kits to take home and donuts. Don't miss it!

# Saint Helen's

## Faith Formation K-5

Parent meeting for those preparing to receive First Eucharist will be held **today, February 12 following the 10:00am mass at St. Helen's**. Please meet with Sister Ellen in the Church chapel to receive information about the program and dates for celebration of First Communion.

## ST. HELEN'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Week of: 2/18-2/19	Saturday	Sunday 10:00am
<b>READERS:</b>	Melanie Anchukaitis Kathy Sharrow	Peter Scagnelli Jen Samaniuk
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Dan DeCoitis Celine Fletcher Kyle Fletcher Treaasa Kozakiewicz	Iuliana Parzych Chad Rockwell Maddie Black Megan Black
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	Team III	Team III

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
2/05/12	\$9,392	\$7,599
Catholic Schools Week	\$2,194	\$6,062
Souper Bowl	\$1,164	\$1,238

# Mass Intentions

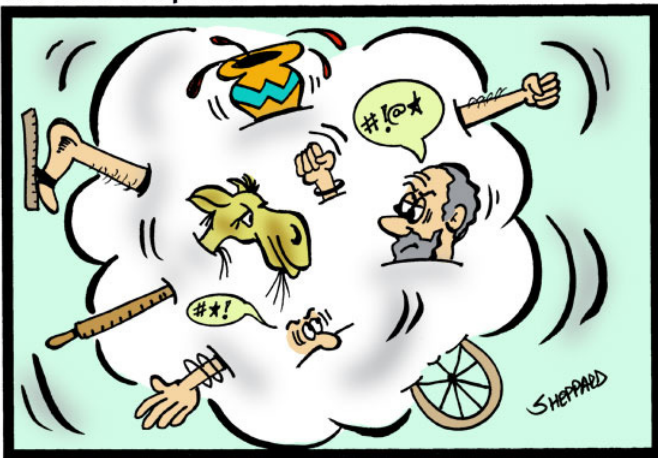
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Masses held at **St. Helen's Church** are not shaded

<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) Ronald Gridley, 1st Anniv. (Wife, Mary) Special Intention for Madeline Musto & Family (Ravalli 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)
<b>MON</b>	<b>2/13</b>	
9:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
<b>TUES</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>Sts. Cyril, Monk &amp; Methodius</b>
9:00	a.m.	School Mass
<b>WED</b>	<b>2/15</b>	
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
<b>THUR</b>	<b>2/16</b>	
9:00	a.m.	Bob Forth (Forth Family) Peter McDonough (Tim & Natalie McDonough)
<b>FRI</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</b>
9:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
<b>SAT</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
4:30	p.m.	William Mannix (Family) Wayne Erickson (Don & Chris DeLuke)
<b>SUN</b>	<b>2/19</b>	
8:30	a.m.	Leonard Popolizio (Daughter) Bob Goodwin (Jeanne & Pete Aviles) Zelda Blandino (Family)
10:00	a.m.	Ann Marie Comanzo (Comanzo Family) William Redmond (Ed & Cecelia Dufur)
11:30	a.m.	Clarence Picard (Wife & Children) Agnes Wayne (Husband, Tony) Henry Rizzo (Diane & Tom Bigos) Nancy Brown (Husband, Ken)

## The Good Shepherd



Road Rage in Biblical times

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

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**CURSILLO IN CHRISTIANITY** - many of our young people have attended a Journey Retreat and have had significant faith experiences. Cursillo is the "adult version" for men and women. Cursillo is a Spanish word that means "a short course." Perhaps you are desiring a closer walk with the Lord. Give yourself this weekend gift. Contact Sr. Betsy with questions or to get more information - srb1803@aol.com.

**LANDINGS** - Please pray for the participants and team of this evangelization program that welcomes folks back to church. Perhaps you know someone who is curious about our tradition. Invite them along with you to church!

**New Sanctuary for Immigrants (NSI) will host their monthly meetings on Monday, February 13 and March 12 at 7:00p.m. at Emmaus House (45 Trinity Place, Albany NY 12202).** Church groups discuss ways we can support local immigrants. For more information, please call: 472-9091, ext. 4.

**Immigrant Drop-in Nights: Monday, February 20 and March 19, 5:30 to 6:30pm at 33 Central Ave, Albany.** Sponsored by New Sanctuary for Immigrants (NSI). Free assistance is given to immigrants (legal, education, health care, etc.) For more information, please call: 472-9091,

**Lenten Mass for Peace - Wednesdays, March 7 and April 4** at the Albany Catholic Worker (45 Trinity Place, Albany). Potluck dinner at 5:45pm, Mass begins at 7pm. All are welcome. 482-4966.

**Pastoral Care Blessing** - Will be this weekend at all Masses. Thank you to all who serve in our name.

### Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25 2 Corinthians 1:18-22  
Mark 2:1-12

**Gospel of the Week:** Mark 1:40-45

Question for Adults - What has been healed in you?

Question for Children - How can you be nice to someone who is different than you?

### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today's gospel knew this when he said to Jesus. "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus knew this when he said, "I do will it." Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in "good times and bad," even when we don't feel like it.

## Our Lady of Fatima



**WE WELCOME** the following new families to our Parish: Chrstian & Glenda Natalie, Ryan & Ashley Natalie, Maria & Marliito Felicitas and Cesare & Victoria Maniccia.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
2/5/2012	\$7,107.54	\$7,140.00	-\$32.46
Catholic Schools	2012	2011	
Week	\$1,431	\$2,050.30	
Souper Bowl	\$904.20	\$1,235.74	

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**PANCAKE BREAKFAST.** The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, February 19th in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. They will be serving breakfast from 8:00am-noon. There will be a free-will offering.

**BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED!!** On Friday, February, 24th, Youth Ministry will serve the evening meal; and this month we will provide the dessert as well. This month, we will serve yellow cake with chocolate frosting. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 370-0027 if you would like to bake a 13x9 yellow cake with chocolate frosting. All cakes should be dropped off to the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Office by 3pm on Friday, February 24th.

**EASTER BREAK ADVENTURE:** Please pray for the 26 youth and chaperones who will be participating in our 5th Annual Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip to Baltimore, MD. If you are interested in supporting our adventure to help others less fortunate, please visit the YM bulletin boards for information on how you can offer your support!



### SAVE THE DATES!!

**OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held **August 13th-17th** at Our Lady of Fatima. At Sky, faith and imagination soar as kids discover that everything is possible with God. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, and experience electrifying Bible adventures. Watch for further information in upcoming bulletins.

## Community Events

**THE DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER** in Niskayuna is offering the following programs in March:

- **March 7th**, 10:00am-1:00pm, Heaven & Earth Series (1 of 3) "The Wisdom and Healing of Wilderness"
- **March 8th**, 7:00-8:00PM, "Sung Vespers in the Spirit of Taize"
- **March 14th**, 10:00am-1:00pm, Heaven and Earth Series (2 of 3) "People of the Longhouse: Iroquois Teachings"
- **March 15th**, 9:45am-3:00pm, Celtic Retreat Day "Storytelling the "Sainted" Irish: Patrick, Brigid, and some Not-So-Saintly Heroes"
- **March 21st**, 10:00am-1:00pm, Heaven and Earth Series (3 of 3) "The Burning Bush"
- **March 27th**, 6:20-9:15pm, Lenten Evening of Reflection "Lent: If you want to be reborn, then let yourself die"

For more information or to register for one of these programs call 393-4169 or visit their website at [www.dslcny.org](http://www.dslcny.org).

Thank you to our Sponsor:

**Schenectady Barber Shop**  
**1635 Van Vranken Ave.**  
 (at the corner of Union St.)

**388-9232**

## Calendar of Events

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT AURIESVILLE SHRINE

**February 18:** The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs will host a Mini Retreat 10:00a.m. – 2:30p.m. at the Visitor Center. Topic: The Spirituality of St. Joan of Arc. Presenter: Theresa Schweigert. The day includes faith sharing, fellowship, pot luck lunch, Confessions and Mass. Free will offering.

**March 10:** The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs will host a Mini Retreat 10:00a.m. – 2:30p.m. at the Visitor Center. Presenter: Father David Hammond. Topic: "St. Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer, Guardian of the Church." The day includes faith sharing, fellowship, pot luck lunch, Confessions and 1:30pm Mass.

Contact Beth Lynch at 518-853-3033 ext.225 or [www.martyrshrine.org](http://www.martyrshrine.org) for more information or to register for either of these retreats.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>2/12</b> <b>RE/YM</b> 11:00am 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg. 1:00pm Journey Mtg. 6:30pm BB	<b>2/13</b> <b>YM</b> 7:45pm Volleyball	<b>2/14</b> <b>RE</b> 3:00pm Rosary 4:00pm Scripture Group 7:00pm RCIA
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>2/15</b> 10:00am Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Team A	<b>2/16</b> 8:40am Rosary for Peace 1:00pm Scripture Group 6:00pm Karate 7:00pm Finance Mtg. 7:00pm Sister Parish Dental Presentation	<b>2/17</b>
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	COMING
<b>2/18</b>	<b>2/19</b> 8:00am Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 6:30pm BB	<b>2/20</b> <b>President's Day</b> Parish Offices Closed Parish Offices Closed