

Shared Ministries & Events

Faith Formation

Faith Formation sessions begin on September 18th. Have you returned your registration yet to be sure your child has a spot? If your child has been in the program already, you would have received an email to register. If your child is new to the program, you can find the form at www.olfatima.cc or www.sainthelenschurch.com. We welcome all!

Questions please call:

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

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

We are in need of volunteers — for the Community Picnic on Sunday, September 11th from 12pm to 4pm. Looking for both adult and young people to assist with setting up, handling games and activities, and take down. Contact Youth Ministry to sign up today!

Interested in joining our Retreat Team? We are looking for volunteers of all ages to assist us with our many retreats this upcoming year! Contact Youth Ministry if you can assist us this year in any way!

Our Youth Ministry sessions begin on Sunday, September 18th, so please remember to send in your registration forms if you have not done so already. If you are new to the area, we welcome you and please contact us for a registration form!

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

Adult Faith Enrichment

No Scripture/Prayer Groups will meet during the rest of August. There are scripture comments and prayers on our web site for each Sunday's readings. So please use them for your own understanding and enjoyment. We will begin meeting again the middle of September. Please watch the bulletin for details. Enjoy these last, hazy-lazy days of summer!

BOOK GROUP OFFERING for September: *Keeping the House* by Ellen Baker. This is a multi-generational novel, a first for this author that deals with some pretty hefty themes: love, loss, betrayal and family loyalty. A few copies will be available in Fatima's library; 8 copies are also available from the Schenectady libraries. Come to discuss this read on September 21 at 7pm in Fatima's Community Room. Come also with any future book ideas for the year.

Do you speak Spanish? A translator is needed for the Dental Mission Trip to San Agustin (Cuana) Mexico. If you or someone you know is fluent in Spanish and can join the dental team from Jan. 28 thru Feb 2, 2012, please contact Helen Moon at helenslatermoon@gmail.com.

Memories Group and Seniors Trip to: Shrine of the Divine Mercy, Stockbridge, MA on Thurs., September 22nd, 8:30, home by 5:00pm. There will be a tour, confessions, Holy Hour, Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary Mass and Chaplet. Bring a bag lunch, beverages available at Shrine. Cost is \$25.00. **Reservation and payment deadline is Sept. 6th.** To sign-up call St. Helen's at 346-6137.

2011 Catholic Home Missions Appeal—Strengthening the Church at Home. Eighty-seven poorer dioceses in the United States are considered Home Missions. Through grants provided from the Catholic Home Mission Appeal they receive the support that is necessary to continue essential ministries such as priesthood formation, lay ministry training, youth programs and evangelization to help sustain and grow the faith. Please be generous in this Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home.

St. Bernard's cordially invites you to attend our opening convocation, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, 7:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany. Keynote speakers are Sister Patricia Schoelles, SSJ, PhD, President of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry and Sister Katherine Hanley, CSJ, PhD, Director of Albany Program. They will speak on "The Joy and the Challenge of Theology". In our post-modern age is there any reason to study theology? Why not simply decide what to believe? What do ancient theologians have to say to us today? Would we not be better served by simple faith? Sisters Pat and Kitty will explore these and other questions. The evening promises to be lively and provocative. Come and join us in prayer, song, and a stimulating presentation! All are welcome; there is no charge.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

Saint Helen's

Do you have a little nagging in your head that you might like to be a catechist? That's the Spirit talking! The K-5 Faith Formation program is still looking for an aide for Kindergarten and catechists and aides for 1st and 3rd grades. Training is provided. If you would like to find out more, please call Kris Rooney at 377-3119 or reled1803@gmail.com.

If you are interested in what being a catechist is all about for Faith Formation or Youth Ministry, please come to the 10am Mass on August 28th. Kris Rooney and Anna Denney will answer any questions you may have!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. James Rowe on their son Colin's recent Baptism.

We Pray For: Janet Kalogridis, Walter and Violet Hunter, who have gone before us in faith.

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
8/14/11	\$8,421	\$8,236

Let us Remember the Sick in our Prayers: Mary Grace Doherty, Stacey Hopkins, Ruth Janiec, Eileen Kilrain, Edward Kleinkauf, Liam Lambeth, Mary Catherine Muccigrosso, Betty Marx, Kevin Olsen, , Marian Smialek, Anthony Tulio.

Our Lady of Fatima

CATECHISTS NEEDED! We are in need of someone (or a team of people) for our **Tuesday afternoon** (4:00-5:00pm) Fifth Grade Sessions. You do not have to be a trained teacher, assistance and support will be provided. If we don't pass along our faith to our children, who will? For additional information or to volunteer please call Pat Policastro at 370-0027.

GARDEN HARVEST. This past week we took a large basket full of tomatoes grown in our Community Garden were taken to Bethesda House. They were very happy to receive them.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
8/14/2011	\$6,199.83	\$7,140.00	-\$940.17

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

SAT	8/20	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Joseph Early (Family) Michael Favata (Sandra Kaminski)
SUN	8/21	
8:30	a.m.	Zelda Blandino (Family) Ellie Sofia (Family) Angelina Serafini (Mrs. Philip Cognetti)
10:00	a.m.	Regina Nelson (Liz Bishop) Charles & John Weatherhead (The Weatherhead Family)
11:30	a.m.	Agnes Wayne (Husband, Anthony) June Kenny (Ken Brown) Patricia Fall (Lillian Wendell)
MON	8/22	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
TUES	8/23	St. Rose of Lima
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
3:00	p.m.	Rosary
WED	8/24	St. Bartholomew
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
THUR	8/25	St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz
9:00	a.m.	Fred Dutcher (Family) Louis W. Sweeney (Richard Elwell) Mary Church (Frank & Mary Keetz)
FRI	8/26	Mass of Thanksgiving (Mary Jane & Bill Beaulieu)
9:00	a.m.	Mass for Parishioners
SAT	8/27	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	George Dirolf (Joan Dirolf & Family) Sean Valero (Richard, Diane & Stephen Smith)
SUN	8/28	
8:30	a.m.	George Hall (Friends) John Sheridan (Dan & Sue Terwilliger) Rosemary Razzetti (Josephine Commisso)
10:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
11:30	a.m.	Nancy Brown (Husband, Ken) John Prendergast (Anne Marie Brown) Norma Napolitano (Ken Brown)