

The Parish Communities of

Saint Helen

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Our Lady of Fatima

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Worship Times:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM
Tues/Thurs: 9:00 AM

Worship Times:

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM
Mon/Fri: 9:00 AM

Rev. Robert Longobucco

Pastor - Saint Helens

Deacon Thomas Sharrow

Deacon - Saint Helens

Deacon Richard Thiesen

Parish Life Director - Our Lady of Fatima

Rev. Robert Longobucco

Sacramental Minister - Our Lady of Fatima

Parish Staffs:

Mrs. Tricia Olson, Pastoral Assoc. Administration - OLF
Mrs. Anne Pomeroy, Pastoral Assoc. Administration - SH
Mr. George Bollock, Pastoral Assoc. Liturgy & Music - OLF
Mrs. Barbara Musial, Pastoral Assoc. Music - SH
Ms. Jennifer Chatain, School Principal - SH/OLF
Mrs. Anna Denney, Pastoral Assoc. Youth Ministry - SH/OLF
Mrs. Lisa Kuban, Pastoral Assoc. Youth Ministry - SH/OLF
Mrs. Helen Moon, Pastoral Assoc. Adult Faith Formation - SH/OLF
Mrs. Patricia Policastro, Pastoral Assoc. Faith Formation, K-5 - OLF
Mrs. Kristine Rooney, Pastoral Assoc. Catechesis - SH
Sr. Ellen Spellman, CSJ, Pastoral Assoc. Sacramental Preparation - SH
Ms. Jean Orthlieb, Pastoral Assoc. Pastoral Care - OLF
Sr. Betsy Van Deusen, CSJ, Pastoral Assoc. Evangelization - SH/OLF
Mr. Robert Christoffel, Pastoral Council President - SH
Mr. Eric Olson, Pastoral Council President - OLF

Sacraments:

Penance & Reconciliation (Confessions):

St. Helen's: Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:00 PM and *Our Lady of Fatima*: Friday - 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Infant Baptism: held on a regular basis; new parents attend one evening preparation session.

Call either Parish to register 4-6 weeks in advance.

First Eucharist, First Reconciliation(Confession) or Confirmation,

Contact either Religious Ed/Youth Ministry Office.

Matrimony: contact either Parish Office at least 8 months before the wedding.

Preparation sessions held in the Parish.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who want to be received into the Catholic Church.

Please call either Parish Center for more information.

Shared Ministries & Events

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (GRADES K-5)

REGISTRATION FORMS for the 2011-2012 Children's Faith Formation K-5 programs were emailed to all families. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not enrolled in our programs but would like to be, we would love to have you! Being enrolled in Faith Formation in 1st grade is required in order to receive 1st Communion in 2nd grade. Registration forms can be found on our websites at www.olfatima.cc or www.sainthelenschurch.com.

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

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Please keep our young people in your prayers this week as we go out to our local communities with "**SSS**" to be of service to others!

All Seniors who have just graduated, and those who are in college, but are visiting home this summer, please join Fr. Bob for a BBQ at his home on Thursday, August 4th at 6pm!

Attention those who are going into the 10th grade: we are offering two retreats this upcoming year and one of them begins on August 26-27, 2011. It is open to the first 30 participants, so please sign up as soon as you can! Call our Youth Ministry offices for more information today!

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

Adult Faith Enrichment

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER GROUPS. Sharing faith, insights and questions can be life-giving and fun! Our Scripture/Prayer session this week will be **ONLY** on Thursday at 1pm at Fatima's Community Room. Come and try a session You'll like it!

THE MOM-DAD-KIDS' GROUP. Being a busy Mom, Dad, or grandparent who cares for little ones during the day can be wonderful and exhausting all at the same time! Give yourself a morning break and come to our 'Mom's Group' on Wednesday, July 27th at 10am. We will be meeting at one of the mom's homes. We'll enjoy some light refreshments and a little adult conversation while giving the tots play-time and interaction. We also informally discuss the Sunday scriptures along with our insights and questions. If you plan on coming, please call Helen Moon at OLF's Parish office, 370-0027, for directions to the site.

2011 PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER

Cast the Peace of Christ Upon the World

Each year the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany participates in the 'Peter's Pence' Collection; giving us an opportunity to extend the **sign of peace** to the Body of Christ around the world. This special collection will be taken up next weekend. Please be generous in your offering to this annual collection that helps the Holy Father strengthen struggling communities of faith throughout the world affected by war, oppression and natural disasters.

AUTUMN DIOCESAN GATHERING

Mark **October 29th** on your calendar and plan to attend the annual Autumn Diocesan Gathering (formerly Parish Convening) at Christian Brothers Academy, Albany. It is a day designed for each of us to gather with over 400 of our brothers and sisters from throughout the diocese to pray, learn, and be nourished so we can share the love of Christ through our ministries. Father Richard Fragomeni will begin our day with his engaging keynote "He Sent My Heart Singing," followed by some 20 workshops covering every area of ministry. Watch for further details about registration and new features of the Gathering here, in *The Evangelist*, and at www.rcda.org.

RITE OF CANDIDACY / BLESSING OF SEMINARIANS

Please join Bishop Hubbard and the Church of Albany in the celebration of the Candidacy Rite the blessing of seminarians as they return to their studies. This will take place in the context of Solemn Evening Prayer at the Church of St. Edward the Confessor, 569 Clifton Park Center Rd. Clifton Park NY 12065 on Sunday, August 14 at 4:30 p.m. All are welcome.

PASTORAL CENTER CUSTODIAN. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany seeks a candidate for a full time custodial position at the Pastoral Center. Qualifications include at least 1 year of experience in housekeeping and/or janitorial services and excellent references. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, resume and references to the Diocesan Human Resources Office, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203 or Diocesan.HR@rcda.org by August 8, 2011.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The man in today's gospel "sold all he had" for the treasure he found. Family relationships are "treasures" and demand our total personal investment. Invest yourself in the "treasure" of your family.

Saint Helen's

Welcome: Mr. & Mrs. Brian Casey, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kirchner and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sinicropi families to St. Helen's Church.

Please Pray For: Katelin Richardson, grand-daughter of Joan Schaeffer, Kevin Nealon and Michele Musial, sister of Michael who have gone before us in faith.

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
7/17/11 Missionary	\$8,263 \$2,171	\$7,725

Our Lady of Fatima



We are in need of someone or a team of people for our **Sunday morning Second Grade Sessions** (9:45-10:45am). The best thing about being a Catechist is that all you need is a love of sharing your faith. 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 more information or to volunteer, please call Pat at 370-0027.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS. This is a time of year when many of us go away on vacation. Unfortunately, the need for food in our region never takes a vacation. With children home from school, where many receive their meals, the need can be greater than ever. Please keep this in mind when you are shopping and consider picking up an extra item of non-perishable food that you can put in the wicker basket at the lower entrance to the church. We have had a few volunteers respond to our request on Sunday, and we want to both thank them and make sure that the time they spend making the delivery to SICM is well worth their effort. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



WE WELCOME into our Christian Community Charlotte Grace Wrenn daughter of Brendan & Kerry Wrenn.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
7/17/2011	\$7,790.58	\$7,140.00	+\$650.58
Mission Coop	2011 \$2,094.65	2010 \$3,677.50	

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.

SAT	7/23	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Louise, Anthony & Son, Anthony Musella, Stephen & Vivian Farina (MaryLouise & Stephen Farina)
SUN	7/24	
8:30	a.m.	Clifford Curran (Thiesen Family) Matthew Sarsfield & Family (Bonnie Kleinkauf) Joe & Maria DeMarco (Lou & Antoinette Fazzone)
10:00	a.m.	William Joralemon (William & Bernadette Spare) Regina Nelson (Liz Bishop)
11:30	a.m.	Nancy Brown (Marvin Dragon) Frank Riccobono (Grace Riccobono) Patricia Fall (Mary Anne Boord) Joanne Kearns & John DelSanto (Wrenn Family)
MON	7/25	St. James
9:00	a.m.	Special Intentions for Anne & Bill Rush
TUES	7/26	St. Joachim & St. Anne
9:00	a.m.	Michael Sommers (Family) Guido Vitello (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scotti)
WED	7/27	
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours – Morning Prayer
THUR	7/28	
9:00	a.m.	Gloria Halstead (Jack & Norine Richardson) John Fusco (Pomeroy Family)
FRI	7/29	St. Martha
9:00	a.m.	Zelda Blandino (Family)
SAT	7/30	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Michael O'Connor (Richard & Kay Rudd) Sean Valero (Richard, Diane & Stephen Smith)
SUN	7/31	
8:30	a.m.	George Hall (Friends) Ruth Favasuli (J & M Schultheis) Angelo DeFilippo (Helen Gale)
10:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
11:30	a.m.	June L. Kenny (Ann & Ernie Tetrault) Rev. Patrick Lynch (Anne Marie Brown) Maureen & Michael Eadry (Moon Family)

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