

# 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

#### YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 6-12)

We are looking for any donations of healthy food snacks for our young people during their upcoming service at Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, and Emmaus House during the week of July 25-28. If you feel inspired, please contact Anna with any donations you can offer! And thank you!

A Certificate of Appreciation was recently awarded to St. Helen/OLF Church Youth Group in recognition of valuable contributions to Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County, NY for their support and help to eliminate sub-standard housing in Schenectady County. Congrats!

Thank you to the young volunteers who went this week to the Regional Food Bank and served lunch at SICM's lunch in Central Park to help others!

Wondering how you can help to make a difference in this world? Well, look no further because we are offering a service event called "SSS" from July 25-28 at St. Helen's to help others in our area! Contact Anna today if you would like to make a difference!

#### Adult Faith Enrichment

Summertime is a great time to find a little 'Sabbath-time' for your faith right in the middle of the week. Sharing insights and questions can be life-giving and fun! Scripture/Prayer groups are meeting on Tuesday at 3:30pm OR Thursday at 1pm in Fatima's Community Room.

1st Tuesdays in the Summer: enjoy this opportunity to grow in faith, hope, and love! On July 5th at 7pm in Fatima's Community Room, we will gather to share ideas and insights about our Amazing God of love using the bishop's DVD's and other prayers, songs and scripture readings.

**THANK YOU!** - to Antoinette and Karl Kranz for their generous donation of the ice cream sundaes for our Eucharistic Procession and to the Sisters at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center for once again welcoming us and cleaning up our mess!

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit enliven your soul, mind and heart! Learn about St. Joseph Workers by visiting [www.sjworkers.org](http://www.sjworkers.org). Perhaps you know a young woman 21-35 who would like to serve as a volunteer.

#### Called To BE Church – From Fr. Bob & Deacon Dick

In June 2008, after 18 months of prayer and planning by pastoral teams from both Our Lady of Fatima and St. Helen's, we submitted our recommendations and plans to Bishop Hubbard. In January 2009, the Bishop directed us to "continue to deepen linkages with a view toward eventual merger." We then formed an Implementation Team from both parishes to guide parish leadership and our ministries as they sought to bring our plans to fruition. Ministry chairpersons were asked to convene meetings with corresponding ministries to think about how they would minister in a merged parish. In order to engage the community-at-large, we held several Town Hall meetings and utilized our bulletin to discuss our progress and to imagine what a merged parish would look like. Meeting jointly, our Pastoral Councils have come to consensus that we have deepened our linkages to the point where it makes sense to recommend that our two parishes be merged into one new parish. Accordingly, we have sent a letter to Bishop Hubbard, together with a Summary of our Strategic Plan, recommending his approval of a merger of our parishes effective July 1, 2012. We further recommend to Bishop Hubbard that we retain both worship sites as well as our current Mass schedule. If the Bishop concurs with our recommendation, we will begin the process of choosing a new name for our new parish and make the necessary preparations for a smooth transition that honors the rich traditions of Our Lady of Fatima and St. Helen's. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this process so far and ask for your prayers that we may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATING 5TH GRADERS:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Amm            | Robin Kraus           |
| Christina Arnachellum | Preethi Kumaran       |
| Francesca Asmus       | Angelica Matoske **   |
| Taylor Barber **      | Jula Megyeri **       |
| Alex Brown-Romero **  | William Salavantis ** |
| Drew Califano         | Sydney Smith **       |
| Skyler Chotkowski **  | Ryan Stone            |
| Zoey Herrera          | Treasa Kozakiewicz ** |
| McKalie Koonce        | Charlie Williams      |
|                       | Austin Zullo **       |

\*\* Indicates these students will be attending ND-BG in the fall.

Congratulations to Taylor Barber and Jula Megyeri for receiving the Knights of Columbus Catholic Education Scholarship to ND-BG.

In addition to our graduating class moving on, so are two dedicated St. Helen's School Board Members. A heartfelt thank you to Larry Scorzella and Brian Ferrucci for their many years of service as active members on the School Board.

## Saint Helen's

**BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE.** Can YOU help...Even though we have made our assessment, only 312 families helped this year. Last year, 345 families made a commitment. We are looking for 34 families to put us over last year. It's not too late to make a pledge ... this Appeal is everyone's work. Envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church and can be mailed back or put into the collection basket. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

| St. Helen's Parish Support | This year's collection | Last year's collection |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 6/19/11                    | \$7,164                | \$7,590                |

## Our Lady of Fatima

### Bishop's Appeal Update

What a week!!! Last week we were at 92% of our goal and because of your generosity we now stand at **98% of goal!!** We now need only **\$1,903 to reach 100%!** If 25 more families commit to \$78 per year (22 cents per day), we will have done it! Please join us by completing an envelope available in the church or by going to [www.thebishopsappeal.org](http://www.thebishopsappeal.org) Thank you for your generosity.



**WE WELCOME** into our Christian Community Abigail Anna, daughter of Jose Xavier & Bindhu George.

**NEW PHONE SYSTEM.** We recently had a new phone system installed in the Church Office building. There have been some bumps in the road to getting it up and running.. You may encounter some difficulties reaching us for a little while. We are working on getting the problems worked out. Once it is up and running smoothly, it will be a big improvement. Thank you for your patience!

| Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support | This Week's Collection | Weekly Budget | Difference  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 6/26/2011                         | \$5,653.47             | \$7,140.00    | -\$1,486.53 |

## 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.

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| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>7/2</b>  | <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>   |
| 4:30        | p.m.        | Intentions for the People   |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>7/3</b>  |   |
| 8:30        | a.m.        | Helen Stebbins (Sister-in-law, Genevieve)   |
| 10:00       | a.m.        | Mary Goodwin (Husband)<br>Cornelius O'Hanlon (Mr. & Mrs. William O'Hanlon)  |
| 11:30       | a.m.        | Peg Giedraitis (Family)<br>John DelSanto (Wrenn Family)<br>Nancy Brown (Sister-in-law, Evelyn Dragon)                       |
| <b>MON</b>  | <b>7/4</b>  |   |
| 9:00        | a.m.        | Mass for Parishioners   |
| <b>TUES</b> | <b>7/5</b>  | <b>St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria</b>  |
| 9:00        | a.m.        | John Godlewski (Son)<br>John Sommers (Family)   |
| <b>WED</b>  | <b>7/6</b>  | <b>St. Maria Goretti</b>  |
| 9:00        | a.m.        | Liturgy of the Hours – Morning Prayer   |
| <b>THUR</b> | <b>7/7</b>  |   |
| 9:00        | a.m.        | Mary Rita Collins (Edward, Charles & Mary Ellen Lantry)<br>John Fusco (Pomeroy Family)                                      |
| <b>FRI</b>  | <b>7/8</b>  |   |
| 9:00        | a.m.        | Mass for Parishioners   |
| <b>SAT</b>  | <b>7/9</b>  | <b>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  |
| 4:30        | p.m.        | Matthew Staccione (Anne Marie Brown)<br>Sean Valero (Laurene Arsenault)   |
| <b>SUN</b>  | <b>7/10</b> |   |
| 8:30        | a.m.        | Stella, William & Mary E. Nield (Bonnie Kleinkauf)  |
| 10:00       | a.m.        | Pierino Sementelli (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Scotti)<br>Marion Duma (Judith Duma)  |
| 11:30       | a.m.        | Margaret Lape (OLF Staff)<br>Anne Ferreri (Melvyn & Edwina Lobo)<br>Katherine Singsheim (Lillian Calvert & Frank Singsheim) |

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