

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
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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

Dear Friends:

We are going to our Sister Parish! Next October, we are going on pilgrimage to St. Augustine's in Mexico. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to truly know the brothers and sisters with whom we pray every week. The great gift of a sister community is not only to provide invaluable help toward one another but to build relationships. Yes, we will certainly see a very different way of life. But we will truly discover as well the commonality that makes us one body in Christ. In this group of pilgrims coming together, we will bring our entire community with us so that all might feel connected to our friends to whom we feel so close. But it is not a pilgrimage without you. Please prayerfully consider joining us if this opportunity is meant for you. We will open our eyes and our hearts. We will be about a great adventure. But above all, we will be a people in prayer and in the midst of friends. And what could be more Christ like than that? If you are interested or merely intrigued by the possibility, please join us **November 10th at 7pm** in the Community Room at Our Lady of Fatima.

Peace,

Fr. Bob and Deacon Dick

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

Reminder: **Confirmation Prep I** session (10th graders) will be **Sunday, October 30th** in the church at Our Lady of Fatima from 6:00pm -7:30pm.

Concern for the Hungry Service Opportunity: A group of interested young people or families are needed on **Nov. 16th-Nov. 20th** at Keane Elementary School (1252 Albany Street) to sort food and pack food baskets for Thanksgiving. Contact Lisa or Anna to sign up to help.

Have you ever wanted to visit Washington, D.C? Then why not consider joining us on our Habitat for Humanity Mission trip during our Easter break on April 8-15! Contact Anna or Lisa for more information, as spaces are filling up!

Lisa and Anna wish you a safe and happy Halloween this year!!

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

Adult Faith Enrichment

SCRIPTURE/PRAYER GROUP. 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 Thursday at 1pm OR 7pm (the RCIA process) at Fatima's Community Room.

BOOK GROUP. Where is God when bad things happen to good people? Sometimes even believers can be shaken by tragedies. Where the Hell is God? is a shocking question we have all asked at times, isn't it? It is also a book by Richard Leonard, SJ. Fr. Leonard tackles these hard questions and helps us to think about a loving God in the midst of real life. Come to what will be a lively and meaningful discussion: **Wed. Nov. 9** at 7pm at Fatima's Community Room. A few copies are available in Fatima's library – or at Amazon.com for under \$10.

All Community Experience (ACE) presents: The Kingdom of God is at Hand! Why do we 'have' to go to church? What is God's Kingdom? What does it have to do with me? Come to this interactive gathering for all ages and find out!

November 6 after the 8:30am Mass at Our Lady of Fatima or after the 10:00am Mass at St. Helen's. Our speaker will be Eileen Davenport. There will be talking, sharing, laughing, singing, kits to take home and DONUTS! This replaces regularly-scheduled faith formation and youth ministry classes for that week. Don't miss it! For more information (or if you would like to help!), feel free to contact Kris Rooney at 377-3119 or reled1803@gmail.com.



St. Helen's School Holiday Meal Planning Fundraiser. The Honey Baked Ham Company will be donating 50% from each \$25 gift card sold between now and Monday, October 31st. Please contact the school at 382-8225 to purchase one of these gift cards.

St Helen's is looking for **clean, empty 1 pound metal coffee cans** to be used to distribute salt on the sidewalks this winter...can you help? If so, please drop off in the designated box in the glass foyer church or at the parish center. Thanks so much!!!

Saint Helen's

Mass Intentions

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REMEMBER

THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



Please join us for the All Souls' Day Evening Prayer Service on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at St. Helen's when we will pray for all those who have died this past year. Refreshments will be served in the Glass Foyer following the service. Everyone is welcome!!

At each weekend mass in November we will be remembering in the Prayer of the Faithful those parishioners who died this past year. The following names will be sung the weekend of Nov. 5 & 6: **Walter Duma, Joseph Cardettino, Mary Rita Collins, Christopher Kuban, Violet and Walter Hunter, Donald Johnson, Jr., Matthew Staccone, Richard Kownack, Sr., Virginia Capiello, Prescott Brown, Denis Petrie and William Joralemon, Jr.**

All Souls' Day envelopes may be placed in the Collection Basket. There are additional envelopes available at the entrances of the church. Masses will be offered for deceased parishioners, relatives and friends.

ST. HELEN'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Week of: 11/5-11/6	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 10:00am
READERS:	Fred Muller Michael Penik	Kathleen Millsbaugh Anita Pierce
SERVERS:	Celine Fletcher Kyle Fletcher Daniel Bellcourt Emma Griffith	Tim Rice Helen Serafini Olivia Serafini Danielle Uribe-Cano
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Team III	Team III

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
10/23/2011	\$10,483.	\$9,475.



Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 6th.

Masses held at Our Lady of Fatima Church are shaded.

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

SAT	10/29	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Sean Valero (Kellish Family) Michael Favata (Richard Huether)
SUN	10/30	
8:30	a.m.	Bob Goodwin (Sandy & Kent Solomon) Mr. & Mrs. Nguyen K. Doan (Family) Kevin Duff (Kelly Family) William Babinec (Daughter, Mary Shemo)
10:00	a.m.	Christopher Ryan (Dorothy Hart) Vincenza D'Aversa (Cecelia & Ed Dufur, Ginny & Roy Grover)
11:30	a.m.	Margaret Hayes (Sheila Ryan) Jack Van Kamerik (Wife, Irene) Vito Scolamiero (Lillian Calvert)
MON	10/31	
9:00	a.m.	Mass for Parishioners
TUES	11/1	All Saints
7:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
9:00	a.m.	Intentions for the People
12:10	p.m.	Mass for Parishioners
7:00	.p.m.	Mass for Parishioners
WED	11/2	All Souls Day
9:00		Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
7:00	p.m.	All Souls Prayer Service
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THUR	11/3	St. Martin de Porres
9:00	a.m.	Karl & Kathryn Christoffel (Family) Rosemary T. Miller (Tim & Natalie McDonough)
FRI	11/4	St. Charles Borromeo
9:00	a.m.	Mass for Parishioners
SAT	11/5	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Gabriel Davi & Carmella DiCerbo (Davi Family) Natalie Carroll-Tuttle (Traci Johnson & Family)
SUN	11/6	
8:30	a.m.	Bob Goodwin (Ginny Taft) Daniel Scur (Pat Yavonditte)
10:00	a.m.	Angela Serafini (Mary Ann Rooney) William Brennan Jr. (John & Lana Jersen) Jacqueline Brice (Barry Loffredo)
11:30	a.m.	Jean Brown (Faye Nadler) Lillian Kazakavich (Family) Betty Reich (Gloria Conde) Delany Van Wert (Family)

Shared Ministries (continued)



Thanks to all who came to hear Fr. Bob's presentation on his trip with the Albany Catholic Workers to South Africa. It was a great joy for Diana, Fred and Fr. Bob to share their life shaping journey. And the generosity of those who attended resulted in \$500 being donated to help refurbish St. Immaculata parish in KwaNdebeqheke. If you would like to help, please see Fr. Bob or write a check out to the Albany Catholic Worker and indicate it is for St. Immaculata.

Donations can be mailed to:

The Albany Catholic Worker
45 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12202

Our 3rd Annual YM **Fresh Christmas Tree Sale** will take place in St. Helen's parking lot on **Dec. 9th-11th**. Proceeds benefit our YM program. The pre-order form with details will be in an upcoming bulletin!

Mark your Calendars: **Breakfast with St. Nicholas**, sponsored by the Youth Ministry will be on Sunday, **Dec. 4th from 9am-1pm inside St. Helen's gym.**

Please pray for those high school youth and adult leaders (including Fr. Bob, Sr. Betsy, and Anna) on the Fall Journey Retreat held on Nov. 10-13 at the Dominican Retreat Center.

Work of Human Hands

**November 5th (3:00-5:30pm) and 6th (8:00am-1:00pm)
Our Lady of Fatima Community Room**

While our neighbors in the Northeast need our help after the excessive rains in recent months, disasters in other parts of the world often occur in addition to chronic, abject poverty. How we can help isn't always clear, but the fair trade sale in our (location) next weekend is a concrete way of ensuring that people, while still poor, will not sink into destitution. They are not asking for a handout, but just that we take a little time to browse among the useful, unusual and charming products that they have created, and hopefully to purchase something. Your support affirms their dignity while overcoming the barriers that often separate us from the rest of the world.

Work of Human Hands is a program of Catholic Relief Services, which relieves suffering and builds solutions to poverty in over 100 countries. Please remember to bring your checkbook or cash.

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

Our Lady of Fatima

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Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. On **Wednesday, November 2nd, at 7:00pm** in the church, we will celebrate our annual liturgy in remembrance of deceased parishioners, family members, and friends. All parishioners are invited to attend to honor loved ones who have died. This year, for the first time in many years, we are inviting all those in attendance to join together for a reception in the Community Room following the liturgy.

All Souls envelopes may be placed in the collection basket this week and next. Masses are offered weekly during November for deceased parishioners, relatives, and friends.

WELCOME WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: Peter & Deanna Bouton, Jeffrey & Tricia Edwardsen, Joseph & Marisa Vitale, Jean Coffey, Patricia Giola, Christian & Glenda Natalie and Ryan & Ashley Natalie.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
10/23/2011	\$5,845.30	\$7,140.00	-\$1,294.70

Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

Gospel of the Week: Matthew 23:1-12

Question for Adults - How can I be a calming presence in a situation this week?

Question for Children—Who will I help this week and how?

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

Community News

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS: Ever wondered how to live the faith in today's world? Join us on Wednesday, November 9th for "Capital Region Frassati Presents..." Living the Faith in an Imperfect World with Deacon Tom Gutch. There will be a "Happy Hour" at 6:30pm, with the speaker at 7:30pm. Grab a brew and a bite to eat at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy, while learning more about the Catholic faith with your peers. All YOUNG ADULTS 18-39, single or married are welcome. Spread the word!

Seniors - Join us for the Cinderella Matinee on Wed., November 2nd at 10a.m. at NDBG. Call Pat Assenheimer to reserve your seat 456-1991.

You're invited to.....

Notre Dame-Bishop Gibbons School 2011 Musical

*Cinderella Enchanted
November 3rd, 4th and 5th*

For ticket information please call Melanie Anchukaitis @ 393-3131 ext. 410

The following programs will be offered by the **Consultation Center of the Albany Diocese** during November. For further information about the programs, please call the Consultation Center at 489-4431.

- "The Joy of Being a Blessing to Others" on Wednesdays, November 2 and 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, Fee is \$12. The workshop will be led by Rev. Dr. Ray Stees.
- "Hoarding 101: Understanding Hoarding and Hoarders" on Thursday, November 3 from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, Fee is \$12 plus \$3 for instructional materials. The workshop will be led by Helen Volk.
- "The Art of Prayer: Exploring and Creating Mandalas" on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany. Fee is \$12. The program will be led by Ellen Howie
- "Organizing Strategies to De-Stress the Christmas Season" on Monday, November 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, Fee is \$12 plus \$10.80 for instructional materials. The workshop will be led by Helen Volk.

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Calendar of Events

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
10/30 RE/YM 7:00pm Basketball	10/31 YM 7:45pm Volleyball	11/1 All Saints Day RE 3:00pm Rosary 4:00pm Scripture Group.
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
11/2 All Soul's Day	11/3 8:40am Rosary for Peace 10:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg. 1:00 Scripture Group 6:30pm Choir 6:00pm Karate 7:00pm RCIA 7:00pm Landings	11/4 7:00pm Journey Reconciliation
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	COMING
11/5	11/6 9:30am ACE Gathering 11:30am ACE Gathering 7:00pm Basketball	