

Shared Ministries & Events

Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (GRADES K-5)

PANDAMANIA. Please visit www.olfatima.cc or st.helenschurch.com to view a great slide show of pictures showcasing our recent Vacation Bible School. Thanks go to Christopher Rooney for putting this great slide show together.

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

Youth Ministry (Grades 6-12)

WELCOME BACK!! Faith formation sessions for Grades 6 - 10 begin this week. Don't forget to return the completed Community Service Registration. **STILL NEED TO REGISTER???** Enrollment forms, calendar and community service registration can be found on the website at www.olfatima.cc. and st.helenschurch.com.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

- This Friday, September 23rd, from 4:45pm - 6:45pm, 10 young people and two adults are needed to serve the evening meal at the Schenectady City Mission. The group will leave the OLF Parking lot at 4:45pm and return at 6:5pm. Contact the Youth Ministry Office to sign up.
- HOLIDAY SHOPPING FAIR!!! Young people are needed to on Friday, October 14th to set up St Helen's Gym from 6pm - 9pm; AND on Saturday, October 15th from 8am - 5pm to work the concession stand, sell Fair Trade Coffee/Tea and Chocolate then help with clean up. Contact the Youth Ministry Office to sign up.

RETREAT NEWS!!

- October 1st - The Middle School Retreat. All young people, grades 6 - 8, need to attend either the fall or spring retreat. The retreats are from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.
- October 21 - 22 - Confirmation Prep II Retreat will be held from 7:00pm - 7:00pm at the St. Helen's Parish Center. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office if you did not receive your notice or have questions.

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

Adult Faith Enrichment

BOOK GROUP. Are you a reader? Do you enjoy the enrichment and insights that come from both non-fiction books and novels? Do you like having a meaningful conversation with others? Then, come Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm to Fatima's Community Room We will be discussing *Keeping the House* by Ellen Baker. This is a multi-generational novel, a real saga of love, loss, betrayal and family loyalty. Come also with any future book ideas for the year.

SCRIPTURE GROUPS. Sharing faith, insights and questions can be life-giving and fun! Scripture/Prayer groups are meeting on Tuesday at 4:00pm (note time change!) OR Thursday at 1pm at Fatima's Community Room. Everyone who is interested in better understanding the Sunday readings are invited to attend. Come where everyone will get to know your name!

RCIA. Would you like to know more about our Catholic Faith? Are you an adult who would like to be baptized or receive First Eucharist or be confirmed? Or would you just like to come where you can grow in faith and find meaningful conversation about things that matter? You are welcome to come: RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will begin regular sessions on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7pm in Fatima's Community Room. Discover just how life-giving our faith can be! Call Helen Moon, 370-0027, if you have any questions.

PRE-BAPTISM PREPARATION. There will be a pre-baptism program on Wednesday, September 28th at 7:00pm in the OLF Community Room. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Helen Moon at 370-0027 if you are planning on attending.

ALL COMMUNITY EVENT (ACE). It is that time again...time to plan for our next All Community Experience! If you would like to be part of the process, please come to our next meeting, Monday September 19th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Fatima Community Room. With questions, please call Kris Rooney at 377-3119.

CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES COLLECTION. REASON - FAITH - SERVICE

The Catholic University of America is the National University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. and to where Fr. Bob went to Seminary. Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America and for other Catholic institutions of higher education. These schools provide rigorous education to thousands of students every year. Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students. We appreciate your efforts to help make this appeal successful.

Saint Helen's

Mass Intentions

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The day we have all been waiting for: Faith Formation K-5 sessions begin TODAY! All Catechists and aides will receive a special blessing today and then go forth to share their faith with our wonderful children. Classes are 11:10am - 12:10pm in the school. If you are new or have questions, please go the gym and there will be people ready to help you. A meeting for all parents will be held in the church at 11:30am while the children are in session .

Congratulations to the families of Liam Dieckmann & Isabella Cancelliere on their children's recent Baptisms.

A Memorial Mass for Elizabeth (Betty) Marx who died on 8/25/11 will be held Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 9:00am. All are welcome to attend.

ST. HELEN'S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Week of: 9/24-9/25	Saturday 4:30pm	Sunday 10:00am
READERS:	Tricia Ford Marni Gillard	Kathleen DeCataldo Jennifer Dominelli
SERVERS:	Daniel Bellcourt Colby Carach Sophia Constantine Thomas Constantine	Nicholas Reyes Tim Rice Mila Stafford Danielle Uribe-Cano
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Team III	Team III

St. Helen's Parish Support	This year's collection	Last year's collection
9/11/11 Hurricane	\$12, 236 \$5,512	\$9,573

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Scripture Readings for Next Sunday:

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11,
Matthew 21:28-32

Gospel of the Week: Matthew 20: 1-16

Question for Adults – What is one way you will be extravagantly generous this week?

Question for Children – How do you help around the house?

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

Masses held at **Our Lady of Fatima Church** are shaded.

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

SAT	9/17	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Fred Blechinger (Family) Enrico Sciocchetti (Brian & Maggie Pomeroy) Sean Valero (Koegl Family)
SUN	9/18	
8:30	a.m.	Fazzone & DeMarco Families (Lou & Antoinette Fazzone) Vincent Capalbo (Mrs. Patrick Anderson) Bob Goodwin (Marge & Charlie Assini)
10:00	a.m.	Diana Traficante (Linda Wolfe) Michael Sommers (Family) Rita Sharrow (Family)
11:30	a.m.	Agnes Wayne (Husband, Anthony) Nancy Brown (Sister in Law, Evelyn Dragon) June L. Kenny (Pete & Jeanne Aviles) Marietta Conde (Daughter, Gloria)
MON	9/19	St. Januarius
9:00	a.m.	Zelda Blandino
TUES	9/20	St. Andrew Kim Taegon & St. Paul Chong Hasang
9:00	a.m.	Nancy Kimball Lorenz (Tammy Dubinsky) Laura Beebe (Sr. Betsy Van Deusen)
WED	9/21	St. Matthew
9:00	a.m.	Liturgy of the Hours-Morning Prayer
THUR	9/22	
9:00	a.m.	John E. Collins (Family) Jessica (Roy & Ginny Grover) John Sheridan (Audrey & Larry Moskowitz)
FRI	9/23	St. Pio of Pietrelcina
9:00	a.m.	Bob Goodwin (Helen & Joe Moon)
SAT	9/24	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30	p.m.	Michael Farina (Parents Mary Louise & Stephen) Caruso & Corridore Families (Maria Caruso) Christopher Ryan (Family)
SUN	9/25	
8:30	a.m.	Bertha Stebbins (Daughter, Genevieve) Carl & Florence Garkowski (Family) Deceased Members of Sarsfield & Kleinkauf Families (Bonnie Kleinkauf)
10:00	a.m.	Kenneth Staley (Wife, Elizabeth) Ruth Kim (Kellish Family)
11:30	a.m.	George Hall (Friends) Roland Faulkner (Beebe & Grimmer Families) Enrico Sciocchetti (Mary & Fred Schiazza) Dr. Thomas Oram (Joanne, Cara & Kiley)

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COOPERATIVE NURSERY

Several months ago, we began contacting parishioners who had expressed an interest in reopening the Cooperative Nursery at Our Lady of Fatima for children from 1-4 years of age during the 11:30 Sunday Mass. In order for the program to function properly, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, all adult volunteers must have completed Virtus training and background checks. Although some people had fulfilled these requirements, not enough had done so for us to set up a reasonable schedule. There must be a minimum of eight qualified adults before we can open the nursery. If you are interested in volunteering for the nursery, please email pc@olfatima.cc and indicate whether or not you have completed Virtus training and a background check, or if you are planning to do so.

On September 29, from 6:30 – 9:00pm, we will be conducting a Virtus training session at Our Lady of Fatima, and we encourage any prospective volunteer to attend and receive certification. If you plan to attend, you must first register at www.virtus.org. (Albany, NY diocese, Our Lady of Fatima) Babysitting will be provided on site if there is interest-- please notify Lisa Kuban by email (liskuban@gmail.com). Forms to submit for background checks will be available at the Virtus session.

EVANGELIZATION TEAM (E TEAM) will meet next Monday, September 26 at 6:30 in the parish center at St. Helen's. New members are always welcome. We will set the vision and goals for the year.

INTERFAITH PROGRAM - "THREE SCRIBES: FRIENDS IN ART" is being held at the Schenectady Jewish Community Center on Balltown Rd. in Niskayuna on Sunday, September 18th from 1-4pm. Neil Yerman, Karen Gorst and Mohamed Zakariya - calligraphers from the three monotheistic faiths (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) will demonstrate how art can be used as a method of interfaith collaboration and dialogue. The calligraphers will also facilitate a program at the Nott Memorial at Union College at 5pm following the program at the Schenectady Jewish Community Center.

The Jewish – Catholic Dialogue Committee and the Muslim – Catholic Dialogue Committee of the Albany Diocese are partnering with the Schenectady JCC and with Union College to offer these programs. Both programs are free and open to the public. Further information: call Kathleen Duff at 518-372-8821.

Our Lady of Fatima



Happy 65th Wedding Anniversary to Sam and Theresa Costanzo

REST IN PEACE

WE PRAY FOR Edison Robles, father of Karedis Robles-Mercado of OLF who has gone before us to new life in the hope of the Resurrection.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Support	This Week's Collection	Weekly Budget	Difference
09/11/11 Hurricane	\$7,287.50 \$2,988.85	\$7,140.00	+\$147.50

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REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Our refugee family has lots of good news to report. Ruaad has been at his job for over 9 months, is getting excellent feedback from his manager, and will soon be transferring to a location much closer to his home. His commute will go from 32 miles each way down to 5 miles. Noor will soon be returning to ESL classes in Scotia where transportation and childcare for baby Sarah are both available. Mariam and Rania just started the school year at St. Helen's School. They are so excited about their new school where they are in third and second grades respectively. Best of all, the whole family recently received their "Green Cards," making their official legal status Permanent Residents of the United States. What a wonderful milestone!

The family had a wonderful summer with day trips to many local spots and continue to make new friends in the area. When you see them, be sure to say 'hello' and introduce yourselves. They have truly become part of our Schenectady community and St. Helen's/OLF parish family. Thanks to all who have attended to them in so many ways - prayers, contributions of all kinds, good will and companionship.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

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DREAM ACT – next weekend parishes across the country are becoming more aware of and praying for the passage of the Dream Act (The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors). Thousands of hard working young people who were brought to the United States as children want to go to college and live the American Dream, but can instead be detained and deported to countries they've never known. The DREAM Act could stop the injustice by giving students who have grown up and graduated from high school in the United States the opportunity to earn legal status through higher education or military service. As Catholics we believe in the dignity of each person and especially our children. Visit www.justiceformigrants.org to learn more.

OKTOBERFEST DINNER. The Knights of Columbus Oktoberfest Dinner is September 24th. The St Helen's Gym doors open AFTER 4:30 Mass. Bratwurst, potato and green salad and dessert with complimentary beverages are \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Come enjoy good food and LIVE German music!

Do you know a woman between 21 and 30 who has a heart for service, wants to live in community for a year, develop her spirituality and grow as a leader? Perhaps the St. Joseph Worker Program is for her. www.sjworkers.org or email sjworkers@csjalbany.org

Community News

Harvest for the Pantry - SICM (Schenectady Inner City Ministry) has a *homemade* chicken dinner and silent auction to raise funds for the Emergency Food Pantry.
 Date: Sunday, Nov. 6th, at 4:00pm
 Place: First Reformed Church of Scotia
 224 N. Ballston Ave., Scotia
 Tickets are \$25 pp. and GE match eligible.
 Contact the SICM Office at 374-2683 for more details.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR invite you to join them on Friday and Saturday, October 21 & 22 at their 17th Annual Fall Festival to benefit Our Lady of Hope Residence in Latham. The Festival will be held at the Residence, One Jeanne Jugan Lane (off Old Loudon Road), Latham, from 10:00am to 7:30pm each day. There will be many activities as well as a Bake Sale & Candy Buffet, Christmas Gift Shop and prizes. A special feature is a spaghetti & meatball dinner to be served Friday and Saturday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Cost for a complete dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children (Children under 3 Free). Free Parking.

WOW!! What a Picnic! A **BIG** thank you to all those from both Our Lady of Fatima and St. Helen's who made our joint picnic such a rousing success! We thank all those who planned and organized ... those who brought such scrumptious dishes to share ... those who cooked, served and cleaned up (especially our youth) ... to our Knights of Columbus ... to our Barbershop Singers ("The Ice Cream Tones") ... to the St. Adalbert's Dancers ... to all who donated to and bid on items in the Silent Auction ... AND to all of those who came and enjoyed ... proving once again that, any time our parishes get together, we are wonderful community!

Thank you to our Sponsor:

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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
9/18 RE/YM	9/19 YM 7:00pm ACE MTG. 7:45pm Volleyball	9/20 3:00pm Rosary RE 6:00pm Boy Scouts 6:30pm YM Parent/ Youth Confirmation Mtg.
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9/21 10:00am Salvation Army Soup Kitchen	9/22 8:40am Rosary for Peace 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm Karate 7:00pm Landings	9/23 4:30pm YM City Mission Meal
SATURDAY	SUNDAY	COMING
9/24 1:30pm Knights of Columbus October- fest Dinner	9/25 RE/YM 1:00pm Journey Mtg.	Mon. 9/26 6:30pm E-Team Mtg. Thurs. 9/29 6:30pm Virtus Training