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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT
All Saints Parish in Somersville, Connecticut is committed as a faith-filled community to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of those we encounter in all ministries of our faith. Through prayer, sacramental life and works of charity, in love and obedience to God, the Lord of all life. All Saints stands ready to proclaim the Good News in word, sacrament, and service to all.

November 1, 2020—All Saints

PARISH STAFF
Parish Priest: Father Gerry Kirby
Parish Secretary: Diane Farnham
office hours: Monday 8:00am-3:00pm
Tuesday 8:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday 8:00-11:00am
Thursday 8:00-11:00am
Parish Sexton: Joe Gundlach
Director of Faith Formation: Nancy Rudek
office hours: Monday 10:00am-1:00pm
Tuesday 10:00am-1:00pm
Wednesday 10:00-1:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:15am
Monday: 9:00am
Wednesday: 9:00am

SACRAMENTS
Sacrament of Baptism
Please contact Father Gerry six months in advance to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays: 3:30pm and by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Please contact Father Gerry one year in advance to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Sick
If you know of anyone who is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Sacraments, please contact the rectory office.
The natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone. If we make something our own, it is only to administer it for the good of all. If we do not, we burden our consciences with the weight of having denied the existence of others. That is why the New Zealand bishops asked what the commandment “Thou shalt not kill” means when “twenty percent of the world’s population consumes resources at a rate that robs the poor nations and future generations of what they need to survive”. [78]

From the Fathers and Brothers at Maryknoll—

As we celebrate All Saints this Sunday, we hear Jesus again remind us what it means to be blessed. So much has happened already this year with Covid-19, the economic crisis and of course our pending election. Our understanding of normal, and what it means to be blessed, has been turned upside down. It is easy to be overwhelmed by suffering, loss, anxiety and constant change. And yet, in the midst of it all, The Spirit continues to call us forth as missionary disciples to share God’s love.

All Saints’ Day is a feast day celebrated on November 1st. All Souls’ Day, November 2nd, is a time to pray for departed souls.

**All Saints' Day**

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work. Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn’t until 609 AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember all martyrs. Originally May 13th was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837 AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints, and changed the date to November 1st.

**All Souls’ Day**

While praying for the dead is an ancient Christian tradition, it was Odilo, Abbot of Cluny (France) who, in 998 AD designated a specific day for remembering and praying for those in the process of purification. This started as a local feast in his monasteries and gradually spread throughout the Catholic Church towards the end of the 10th century AD.
Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 31—Weekday
Vigil: All Saints
4:30pm: † Tony Schuller
         r/b Debbie Schuller

Sunday, November 1
All Saints
9:15am † Jim Ferreira
       r/b His Children and
       Grandchildren

Monday, November 2—The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—All Souls’ Day
9:00 † All the Holy Souls in Purgatory
       r/b Jack and Jean Provenzano

Tuesday, November 3—Weekday—Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday, November 4
Saint Charles Borromeo: bishop
9:00 † Deacon John Abdalla
      † Albert and Catherine Hebert
      r/b John Hebert

Thursday, November 5—Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, November 6—Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Saturday, November 7—Weekday
Vigil: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30pm: † Therese Vezina
        r/b Her husband, Leo, and family
      † Ewa Tatartk
      r/b Her sister, Theresa Syrek

Sunday, November 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15am † Tom and Doris Bresnahan
       r/b Chuck, Donna and Michael Emery

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of All Saints and All Souls

Faith Formation
To our current registered families in the Faith Formation Process, as well as any new family at All Saints Church, our registration forms are now available to access from our website, www.somersallsaints.church. Please take your time in filling them out as it’s a new endeavor for all of us. If you have any difficulties, please contact the Faith Formation office at 860-763-0348. If your child/ren were not baptized in this parish, we will need a copy of your child’s Baptismal certificate and if they received their First Eucharist in another parish, we will also need a copy of their certificate.

First Eucharist families 2020—We are getting close to putting a program together that will assure everyone that our children and their families are prepared for the reception of their First Holy Eucharist. Once this has taken place, dates will be announced. As always, check your email and our website for updates.

Parish Giving October 25, 2020
Envelopes and Cash: $ 2966.50
EFT & Online Giving: $ 1173.06
Weekly Total: $ 4139.56
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