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.

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.

PARISH STAFF
Parish Priest: Father Gerry Kirby
Parish Secretary: Joan Nielsen

Monday-Thursday
9:00-12:30

Please call the office at 860-749-8625, and feel free to leave a message if no one is available to take your call.

Parish Sexton: Kevin Riley

Director of Faith Formation: Nancy Rudek

Office hours: Monday thru Wednesday
10:00—1:00
Phone: 860-763-0348
Email: alstchurchformation@yahoo.com

May we continue to pray for one another and for the world throughout the week.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Weekly Reflection

As we move into the month of September, we will resume our offertory procession during Mass in a slightly different way. The offertory basket will be placed in the center of the sanctuary (as on Holy Days and for the Mission COOP collection), and after the Universal Prayer everyone will be invited to come forward to place their offering in the basket.

You also may place a piece of paper with any prayer intentions you wish to offer during Mass. This will restore the offertory to its proper place in the Mass and provide for fuller participation of all present.

We will begin this practice the first weekend of September.

Monday, St. Rose of Lima
9:00 am: †Jennie Hartling
   r/b Debbie Schuller

Tuesday, St. Bartholomew, Apostle
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday, Weekday
9:00 am: †Angelina Bruno James
   r/b Jean

Thursday, Weekday
NO MORNING MASS

Friday, St. Monica
NO MORNING MASS

Saturday: 11:30 Marriage of:
Christopher Drolet and Melissa Brown
   †Jerry Marcum and Michelle Scaramozza
   r/b Melissa & Chris

Saturday, Vigil of the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm: †Ted and Tina Sherber
   r/b Their Family

Sunday, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am: Anne Julian
   r/b Her Family

We are in the process of purchasing new, permanent music books for the parish. Unlike the missalettes which we used in the past, these hard covered hymnals will only have to be purchased once and will last for many years to come. If you would like to purchase a hymnal (or hymnals) for the parish in memory of or in honor of someone you love, the cost is $25.00 per hymnal. Please place your donation in an envelope with the person’s name written inside along with your check, or you may mail it or drop it off at the rectory. Feel free to let others who may be interested know about this opportunity. A plaque with the person’s name inscribed will be placed inside each hymnal.

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Next weekend at our Masses a special collection will be taken up to assist the people of Haiti in their earthquake relief efforts. A basket will be placed in the sanctuary and everyone will be invited to come forward during the Offertory to place their donations in the basket.

Please keep the Haitian people in prayer.

PARISH GIVING August 1st, 2021

Envelopes and Cash: $ 1425.00
EFT & Online Giving: $ 1224.82
Weekly Total: $ 2649.82
Minus Diocesan Tax: $ 264.98
Deposit for Parish: $ 2384.84

Thank you for your generosity and caring!
We are in need of facilitators for our Faith Formation sessions this year. The most important qualification for this position is your participation in the weekly celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. Registration information for your children will be available soon.

Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Session 1-Grades 1-5 from 4:30-5:30 and Session 2, Grades 6-10 from 6:45-8:00pm. Materials and training will be provided. Please pray to discern if God is calling you. Please call Nancy at 860-763-0348 with any questions you may have.

Place on your calendar— On the weekend of September 11th and 12th, we will be celebrating Catechetical Weekend at Mass. This will be a time to celebrate families, facilitators, aides and substitutes in our Faith Formation program. This is a great way to begin our year with prayer and blessings for all those who make our faith community strong with God’s love!

THANK YOU

To the Catholic Daughters who gave their time and energy this past Tuesday morning to clean the parish center for us. May your labors be abundantly rewarded both here and in Heaven!

Encyclical
“Laudito. Si, Mi Signore”
“Care for Our Common Home”

THE NEED TO PROTECT EMPLOYMENT

135. Certainly, these issues require constant attention and a concern for their ethical implications. A broad, responsible scientific and social debate needs to take place, one capable of considering all the available information and of calling things by their name. It sometimes happens that complete information is not put on the table; a selection is made on the basis of particular interests, be they politico-economic or ideological. This makes it difficult to reach a balanced and prudent judgement on different questions, one which takes into account all the pertinent variables. Discussions are needed in which all those directly or indirectly affected (farmers, consumers, civil authorities, scientist, seed producers, people living near fumigated fields, and others) can make known their problems and concerns, and have access to adequate and reliable information in order to make decisions for the common good, present and future. This is a complex environmental issue; it calls for a comprehensive approach which would require, at the very least, greater efforts to finance various lines of independent, interdisciplinary research capable of shedding new light on the problem.