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Catholic Community

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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

November 27, 2011, First Sunday of Advent

**Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9;
Mark 13:33-37**

The first Christian communities were attractive for many reasons. People often converted to this new religion because of the importance given to each individual. This importance was given to each individual of the community when he or she committed themselves to imitating the death and rising of Jesus. They themselves became "*other Christs*", they became equal members of the communities to which they belonged.

Long before Jesus, the classic Hebrew prophets also condemned anyone who treated others with disdain. And they criticized leaders – especially political and religious ones. Let us take the passage of Ezekiel (Ez 34, 11-12, 15-17). We hear about people crushed down by unfeeling leaders. To them the prophet promises that one day Yahweh will break into their oppressed lives, he promises that one day Yahweh actually will "*shepherd*" them: "*I will look for my sheep and take care of them myself, just as a shepherd looks for lost sheep. I promise to take care of them and keep them safe, to look for those that are lost and bring back the ones that wander off, to bandage those that are hurt and protect the ones that are weak. Because I am a shepherd who does what is right.*"

www.dignityusa.org/breath/

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Father Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso, Levina & Renée Menjares • Altar Servers:
Isabella Gneist, Theresia Giersdorf, Johanna Süssel • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •
Hospitality: Josephine Schmidt

Collection on November 27th is designated for All Saints

OUR COMMUNITY: The All Saints Catholic Community is based on the principle that we, the Community, willingly take on all the responsibilities of running our own Community and supporting our Celebrants. The All Saints Coordinators, whose contact telephone numbers are shown overleaf, guide groups of volunteers in meeting our needs and those of our Celebrants. Please volunteer to help that group to which you feel you can most contribute. Contact the All Saints Coordinator responsible for the group.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 20 attendance: 81

Collection: Friends €178.18, Diaspora €7.42

- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- Please note that a new **Liturgical Year** starts with the first Sunday of Advent: we are having now **Year B**.
- We will pray the **Rosary** next Sunday at 9:30 before Mass. Please join us.
- **Archbishop Dr. Rainer Maria Woelki** invites the faithful to the **Foreign-Speaking Missions' Mass** at **St. Hedwig's Cathedral, Bebelplatz, Berlin-Mitte** on **December 8th at 6 p.m.** followed by a reception in the Bernhard Lichtenberg House at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by the Philippine Community. Please indicate your intention to attend in the Office.
- We would like to thank Konrad and all of the volunteers who came on Friday to set up the **Christmas tree** and prepare the church for the Advent season.
- A big thank you to all of the organizers and volunteers who made the **annual All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** a big success.
- The **34th Taizé meeting will be held in Berlin** from December 28, 2011 to January 1, 2012. Please volunteer as a guest family at <http://tzberlin.pf-control.de/qz2/qzform.html>.
- Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes** stamped **ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. **THANK YOU!**

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.

Friends of All Saints Verein: Bank Account No.: 6001669018, BLZ 370 601 93, Pax-Bank eG

December 4th 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Father Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Cathleen Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Levina & Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Altar Servers: Dylan Schmidt, Dennis Loebach, Niels Waliszewski • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Hansen Family

Collection on December 4th is designated for orphans

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
All Saints Coordinators	Altar Servers	Katharine Doeringer	03328/335725
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	Eucharistic Ministers	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	Greeters, Family Group	Konrad Giersdorf	797 83 709
	Hospitality	Levina Menjares, Lupita Wilhelm	466 09 788, 305 82 45
	Lectors	Mike Hoth	354 06 724
	Music Director	Johannes Wrembek	341 31 90
	Office, Treasurer	Heide Doblhofer	832 62 72
	Rosary	Eleonora Loebach	500 14 506

ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Chair) * Vanessa Hansen * Rudolf Hausmann * Tamás Meggyes * Grey Okute * Marianne Sihotang

FRIENDS OF ALL SAINTS ASSOCIATION: Howard Eyth * Mike Hoth * Lupita Wilhelm * Heide Doblhofer * Eddie McGreal

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

Access to All Saints:

Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); Bus M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

Car: Via Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>). Currently, **no access** from the A115 **Avus highway**.

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