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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.

April 15, 2012, Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

KNOWING THE RISEN CHRIST

Mathias Grünewald's Isenheim altarpiece has one of the most extraordinary paintings of Christ's resurrection. Jesus rises out of the tomb like an atomic explosion, still a body, but a body of pure light. The central piece of the altar is Christ crucified, his body afflicted with Anthony's fire, a dreaded fungus infection in the middle ages. Grünewald painted it for a hospital where patients with Anthony's fire were treated. He wanted to tell them: Jesus himself has suffered your excruciating pains and one day your body like his will be transformed.

The painting is a product of an inspired artistic imagination. At the event itself, no one was present. How then did the apostles know he had risen?

They witnessed some strange signs. Peter and John looked into the tomb. The burial cloths were still in place, the body was gone, evidently not stolen, simply dematerialized, the wrappings still intact, the content vanished. Other disciples recognized him in a gesture Jesus had done a thousand times: breaking the bread. Others experienced the same extraordinary catch of fish at an impossible hour of the morning as had happened on the day of their first calling. Jesus gives us, too, small signs of his presence every day. Most of the time, we are just too busy to recognize them.

Jesus explained the scriptures to them. They knew the bible by heart, but did not understand the meaning. In the light of the resurrection the ancient texts began to make sense, like stones of a mosaic coming together to form a picture. A new vision of God, of the world, of themselves took shape in their minds. Did you ever have that experience? A word you have heard many times, all of the sudden touches you and "your heart burns"?

They also experienced a transformation within themselves. The fear was gone, a new energy filled them. Then there were rare moments when the veil was taken away and they saw him present. What overwhelmed them most was that Jesus did not say one word about their cowardice, their betrayal, their denial. No question, no blame, no threat. Just: "Peace be with you." At this amazing love their hearts were overjoyed. Easter joy is to realize that we are forgiven people, people set free from the past.

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 8 attendance: 179

Collection: Friends €340.51€ + \$ 24

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Dietmar Lenfers M.Afr.

Lector: Anna Berger • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares, Celso Menjares • Altar Servers: Samantha Ruckeis, Emma Whamond, Karina Whamond • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Levina Menjares

Collection today is designated for All Saints.

- 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!
- A **membership meeting for the Friends of All Saints Association** has been scheduled for **April 22nd** after Mass. Please mark your calendars and, if necessary, check that you have paid your membership dues for this year.
- The next **All Saints Family Bazaar** will take place on May 5th, 9 am to 3 pm. We will need your help at the coffee and cake stand. If you want to sell your own items, a space costs 10€ + 1 cake/pack of coffee. Please bring your own table and sign up about 2 weeks in advance.
- 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. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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

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April 22nd 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr Ludger Hillebrand

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso and Levina Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Altar Servers: Philip Ruckeis, Samantha Ruckeis, Sarah Schmidt-Bleek • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf • Hospitality: Hansen-Waliszewski Family

Collection on April 22nd is designated for Catholic Day Care Centers.

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ	
		Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
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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
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ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * 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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