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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.

June 22, 2014 Corpus Christi

**Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a • Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20 • 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 •
John 6:51-58**

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke

Lector: Christian Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann,
Renée Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Erik Walton, Gwendolyn Walton •
Hospitality: Beata McGreal • The designated collection is for Caritas.

The Trinity is a model for how we live, how we love, how we change the world

When we hear the dogma of "*three persons in one God*," we forget that God didn't appear to the participants of the Council of Nicea in 325 and proclaim this precise formula. That concept had been fermenting in the consciousness of Christians for almost 300 years. They had not read those words in a catechism and repeated them on the council floor. Had our faith ancestors been content to repeat only "catechism concepts" of God, we would not be celebrating today's feast of the Trinity. No, our ancestors in faith 1700 years ago simply had experienced God working in their lives on those three different levels. One way to put their experience into a simple phrase is to say: Our God is a social God.

On the mountain, Moses (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9) finds a God with whom he can communicate in some way. He asks this God to journey with all the people. Again and again, we discover a God of relationship in the scriptures. God is more than totally other. We discover a God traveling with us and with the whole community. Our God is a social God – a God who is concerned with our world and its people.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 reminds us that the relationship within God also mirrors the relationship that should exist within us as a human community: mutuality and support, love and respect. Paul first gives God the title of "God of love and peace," then applies different attributes to the Father, Son and Spirit: "*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Spirit be with all of you.*" These are individual dimensions of God which the risen Jesus brings to the surface in his followers' lives, they are parts of God's personality which Jesus helps us discover.

Jesus reminds us in John 3:15-18 that God travels with us not to condemn but to love – to be of help to all of us. As God is a social being, so we are. Any good theology of God has social implications. It calls us to social values. Our religious faith involves a community of mutual support and discovery, and a set of values that we share. We are concerned with the issues of the world and everyday life, with justice and peace. We focus on the common good. We see God in all people and in all of creation. We have a special concern for the poor. We have hope in the midst of all the problems and challenges of the world.

As Christians, we reject any spirituality that disconnects us from these concerns for the world. In this way the Trinity is a model for how we live, how we love, and how we change the world.

cf: <https://educationforjustice.org/resources/lectionary-reflections-trinity-sunday-june-15-2014>

Wolfgang Felber SJ



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on June 15th: 73

Collection: Friends: €78.65

If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!

Mark your Calendars

- June 29th: Annual Summer **Barbecue**.
- July 6th: We will celebrate a **special Mass with Fr. Schonecke** in honor of the **50th anniversary of his priesthood**. Johannes Wrembek will direct a choir and orchestra of former Theresienschule students.

Notes

- Buck is setting up an online doodle for **Hospitality**. If you would like to volunteer for one of the upcoming Sundays, please contact Buck or Vanessa so we can include your name on the list. You can also sign up in person after Mass.
- **June 29th is our annual Summer BBQ Potluck**. We need helpers before Mass to move the tables and benches from the cellar storage room to our picnic area. All volunteers are welcome, but, in particular our teenagers who can earn credit toward their community service. We will have a sign up list in the Fellowship Hall after Mass today. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Saints Peter and Paul, June 29th, 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann,
Renée and Celso Menjares • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N.N., N.N.
• Hospitality: Summer BBQ • The designated collection on June 29th is for Peter's penny.

Many of the **designated collections** are for special purposes of the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints receives no financial support from the Archdiocese. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. 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 FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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- **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 110 or 623: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk).
- **Car:** A115 Avus highway, Hüttenweg exit or Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>)

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