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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 2, 2014 Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 3:1-9 • Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14 • Romans 6:3-9 • Matthew 25:31-46

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Herbert Gillesen

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer •
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Niels and Julia Waliszewski • Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt •
Designated collection today is for Priests in Central and Eastern Europe.

World Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday reminds us of Jesus' mandate to go the world and bring the Good News to all nations. But how can we evangelize our world today as Pope Francis keeps urging us? Let me illustrate three elements from the way Christianity spread in a country I know well: Uganda.

What persuaded people in Uganda to become Christians? The examples of the first missionaries. People watched these strangers very closely and saw that they were men of prayer. They got up early before sunrise to pray together. They were also deeply impressed by the way they cared for the sick making no distinction between people. If we wish to evangelize our secularized society in Germany, we must become people of prayer, putting God first in our lives. And we must show love and concern especially for the uncared for. In other words, we must live in a radical, uncompromising manner the commandment to love God and neighbor.

The first missionaries who came to Uganda had only a few years to spread the Gospel before political trouble made them flee to a neighboring country leaving behind a community of about 80 Christians, most of them catechumens. When they could return years later they found that the number of Christians had increased tenfold. Without the help of priests or religious these young Ugandan Christians had spoken about the new faith in Jesus to their friends and families and enkindled the fire of faith in others. The Catholic faith in Africa was spread not so much by missionaries, but rather by ordinary lay people. The New Evangelization of which the Pope speaks and which is so needed in Europe will have to be the work of lay people who radiate the joy of the Good News in their own families, neighborhood and workplace unreachable by priests.

After 10 years, persecution broke out in Uganda and dozens of Christians chose to die rather than deny their faith in Christ. 22 of them were canonized by the Church 50 years ago. The "blood of martyrs became the seed of new Christians", as St. Irenäus said of the early martyrs. Throughout history, the church grew under persecution. Never has there been such a widespread persecution of Christians as today, especially in Muslim countries. Even in Europe, where we enjoy religious freedom, it can take great courage to stand up for one's faith when it means that you are ridiculed or disadvantaged. Do we have the courage of the early Christians in Uganda and other "mission" countries who are ready to suffer and die for Christ?

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Holy Father's prayer intentions for November 2014

For lonely people: May they experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

For mentors of seminarians & religious: May they have well-formed mentors.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on October 26th: 82

Collections: Friends € 215.53, Mission € 34

Visiting All Saints for the first time? Please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you and join us after Mass for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

Mark your Calendars

- The annual **Friends of All Saints Association** membership meeting takes place after Mass on **November 16th**. Please **renew your membership** if you have not done so yet.
- The **All Saints Thanksgiving Potluck** is on **Saturday, November 22nd at 6 pm**.

LIFT (LIVING IN FAITH TOGETHER) interfaith youth group - open to youth of ALL faiths - is off to a great start! The **American Church in Berlin** (Luther Church on Dennewitz Platz-Schöneberg) will host the November events. Bring a friend! Contact Vanessa (vhansen980@hotmail.com) for more details about the events and/or transportation.

NOVEMBER LIFT EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN CHURCH IN BERLIN

GAME NIGHT on Friday, November 14th from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm for **ALL AGES**. Snacks and drinks provided. Please bring finger foods to share and your favorite game. There will be Bingo with prizes! Teens - please bring RISK and/or Dungeons & Dragons!

“VOICES OF GRATITUDE” THANKSGIVING CONCERT & RECEPTION on Saturday, November 29th at 6 pm. Join us for an uplifting concert of classical music! Proceeds benefit the ACB food distribution with the Berliner Tafel. Following, enjoy homemade pumpkin soup and American-style dessert reception. Ticket purchase is available online or at the door (5 euros youth/10 euros adults). Doors open at 5 pm. **SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY** on Friday, November 28th for students to help with set-up preparations.

We need your help!

- **Cross Bearer/Altar Server volunteers** are still being sought for November and December. Please see Buck. The doodle link to sign-up: <http://doodle.com/u548zg3xg8k92qsd>
- **Hospitality volunteers** for November 30th and December 28th. Please consider volunteering!

November 9th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Lector: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Madeleine and Samantha Rückeis • Hospitality: Rose Oruga
Designated collection on November 9th is for St. Hedwig Cathedral.

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!

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Directions 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 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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