

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



## ***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.

## **February 22, 2015 First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 9:8-15 • Psalm 25:4-9 • 1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:12-15**

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

Lector: Samantha Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Aidan Brinda, Ava Brinda • Gifts: Your family's name could appear here! • Hospitality: Thomas Schmidt • Today's designated collection is for Caritas.

### **Pope Francis: Make time to care for the sick**

Pope Francis is asking people to take time out of their frenzied lives to visit the sick, spend time with them and learn from their suffering.

Marking the World Day of the Sick this Wednesday, communities, parishes, dioceses and bishops' conferences around the world will gather in prayer with Pope Francis for the suffering and their caretakers.

Instituted on May 13, 1992 by Saint John Paul II and celebrated every year on February 11, the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Day is a special time of sharing and pastoral outreach to people living with illness.

In his message this year- titled "I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame" (Job 29:15) - Pope Francis calls on Christians and all people of good will to have 'wisdom of heart', to go beyond themselves and reach out to the sick.

He writes that in the rush of today's world we can often forget the value of 'time spent at the bedside of the sick'. He says 'we forget about giving ourselves freely, taking care of others, being responsible for others', adding that this marks a 'lukewarm faith'.

Pope Francis also warns against what he describes as 'a lie' that lurks behind certain phrases that insist on the importance of "quality of life" and which make people think that lives affected by grave illness are not worth living.

Instead, "the experience of suffering can become a privileged means of transmitting grace and a source for gaining and growing in wisdom of the heart". This means showing solidarity without judging. "Charity takes time" concludes Pope Francis, "time to care for the sick and time to visit them, time to be at their side".

**Source: 2015-02-12 Vatican Radio**

**Today we have Children's Liturgy followed  
by a "Goodbye winter blues" Hospitality after Mass.**

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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>)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on February 15: 93

Collections: Friends €155.62 Catholic Day Care €28.50

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

**March 1st, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Herbert Gillessen**

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm • Gifts: Boy Scouts • Hospitality: Boy Scouts • Designated collection on February 22nd is for All Saints.

## UPCOMING DATES

**Children's Liturgy: Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**LIFT Interfaith Youth Group**

**LENTEN SPIRITUAL ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITY FOR ADULTS & YOUNG ADULTS**

All Saints is offering a **guided scripture study opportunity** for adults wishing to **mark the season of Lent** with a **spiritual enhancement** activity. The theme will be „**Living as Christians**“, focusing on excerpts from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. The program will consist of six evening sessions and utilize materials from the „Six Weeks with the Bible“-Catholic Perspectives program.

**Dates: Mondays 23 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March, 23 March, 30 March.**

**Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm**

**Location: All Saints at Hüttenweg**

You do not need to attend all six sessions! Self-study packets will be sent via email for sessions you miss. If you would like to participate, please contact Jenny Gebhardt (Tel. 847 100 73).

**March: “Iranian Evening” on Saturday, March 7th** from 6.30 pm to 8 pm. We will have a unique opportunity to tour the **Iranian Mosque and Cultural Center**, learn about Islam and Iran's fascinating history and culture – middle eastern hospitality included! This event is open to the entire All Saints community. Directions: Iranian Mosque & Cultural Center on Ordenmeisterstraße 5-6, 12099 Berlin-Tempelhof  
Bring a friend to the LIFT events! The more diverse the group, the better.  
Interested in coming or helping out? Contact Vanessa - [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)

Mark your calendars for our annual **ST. PATRICK'S DAY POTLUCK** celebration on Saturday, March 14th starting at 6.30 pm, 'cause everyone is Irish when celebrating St. Patrick's Day!

Support All Saints through our fundraising site at [www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin) at no extra cost to yourself. Shop at one of more than 1500 online shops through this website, and All Saints receives a donation from the online shop for every transaction you make. The funds collected this way will go toward supporting our community life, such as our hospitality ministry.

**WORLD CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY BERLIN Saturday, March 28th, 2:30 pm to 6 pm at St. Matthias in Schöneberg**

We are a world church! Join in the celebration. This event is for youth in the 4th grade and older. We would like to send a delegation of English-speaking Catholic youth representing the different age groups (4th-6th), (7th-8th) and high school age (9th-12th). Bring your friends! Contact: Vanessa - [vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto:vhansen980@hotmail.com)

Please continue to donate to our community by using the “**ALL SAINTS FUND**” envelopes and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account below. We are completely **dependent upon your donations**. THANK YOU!

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**New to All Saints? We would like to welcome you!**

Name: .....

Email: .....

Please drop this registration form in the office after Mass.