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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.

March 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent

The readings are (Missalette p 82 ff): Ez 37:12-14 • Ps 130:1-8 • Rom 8:8-11 • John 11 long version (11:1-45)

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints.

Our Celebrant today is Fr Joe Duggan SJ (Manchester, UK)

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Madeleine and Samantha Rückeis and Ava Brinda •

Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Today's designated collection is for Misereor.

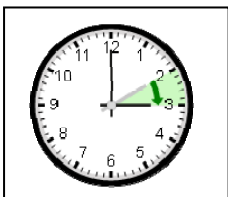
Pope Francis: To receive pardon, we must give pardon (www.news.va 10-03-2015)

Focusing on Matthew (18:21-35), in which the Lord counsels his disciples to forgive "seventy times seven" times, Pope Francis addressed the close connection between God's forgiveness of our sins and our forgiveness of others. Drawing on the Old Testament reading from the prophet Daniel, which tells of Azariah's appeal to God for clemency on behalf of the people, acknowledged as sinful and in need of pardon for having abandoned the way of the Lord. Azariah does not ask God simply to excuse, or to overlook, the sinfulness of the people, but to forgive them: "Asking forgiveness is another thing: it's not the same as simply saying, 'excuse me.' Did I make a mistake? 'Sorry, I made a mistake. But, 'I have sinned!' – that is different: the one has nothing to do with the other. Sin is not a simple mistake. Sin is idolatry: it is to worship the idol, the idol of pride, vanity, money, 'my self', my own 'well-being'. So many idols do we have: and for this, Azariah does not apologize: he asks forgiveness."

Forgiveness must be asked sincerely, whole-heartedly – and forgiveness must be given whole-heartedly to those, who have injured us. The Pope recalled the servant who, having been forgiven a great debt by his master, fails to show such generosity of spirit to a fellow. The Holy Father explained that the dynamics of forgiveness are those, which Jesus teaches us in the Our Father: "Jesus teaches us to pray to the Father in this way: 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.' If I am not able to forgive, then I am not able to ask for forgiveness. 'But, Father, I confess, I go to confession' 'And what do you do before you confess?' 'Well, I think of the things I did wrong.' 'Alright' 'Then I ask the Lord for forgiveness and promise not to do those things again.' 'Okay...and then go to the priest? Before you do, however, you're missing something: have you forgiven those who have hurt you?'"

Forgiveness God will give you requires the forgiveness that you give to others: "This is what Jesus teaches us about forgiveness: first, asking forgiveness is not a simple apology, it is to be aware of the sin, of the idolatry that I have committed, of the many idolatries; second, God always forgives, always – but He asks me to forgive [others]. If I do not forgive, in a sense, I close the door to God's forgiveness. 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.'"

Today, we have Children's Liturgy.



Summer daylight-saving time starts on March 29th. Don't forget to advance your clock by one hour!

We will celebrate PALM SUNDAY on Sunday, March 29th. Mass will begin in the Community Hall so please come early!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on March 15: 71

Collections: Friends €104.68

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 29th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Jun Ocampo SVD

Lectors: Howard Eyth, Tate Doeringer • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas and Michael Donovan • Hospitality: Anders Family • Designated collection on March 29th is for the Holy Land.

UPCOMING DATES

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday: St. Bernhard's 8:00 pm
Good Friday: **All Saints** 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday: St. Albert's 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday: **All Saints** 10:00 am

Annual EASTER EGG HUNT
after Mass on Easter Sunday, April 5

APRIL Children's Liturgy
Sundays 12th & 26th

The guided scripture study, "Living as Christians," to mark the season of Lent has begun! If you would like to participate, contact Jenny Gebhardt (Tel. 847 100 73).

Remaining Dates: Mondays March 23rd and 30th

Time: 7:30 pm – 8:45 pm

Location: All Saints at Hüttenweg

Pilgrimage to Rome in October 2015!

The Berlin diocese is planning a pilgrimage during the 2015 October fall break. Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. For example, the subsidy for children also applies if you make your own travel arrangements! And you can already reserve your tickets for the audience with Pope Francis! Tickets are limited and going fast!

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

We are a world church! We would like to send a delegation of English-speaking Catholic youth representing the different age groups. Contact: Vanessa - vhansen980@hotmail.com

The **St Patrick's Day Potluck** was a big success. Thanks to all of the volunteers, especially Philip and Niels!

Thanks to those who helped with the **Hüttenweg Interfaith Spring Cleaning** on Saturday, March 21st in preparation for Easter!

THANK YOU! The first 200 euro donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account and will be used for flowers during Mass, hospitality costs and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** through our fundraising site at www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin at no extra cost. It's easy! 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. Online shops include Amazon, Ebay, Expedia, Easy Jet, German Wings, Party Deko and many more!

Many of the upcoming „designated collections“ are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin. All Saints supports these initiatives and transfers this money to the Archdiocese in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, the All Saints Catholic Community 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 written below. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

Friends of All Saints e.V. IBAN: DE15 3706 0193 6001 6690 18, BIC: GENODED1PAX

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>)