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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.

May 10, 2015 Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings (*Missalette* p 92 et seq.): Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 • Ps 98:1-4 •
1 Jn 4:7-10 • Jn 15:9-17**

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

Lector: Tamás Meggyes • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Celso Menjares •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas Donovan, Michael Donovan, Paddy Donovan

• Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang • Designated collection: All Saints.

Pope: history and service, two traits of Christian identity

Beginning with "history," Pope Francis said Saint Paul, Saint Peter, and the other disciples "did not proclaim a Jesus without a history: They proclaimed Jesus in the history of the people, a people God led through the centuries in order to arrive... at the fullness of time." God enters into history and into the journey with His people: "*A Christian is a man or woman of history, because he does not pertain to himself alone – but inserted into a people, a people on a journey. One cannot imagine Christian selfishness. A Christian is not a spiritual man or woman in a laboratory...but a spiritual man or woman inserted into a people, which has a long history and which continues to journey until the Lord returns.*" It is a "history of grace and also a history of sin": "*So many sinners, so many crimes! Today, Paul mentions King David, a saint – but before he became a saint, he was a great sinner. A great sinner. Our history must take up both saints and sinners. My own personal history, the history of each one of us, must take up our sin, our own proper sin, and the grace of the Lord that is with us, accompanying us in our sin in order to forgive and accompanying us in grace. There is no Christian identity without history.*"

The second trait of Christian identity is service. "Jesus washes the feet of the disciples, inviting them to do as He has done: to serve": "*Christian identity is service, not selfishness. 'But Father, we are all selfish.' Ah, really? It is a sin, a habit we have to break away from. Ask for forgiveness, that the Lord will convert us. We are called to service. Being Christian is not about appearance, or even about social conduct, it's not a little make-up for the soul because it should be a little more beautiful. To be Christian is to do what Jesus did: serve!*" Pope Francis calls us to ask ourselves, "In my heart, what more can I do? Do I have other people serve me, do I use others, the community, the parish, my family, my friends? Or do I serve, am I at the service of others?"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 3: 62

Collections: Friends €142.34, Pro Vita: €8.46

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!

May 17th, Seventh Sunday of Easter, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Rachel Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar server: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Rose • Designated collection: All Saints.

We thank Heide and all helpers for another successful Family Bazaar yesterday

UPCOMING DATES

First Holy Communion at All Saints

All Saints will be offering English-language sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion starting in September 2015. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in May 2016. Parents who would like to pre-register their children are invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt (jgebhar@yahoo.de) or Vanessa Hansen (vhansen980@hotmail.com) to receive a pre-registration form. We are also taking a poll of families interested in Confirmation classes starting in September 2015. Please contact one of us, if you are interested.

Next Children's Liturgies on Sunday May 17th & 31st

THANK YOU! The first 200 euro donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account!

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.

HOSPITALITY - Hospitality takes place after Mass on Sundays thanks to the volunteers who make it happen! It is an important element of community life. Please consider volunteering for this special ministry as an individual or as a family one Sunday per semester. We need your help!

Pilgrimage to Rome - October 2015! Please see Buck or Vanessa for more info. Reserve your tickets for the audience with Pope Francis! Tickets are limited and going fast!

"Designated collections" are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, the All Saints Catholic Community receives no financial support, so 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!**

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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>)