

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.

## **June 28, 2015 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (*Missalette* p 27 et seq.): Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 • Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 •  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 • Mk 5:21-43**

### **Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Jun Ocampo SVD**

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

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Shadrach Nyaaba and Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: N.N. •

Designated collection: All Saints.

### **Gratuitous service**

The most extraordinary example of faithful service without reward for me was the Catechist Matthias. When the Islamist government in Sudan threw out all missionaries from the country, this young man decided to carry on the work of a priest on his own. For 17 years he walked from village to village across his mountainous rural parish, prayed with the people, baptised the babies and instructed the children. He never received a penny for it, although the people helped him to live. Even most amazing was the fact that he was born blind. "How do you find your way? I asked. "By the power of God", was the only answer I could get out of him.

The Church and our community live out of the selfless service of many people. Just look around: gifted people enrich our worship with music; young Conrad is always the first to turn up for Mass service; someone is preparing the after-mass-coffee; mothers are teaching the children (probably better than any priest could do it); quietly in the background a team takes care of all financial and administrative issues so that I can do what I was ordained to do: breaking the bread of God's word and Eucharistic bread of Christ's presence for you. And when at the end of Mass we give all these wonderful people a token of gratitude and appreciation, ask yourself: What could be my contribution to the community?

The financial crisis of the Archdiocese of Berlin some years ago may have been a blessing in disguise. As much as we admire the great work done by paid professionals in Church institutions like Caritas or the diocesan administration, the more convincing witness to God's gratuitous love is a service done out of love without expecting a reward, like the incredible work parents do for their children or patient day care people give to their chronically sick old parents at home. They rarely get any recognition in today's individualistic culture.

Just a warning to our generous volunteers. Give your service with all the love and competence you have, but do not cling to it. Do not look at it as your property or privilege. I remember this elderly lady who had faithfully served as a competent lector at Mass every single Sunday for over 20 years. One day the parish priest suggested to her to hand over her ministry to a younger person. She was devastated. She had identified so much with her ministry that the attempt to take it away from her felt like an assault on her life.

Pure Christian service means not only to serve the community. In serving each other we serve the Lord whose body we are.

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke**

## **Have a great summer! And safe travels!**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on June 21: 99

Collections: Friends €169, Cath. kitas: €17.59

**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!

## Thank you to our Altar Servers!

Your service to All Saints is greatly appreciated:

Ava and Aidan Brinda, Conrad Chisolm, Tait, Aidan and Hanna Mei Doeringer, Thomas, Michael and Patrick Donovan, Isabella Gneist, Viktor Lohwasser, Shadrach Nyaaba, Samantha and Madeline Rueckeis, Dylan Schmidt, Karoline Stein and Julia, Josephine and Niels Waliszewski.

We wish the Donovan family best wishes as they move to the USA this summer!!

The **All Saints BBQ Potluck** was a big success! Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it happen, especially **Christian Doeringer** for being the 'Grillmeister' and **Lupita Wilhelm** for organizing the food!

The Friends of All Saints e.V. would like to thank, **Tait Doeringer**, for renovating the church office for his BSA Troop 46 Eagle Scout Project. Thank you!

A big *Thank you* to **Jenny Gebhardt** for leading the Children's Liturgy this school year! She will be stepping down from this position and taking on Sacramental Preparation. If you are interested in Children's Liturgy, please contact Jenny!

Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** at no cost through our fundraising site at:

[www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin)

## UPCOMING DATES

### **SPREAD THE NEWS! 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](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de)) or Vanessa ([vhansen980@hotmail.com](mailto: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 interested!

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**THANK YOU!** The next 365 EUR donation has been transferred from our Bildungsspender fundraising account, bringing the total this year to 566 EUR! Please **CONTINUE** to support **All Saints Community Life** through our fundraising site at [www.bildungsspender.de/all-saints-berlin](http://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 & All Saints receives a DONATION for every transaction made!

"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!**

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

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