

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission

Interfaith Community Center • Hüttenweg 46 • 14195 Berlin-Dahlem

Phone (030) 86203636 • Fax (030) 86203638

Email: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de / Website: www.all-saints-berlin.de

Office Hours: Mondays and Thursdays 10-12

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 8th, 2016 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal p 166 et seqq.): Acts 7:55-60 • Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 • Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 • Jn 17:20-26

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

Lector: Rachel Rueckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N • Hospitality: Lupita Wilhelm, Vanessa Hansen • Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

How do we know what the Holy Spirit wants us to do, and why is it important that we know?

It's clear from our Christian Scriptures that the historical Jesus was deeply concerned that his ministry be carried on after his death and resurrection. The earliest account of the Lord's Supper leaves no doubt about the issue, especially when it comes to sharing Jesus' cup. But Jesus' ministry only comes alive when it's lived and carried out in the real world. It's not just an abstract ideal somewhere up in the sky. If it's not embedded in our everyday lives, it's not Jesus' ministry.

That's the problem: how do we know what Jesus practically wants us to do in our everyday lives? He certainly didn't give his followers a step by step journal outlining what he expected. He simply gave them the Holy Spirit, his own Spirit which would not only "remind" us of the things he told his original disciples, but would also "teach" us. From what Jesus says later, the teaching entails things the historical Jesus never got around to sharing with his followers. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." If carrying on the risen Jesus' ministry consisted only in repeating what the historical Jesus said and did, we wouldn't need the Holy Spirit.

According to Luke, the early Christian community discovered this very quickly. As we heard last weekend, the church in Antioch began to convert Gentiles to the faith without first converting them to Judaism. Though they were at peace in doing this, "some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers and sisters, 'Unless you are circumcised according to Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved'." It seems the Holy Spirit was telling Christians in Jerusalem something different from what he/she was telling Christians in Antioch. What's a Christian to do? The historical Jesus never dealt with that issue.

The concerned parties call a meeting of the "whole church." No one person makes such an important decision. The group's final statement, eventually sent to Antioch, begins, "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us . . ." This isn't the first time in Acts that the Holy Spirit is equated with the Christian community.

Our Christian sacred authors not only put their bets on the Holy Spirit to keep us in touch with the things Jesus wishes to us do, they also presume the best place to surface that Spirit is to surface what the Body of Christ is thinking. If we, along with the author of Revelation, really believe the "Lord God almighty" is present among us, we must also admit all of us are more than just passive individuals in a huge church.

No wonder Pope Francis, as an essential part of his reforms, constantly insists the institutional church set up structures whereby the hierarchy can consult with everyone in the community. Nice to have a pope who knows his Acts of the Apostles.



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on May 1st: 280

Collection: Friends of All Saints: €863.01 Pro Vita: €71.45

First Holy Communion – May 1, 2016

We extend very special recognition to our First Communion Program Director Jenny Gebhardt!

Thanks are also given to Fr. Sylvester, Gretchen Vogel, Dylan D'Souza and Jennifer Evans who formed our first communion parents committee.

Additional credit is due to Monique Luegger, Fiona Evans, Christine Tombarge, the Confirmation students and their parents and to our music director and the choir.

All Saints Family Bazaar Saturday, May 21, 9 – 15

Our traditional spring and fall bazaars are major fundraisers for our community.

The space for setting up a table costs 10€ plus a cake.

Space reservation by tel. 86203636 or email: allsaintsberlin@t-online.de

We need your help in spreading the information in kindergardens, schools ...

Special help is needed on the 21st for setup (from 7:30 on) and cleanup (around 15:00) and for helping in our coffee and cake-stand. To volunteer contact Heide Heide Doblhofer

Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

Mark your calendars:

- May 13th – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- May 13th – Join us for our 4th film in our “**Explore the Faith**” series at 19:00.
- May 14th – **Confirmation Class** 15:00 – 17:00 h
- May 15th – **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- May 15th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom / chapel.
- May 22nd – **Special Confirmation (Class) Mass** 10:00 – 11:00 h - Introduction of Candidates to the community at Mass.
- May 28th – **Spring BBQ** – Sponsored by the Confirmation Class after the 15:00 – 17:00 h meeting.
- May 29th – **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** during Mass
- June 5th – **Meeting of the church ministries** to plan for the coming quarterly events.
- June 5th – **Confirmation Class** 11:15 – 13:00 h
- June 5th – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom / chapel
- June 12th – **Children’s Liturgy of the Word** during Mass

Support All Saints through our fundraising site at www.bildungsspende.de/all-saints-berlin at no extra cost to yourself. You can shop at one of more than 1500 online shops through this website. The funds collected this way will go toward supporting our community life, such as our children’s and hospitality ministries.

May 15th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Schonecke

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer
Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Aidan & Hanna Mei Doeringer • Hospitality: Vanessa Hansen • Designated collection: RENOVABIS

Designated collections are for special purposes in the Archdiocese of Berlin and are transferred in full. **However, in agreement with the Archdiocese, All Saints 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

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>)