

Serving Berlin's English-speaking Catholic Community since 1957



## Catholic Community

Member of the English-Speaking Mission



Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary

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### April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Third Sunday of Easter

Readings (Missal p 151 et seqq.): Acts 2:14, 22-33 • Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 • 1 Pet 1:17-21 • Lk 24:13-35

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

Lectors: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Will Sheehan, Samantha Scott • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang, Chatin Wildenhoff • Designated collection: All Saints

### Empowered to forgive

In the Gospel today, Jesus *repeatedly* says the same words. When the disciples were gathered in fear and Jesus stood in their midst He said to them: “**Peace be with you**”. He showed them his hands and his side and the disciples rejoiced to see the Lord. Then Jesus said again “**Peace be with you**”. And again, when Thomas doubts the resurrection, Jesus lets himself be touched by Thomas and repeats “**Peace be with you.**” By repeating “Peace be with you” three times Jesus shows a special purpose:

- 1) Jesus is *assuring* them that they are forgiven for not living up to their promises to be with him.
- 2) Jesus is *re-assuring* them that he is still their friend, in spite of the denials and cowardly actions during his suffering.
- 3) To *emphasize* this after making peace with them, Jesus breathes his Spirit on them and makes them messengers of forgiveness to others. As recipients of **mercy** and compassion, they must now be instruments of the Risen Jesus' **mercy** and compassion.
- 4) And since it is the first gift of Jesus after his resurrection, it indicates that **peace** and **mercy** be given *priority* in the relationship among his followers.

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, Jesus is telling us: Just as you are forgiven of your sins out of God's mercy and compassion, so you also should be merciful and forgiving of the sins of others. Being able to forgive is the real test of love. Jesus is *empowering* us to forgive by breathing his Holy Spirit on us and saying “**You should be merciful as your heavenly Father is merciful.**”

Fr. Jun de Ocampo, SVD

**Please volunteer to help with the bazaar next Saturday**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Attendance on April 23<sup>rd</sup>: 138

Collection: All Saints €280.75



## All Saints Family Bazaar Saturday, May 6

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. 8620-3636 or email: [allsaintsberlin@t-online.de](mailto:allsaintsberlin@t-online.de).

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

Special help is needed on the 6th for setup (from 7:30 on) and cleanup (around 15:00) and for helping in our coffee and cake-stand. To volunteer contact Heide Doblhofer.



## Save the Date: May 6th from 18:30 to 21:00 is Family Bingo Night!

Prizes, food and lots more! Fun for all ages! **Bring Your Friends!**



## Altar Server Volunteers

Spring registration has begun for new Altar Servers. Interested? Fill out a Green volunteer form (found in the info rack outside the office) and drop it in our mailbox or give it to someone in the office. Training is on May 27th from 15:00 – 17:00 h.

## Do you feel lucky??

During our annual spring BBQ we will be having a raffle: First Prize is a **Lenovo YOGA Tab 3 - 10.1 in. tablet**.

Proceeds will be used for the purchase of new altar linen.

Watch for additional information, and, be ready to buy your ticket when they go on sale on May 7th after Mass.

The drawing is on May 28th at about 11:30 during the Spring BBQ.

## Mark your calendars:

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Zaby residence.
- May 5<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Reich residence.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> - **Spring Family Bazaar** from 09:00 to 15:00 h.
- May 6<sup>th</sup> – **Family BINGO Night** – 18:30 – 21:00 h in the community hall.
- May 7<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Wilson residence.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Schulze-Makuch residence.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Ching residence.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:30 h at the Chisolm residence.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 14:00 h at the Pedussel residence.
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - **First Holy Communion Mass** – All Saints:  
**Important FHC Mass begins at 9:45 h**
- May 21<sup>st</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 17:00 h at the Wilson residence.
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - **Altar Server Training** – in the main church from 15:00 to 17:00 h. Watch for the Doodle to sign-up for new or refresher training.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> - **Spring BBQ** after Mass. Look for announcements on our website or in the bulletin.
- **October 19th – 30th – Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please contact Konrad ([giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)) who can give you details.

## **4th Sunday of Easter, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

Lectors: Howard Eyth • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Monika & Kjate Gorka •

Designated collection: Pro Vita

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