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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.

April 19, 2015 Third Sunday of Easter

Readings (*Missalette* p 86 et seq.): Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 • Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 • 1 Jn 2:1-5a • Lk 24:35-48

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

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

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

Madeleine Rückeis • Hospitality: Beata Lukaszewska • Designated collection: All Saints.

A New Chance

When we read the Easter apparitions of the risen Jesus, we note two striking features. First, the way Jesus makes his disciples aware that he is alive and with them. For everyone, he chooses a personal approach according to their different personalities. With Mary of Magdala, calling her by name is enough to make her recognize her beloved master. Peter and his fellow fishermen experience a second miraculous catch similar to the one that happened at the first encounter with Jesus to make them realize "It is the Lord." Thomas, in today's Gospel, is given a stronger sign. He, the intellectual, who tends to live in his head, needs the physical touch of Christ's body to bring him to his senses.

Still today, the risen Lord deals with each of us in a personal way. He respects and communicates with us as unique creatures of God according to our individual biological, psychological and spiritual DNA. What is the way the risen Lord makes me aware of his presence in my life?

The second impressive feature of the Easter stories is the way Jesus deals with the total failure of all his closest friends in the moment of crisis. They all ran away in panic and Peter, the usually overly self-confident leader of the group, even denied meeting Jesus. After three years of intense training, they fail the moral test. Any company would have dismissed such apprentices as unsuitable for leadership positions. What does Jesus do? He does not mention the disaster of the past days with even one word. He simply gives the disarming greeting "Peace be with you!" - three times in today's Gospel. What happened in the past does not seem to interest him. And he reinstates them in their mission.

In this attitude Jesus reveals to us who God is and how God deals with us. Just as in the parable of the "prodigal son," the Father is not interested in the failures and betrayals of past life. Like the Father in Jesus' story who reinstates the son to his former position, God gives us another chance to start again. As Jesus did with his apostles, the risen Lord sends us back to our mission – in spite of our weakness and failures.

How do we deal with the long list of our own moral failures, our small and big betrayals of the truth and of trustworthiness, of friendship and faithfulness, of our own deepest religious and moral convictions? And even more difficult, how do we deal with the failures of our family members and intimate friends, of colleagues and authorities toward us? Can we overlook those words or insults that deeply hurt us, the lies and calumnies people spread about us, and even our traumatic experiences of abuse and injustice? Do we keep scratching our wounds of the past or can we, looking at the example of the risen Christ, leave the hurts and pains of the past behind us and give ourselves and others a new chance?

Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance on April 12: 91

Collections: Friends €162.48

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!

April 26th, Fourth Sunday of Easter, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Samantha Rückeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Celso Menjares, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: Conrad Chisolm, Thomas Donovan, Michael Donovan, Shadrach A. Nyaaba • Hospitality: N. N. • Designated collection: All Saints.

UPCOMING DATES

First Holy Communion at All Saints

All Saints will be offering English-language sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion starting 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.

Next Children's Liturgies on Sunday
April 26th, May 17th

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL FAMILY BASAAR
May 9th, 9 am – 3 pm. The fee for a space is €10 plus a cake/pack of coffee. Bring your own table. Contact the office (Heide).

MAY CROWNING,
Sunday, May 10th

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and all mothers! A special Sunday Mass will be celebrated on **May 10th**, preceded by a 30-minute **May Crowning** ceremony in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel starting at 9:30 AM in which the statue of Mary will be blessed and crowned with flowers. Music, a reading, short reflection and a procession will complete the ceremony. During Mass, mothers will receive a blessing and flowers to honor them. **Brian Wasileski** has kindly agreed to support on the guitar! There will be a **rehearsal on May 9th**, at 6 PM with a pizza dinner. **Children and youth of all ages** are especially welcome. Please sign up for this very special event by contacting Jenny G. (jgebhar@yahoo.de) or Vanessa H. (vhansen980@hotmail.com).

LIFT – Living in Faith Together- Interfaith

קלעזמער Klezmer Concert

Guitar and Vocals with Tania Alon
Sunday, April 26th at 6.30 pm at Huettenweg

Join us for this family event of Yiddish songs accompanied by Klezmer music on guitar! Klezmer is a musical tradition of the Ashkenazi Jews of Eastern Europe consisting of dance tunes and instrumental pieces for celebrations. And learn a little Yiddish too! Snacks and refreshments following the concert.

Suggested donation: 2 euros per person.

RSVP by Friday, April 24th : vhansen980@hotmail.com

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!

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.

"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>)