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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.

September 6, 2015 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missalette* p 52 et seq.): Is 35:4-7a • Ps 146:6-10 • Jam 2:1-5 • Mk 7:31-37

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

Lector: Jennifer Evans • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar servers: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Marianne Sihotang •

Designated collection: Catholic religious education

Pope Francis Challenges Nations To Safeguard Refugees

As a record number of people around the globe flee their homelands to escape war, unstable governments, crushing poverty, and other crises, Pope Francis put the onus on nations to look out for the well-being of refugees and migrants. While he did have some praise for efforts made so far to protect the world's displaced humanity, which numbers in the tens of millions, the pontiff urged that much more can be done.

According to Reuters, the pope described the plight of refugees in vivid terms. "Large numbers of people are leaving their homelands, with a suitcase full of fears and desires, to undertake a hopeful and dangerous trip in search of more humane living conditions."

Francis added that it is not enough to simply "tolerate" migrants, and warned against blind judgment without learning more about the circumstances behind someone's decision to become a refugee. "Often, however, such migration gives rise to suspicion and hostility, even in ecclesiastical communities, prior to any knowledge of the migrants' lives or their stories of persecution and destitution."

In June (2014), the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) released a report that put the global number of refugees at over 50 million, a level that hasn't been seen since World War II. The pope was emphatic when he said that "no country can singlehandedly face the difficulties associated with this phenomenon," and made a plea for "a more just and equitable financial and economic order." Francis held up the Catholic Church as an example of how to approach migrants, providing them with "a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable."

Pope Francis has been a staunch champion of the poor and those who are considered on the fringes of society. He has lately been moved to make his presence known on the world stage, as evidenced by his recent visit to Albania—a predominantly Muslim country—where he spoke out against religion being used to spur violent acts. Source: www.inquisitr.com

Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refugees and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away from home. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Source: www.catholic.org

****Guided Scripture Study – Today, After Mass****



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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Support our youth and children's ministry! The community has a dedicated fund for sacramental preparation, children's liturgies and youth groups. **Special collections** will be taken up to replenish this fund **TODAY, Sept. 6th** and on **Sunday, Sept. 13th**. Look for the *colored envelopes*. Thank you for your generosity!

The annual All Saints Fall Family Bazaar was a success. Thanks to Heide & all of the volunteers!



Guided Scripture Study: "Six Weeks with the Bible"



First meeting TODAY after Mass!

The "Six Weeks with the Bible" program, a series using with the Catholic perspective, will be offered after Sunday Mass (from 11:15 – ca. 12:00 h) over a total of 12 sessions until May 2016. The first series of six sessions is entitled "**God Makes a Start**" and will focus on Genesis 1-11. The second series of six sessions is called "**Getting to Know Jesus**" and will focus on the Gospel of Mark. If you have time, grab a cup of coffee and then join the group in the classroom.

First scheduled sessions are on: **Sep 6th, Sep 27th, Oct 4th. Come join one or more sessions!** Please indicate interest to Jenny via email at: jgebhar@yahoo.de.

All Saints Annual Fall BBQ Potluck



Please join us after Mass on Sunday, **September 13th**. Please bring a side-dish to share! Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Hall.



Children's Liturgy on September 13th

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

on Sunday, September 13th after Mass.

YOUTH IN ACTION – YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th after Mass

Our dear Fr. Schonecke will lead a monthly youth group meeting after Mass (from 11.00 am to 11.45 am) to discuss how young people, as Christians, can put faith into action, encourage them to participate in community service and share their experiences.

Age groups: Middle School & High School.
Dates: Sept 13th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st and Dec (TBA).

NEW: MONTHLY FAMILY MASS SUNDAY SEPT 27th



Kids, youth & their families are encouraged to get involved as ushers/ greeters, gift bearers, lectors, servers/ cross bearers or to help decorate the church. More info soon!

ALTAR SERVERS: WE (REALLY) NEED YOU!

Have you had your First Communion? Then please consider becoming a monthly **ALTAR SERVER**. New Altar Servers will receive training. Please contact Buck: B.Chisolm@gmx.de

September 13th, 10 am Mass: Our Celebrant will be Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

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Designated collection: Media Sunday

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

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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>)