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## ***Catholic Community***

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**Youth Mass: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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## ***November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Readings (Missal no. 948) 1, Second Maccabees 7 :1-2, 9-14, Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15, Luke 20:27-38**

**Welcome to our 10:00 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke**

- Lector: Matthias Waliszewski • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Jennifer Evans, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: All Saints

### ***LIVING THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS***

Every catholic church has a patron saint. But the community here at All Saints is particularly blessed. They have not only one patron, but have hired the whole heavenly host to protect them.

There are thousands of canonised saints, Christians who are recognised by the Church to have led an exemplary holy life. Only a few are given a special feast day in the liturgy. Today we remember them all. We remember also all the holy men and women who are not mentioned in the liturgy. We might also call to mind some people we have met who have struck us by their deep Christian faith and have inspired us or have helped us along difficult patches in our life.

Important feast days remind us also of a particular aspect of our faith. The feast of all saints makes us more deeply aware that through our baptism we are all part of a spiritual family, which embraces all believers throughout the world and stretches across the generations and beyond time into eternity. We say: *I believe in the communion of Saints*. All generations, the living and the dead form one great family. Our dead because they are with God are also with us. What we are today we owe to countless generations of our ancestors. We carry their DNA in us. This is also true of our culture, our language, even our liturgy. Generations of our forefathers and mothers have shaped our way of thinking, feeling, our sense of beauty and capacity to relate to the transcendent reality we call God. We have inherited a tremendous treasure. Today we think of them and thank them for the great gifts they have handed down to us.

The remembrance of all these people who lived in communion with God and spend their lives in the service of others, who were ready to give away their lives for the sake of the Gospel, challenge us with an unspoken question: What about yourself? Do you still have a genuine desire to become holy? Holiness does not mean being perfect. Saints were not perfect. They had their defects and weaknesses. Saints were children of their time. We are not called to imitate them literally, but be inspired by their virtues and their attitudes.

St. Paul in his letters always addressed his Christian communities as the saints in Rome or Corinth... And he is right. We are already holy through our baptism. We are holy because God's Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. And yet we still have to become holy, to become what we are, to let God's spirit of love penetrate our entire lives. In the Gospel of today we heard the Beatitudes who give us the direction in our way to holiness. We could read them replacing the word *Blessed* or *Happy* by the word *Holy*.

Holy are people who are "poor in Spirit", i.e. people who know their need of God and therefore trust that God will make them holy. Holy are people who long for God's reign to come, who "hunger and thirst for justice" and work for human rights and human dignity. Holy are all who work for peace and reconciliation among the nations and among the many communities worldwide divided by ethnic and religious conflicts. Holy are those who are ready to suffer insult, discrimination and oppression for their convictions and for the sake of the Gospel.

That is what the saints did, each one of them in their own personal way. That is what we should strive to do wherever God has placed us.

**Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke, MAfr**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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!

Attendance on November 3<sup>rd</sup>: 74

Collection: For Catholic Schools: €34.51 All Saints: €265.37



**Fall Cleanup Day is on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 14:00**

Bring your family, **rakes**, mop, brooms and lots of elbow grease. Together with PFF and CW's we will give a Fall Cleaning to our common spaces.

We really would like to see the leaves gone so please bring your rake so we have many hands dealing with this task.

Also, if anyone would like to plant bulbs in the garden this will probably be the last chance before the weather turns.



Join us to celebrate **Thanksgiving** at our annual dinner held on Saturday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall.

Turkey, potatoes, corn and lots of other goodies provided. Sign your family up to attend so we know how much to prepare and plan to bring a dish (salad, side or dessert) to share with the community.

To help defray the expense we will have a donation jar in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday's leading up to this dinner.

Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in the Fellowship hall after Mass. Consider volunteering to help with the preparation on Friday, November 29<sup>nd</sup> at 16:00.



**Christmas Caroling at the Bergstrasse Senior Citizen's Residence (Steglitz) on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

It will soon be time again for our annual visit to the Senior Citizen's Residence located at Altmarkstr. 27, 12169, Berlin.

Practice starts at 3:00 p.m. and caroling at 4:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Konrad Giersdorf at: [giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de).



## **CASTING CALL**

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT CASTING CALL:** Boys and girls - we are looking for actors. Angels, Gabriel, Mary and Joseph; wise men, sheep, donkeys, camels, shepherds, and more!

You do not have to attend All Saints to participate so pass on the word to your friends.

**An adult DIRECTOR is also sought.** Our seasoned director will help train and assist you with the rehearsals. Please stop by the office to volunteer or send an email to: [allsaintsberlin@t-online.de](mailto:allsaintsberlin@t-online.de)

**November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Felber, SJ**

• Lector: Justine Pédussel • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Thomas Schmidt • Greeter: NN • Altar Servers: Konrad Giersdorf, Oshin Michael • Hospitality: NN • Designated collection: Diaspora 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: GENODE33PAX