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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.

February 21st, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent

Readings (Missal p 77 et seqq.): Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 • Ps 27:1, 7-9 13-14 • Phil 3:17 - 4:1 • Lk 9:28-36

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

Lector: Eddie McGreal • Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Evans, Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm, Madeleine & Samantha Rueckeis

• Hospitality: Vanessa, Thomas • Designated collection: All Saints

Temptations are unavoidable, but: *“Be faithful to the Gospel”*

The Gospel today tells the familiar story of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Having been baptized in the Jordan River, Jesus is led into the desert to be tested! It was ‘the spirit’ which impelled Jesus to go into the desert. Jesus is being tested just as he is being empowered by the Spirit. The Spirit enables him to resist the devil’s temptations in favor of a life of unconditional loving service. These temptations were not just particular to Jesus, they are the same temptations that have always harassed humanity: the pursuit of material things, the pursuit of power, and the desire to avoid responsibility. These temptations were rejected by Jesus, but they came back to haunt Him many times during His life, in varying forms, as they do in our lives. Let’s not forget that Jesus was like us in all things, but sin! Jesus was nurtured by his special relationship with God the Father during the time of testing. Let us recall these temptations:

1. *“If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.”* Jesus replied: *“Man does not live on bread alone.”* This 1st temptation represents the attempt to satisfy our spiritual hunger with the help of material things – but this deep inner hunger cannot be satisfied with the help of material things. The risk here is greed – desiring ever more, we still remain hungry if we seek to satisfy this hunger only with things we can see, buy, control, or consume.

2. *“I will give you all this power and the glory of these Kingdoms... worship me, and it shall be yours.”* Jesus replied: *“You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.”* This 2nd temptation concerns power – power is neutral as it can be used for good and for evil. But if you seek power for its own sake because it attracts you or makes you important, then you are a slave of power. Power must be used for the service of others – a service God expects of us.

3. *“If you are the son of God, throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says, He will put his angels in charge of you, to guard you ... They will hold you up on their hands lest your hurt your foot against a stone.”* Jesus replied: *“You must not put the Lord your God to the test”.* The 3rd temptation is about avoiding responsibility – “Risk your life! You have the chance to become famous!” If you need to risk your life, do it for a good purpose, such as helping others.

Jesus wrestled with all these temptations and truly identifies himself with all humanity. The desert experience was a time of assessment. As we enter into the spirit of Lent, let us too assess the direction and quality of our lives. How do we deal with temptation? Do we make room for God’s Spirit to bring the holiness that lies deep within us to the surface? On Ash Wednesday we heard a Lenten reminder of our fragility. May this Lenten reminder stay close to us: *“Remember, you are but dust, and unto dust you shall return; turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel”.*

Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Scripture study today after Mass



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 February 14th: 137

Collection Friends: €207.35, Catholic Schools: €21.90

CONFIRMATION

The next meeting will take place on Friday, March 4th from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm at All Saints. For more information, please contact the coordinator, Lynn Brinda, at brindanyc@aol.com

Youth in Action – Mark your Calendars!

Catholic World Youth Day
Kick-off

Saturday, March 12th
from 4 pm to 7.30 pm

St. Matthias' in Berlin-Schöneberg



In preparation for the Catholic World Youth Day in Kraków, Poland in July 2016, Berlin is having a big kick-off. What awaits you on March 12th? Beloved Sister Norberta will lead religious instruction, Mass with Archbishop Koch, meeting Catholic youth from the various foreign language missions and delicious Polish specialties.

There are still spots available for the CWYD in Kraków, Poland from July 29th-July 31st for youth 14 & 15 with adult leader or 16 and older. Deadline is on February 29th.

Mark your calendars:

- St Patrick's celebration on 19 March beginning at 1800. Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean the hall!
- A trip to the Holy Land is being planned for 19 – 30 October. Interested? See Konrad Giersdorf for details.

Next Children's liturgy is on
28 February

Guided Scripture Study:

"Six Weeks with the Bible"



Study will take place after Mass (11:15 – ca. 12:00 h). The second series of six sessions, "Getting to Know Jesus," focuses on the Gospel of Mark. **John Bibby** is the facilitator. Grab some coffee and join us in the classroom. Contact: jgebhar@yahoo.de. The dates are:

TODAY, Feb 28, Apr 3, Apr 17

Please note: dates were rescheduled!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD



LENT *has started*. To make the Lenten journey more meaningful, *we are offering Children's Liturgy every other Sunday!*

Our next Children's Liturgy is on 28 February 2016.

Many thanks to Cornelia, Theresia and Zachary, who are conducting these liturgies!

Please volunteer for **HOSPITALITY**. If every family volunteered, it would only be once a year! To sign up, please use the doodle: <http://doodle.com/poll/mucgb2qub5xmeq3c> or contact Vanessa.

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**

February 28th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Wolfgang Felber SJ

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: N.N., N.N. • Hospitality: Marianne, Monique • Designated collection: Caritas



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>)