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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 28th, 2016 Third Sunday of Lent

Readings (*Missal* p 79 et seqq.): Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 • Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 • 1 Chr 10:1-6, 10-12 • Lk 13:1-9

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is 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

Peaks of Light – Valleys of Darkness

Life is not linear. We all experience ups and downs, peaks of light and valleys of doubt and darkness. This is true also for the life of Jesus, as he was fully human “in all things but sin”, as the letter to the Hebrews says. The Gospels mention three spiritual “peak” moments when Jesus experienced very strongly the presence and intimate closeness of His Father, His “Abba”.

The first occurred at the age of twelve, at the turning point from childhood to adulthood. During his first pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem, he was so deeply touched by God that he wanted to stay in the house of his Father and forgot all about his parents. The second moment was Jesus' baptism. He “saw the heavens opened” and “the Spirit came to rest on him” to empower him for his mission. The transfiguration on Mt. Tabor is the third time: Jesus is drawn so closely to God that even his body is transformed and he experiences a foretaste of the resurrection. What is common to all three moments of enlightenment is that they do not last, but are followed by a time of testing, a spiritual crisis. After the baptism he is “lead by the Spirit” into the desert, the place of hardship and the territory of evil spirits. At a moment of hunger, weakness and exhaustion the devil tries to pull Jesus away from his true mission with the same kind of temptations that we face, often silencing the voice of our conscience: the pursuit of a life of leisure and pleasure, of popularity and fame (giving in to peer pressure), and of power to further our own interests at the expense of others. Jesus resists and Satan “left him to return at the appointed time” which is the time of his suffering and death. But before Jesus enters his last temptation the Father gives Him this extraordinary moment on Mt. Tabor, a foretaste of the glory that awaits him. In the strength of this experience Jesus continues to trust God's word even when all abandon him and even his “Abba” seems absent.

During Lent we could take some time to recall the peak moments of our life when we had an experience of God's presence, of his peace, of his light. This gives us the strength to stand firm when doubt and darkness seem to overwhelm us. What happens in the life of Jesus and in our personal lives is also a pattern of the history of humankind. There are times of peace, prosperity and progress and there are times when the order of the world is shaken. Jesus' experience, and maybe also our own, assures us that God is always at work and eventually turns evil into good.

Fr Wolfgang Schonecke MAfr

Scripture study and Children's liturgy 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 21st: 125

Collection Friends: €228.81

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.**

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, Apr 3 & Apr 17



Father Sylvester will soon celebrate a weekday English-speaking Mass in the Blessed Sacrament at All Saints on Fridays at 18:00. Our first Friday Mass will be on 11 March 2016.

Mark your calendars:

- **March 6th** - Quarterly meeting of the ministries after Mass
- **St Patrick's** celebration on March 19th beginning at 1800 h. Volunteers needed to help set-up and clean the hall!
- **March 25th** - Good Friday service (1500 h), Way of the Cross beforehand at 1400 h!
- **May 1st** - First Holy Communion
- **October 19-30** - A trip to the Holy Land is being planned. Interested? See Konrad Giersdorf for details.



Make a Note

A new youth group for our high school kids is getting organized. If you are interested in being a part make sure that you can stay after mass on March 6th until noon.

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**

March 6th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Sylvester Ajunwa

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Monique, Alicia Ching • Designated collection: Catholic Daycare



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>)