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## **Catholic Community**

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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 10th, 2016 – Third Sunday of Easter**

**Readings (Missal p 154 et seqq.): Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 • Ps 30:2-6, 11-13 • Rev 5:11-14, 17-19 • Jn 21:1-19**

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

Lector: Christine Tombarge • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann •

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Conrad Chisolm • Hospitality: Evans Family •

Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

## **Peace instead of fear**

The Gospel of last Sunday brought us back to a stage when the disciples have not yet come to the full realisation that Jesus, whom they saw crucified, dead and buried, is now alive, that he is risen. We see them huddled together in a room with the doors firmly locked “for fear of the Jews”. At any moment they dread to be arrested as accomplices of the dangerous subversive who had been executed on Golgotha the previous Friday.

And then, all of a sudden, the Jesus they presumed dead is standing among them. **“Peace be with you!”** he says. It can be taken as a blessing or as a statement of a fact – “With my presence among you there comes deep inner peace.” The same peace that comes when Jesus calms the surrounding storms in the gospel stories. And there is also for them an unutterable joy “when they saw the Lord”. But it is not just to be a happy reunion. There is work to be done, the work that Jesus began and which they are to continue. **“As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.”** They are being given a mission. The word ‘mission’ comes from the Latin word ‘to send’ (mittere, missio). All followers of Jesus have a mission, are missionaries.

He breathed on them, saying: “Receive the Holy Spirit.” In John’s Gospel this is the Pentecost experience when the Holy Spirit comes down on the disciples. What Jesus does is reminiscent of the Creation story when God “breathed” over the waters and brought life and order into the chaos. He “breathed” again and Adam, the human being made into the image of God, comes into existence. Now, Jesus “breathes” the Spirit of his Way, of his Truth and Life, making of them “new human beings”, full of the Spirit of the Father and Jesus.

The very empowering authority of Jesus is transferred to them: “Whose sins you shall forgive... whose sins you shall retain...” When they act together in the name of Jesus, they have his authority. And, above all, their task is to “forgive sin”, that is, to bring about a deep reconciliation between people and God and among people themselves, to make all one in Him. “Blessed are the peacemakers; they shall be called children of God.” We are not just talking here about “confession”, instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, although its roots can be traced to here. Forgiving sin is much more than a juridical act of declaring sins no longer held against someone. It involves the healing of wounds and division between God and people and between people as brothers and sisters in one family based on truth, love and justice. That is the work of the Kingdom. That is the work of every Christian community and every member in it.

Commentary from Living Faith on [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word during Mass - TODAY!**



**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 April 3<sup>rd</sup>: 137

Collection: Friends of All Saints: €229.86

### New - Catholic Adult Faith Formation Film Night after Friday Mass!

Starting **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** (7 pm), All Saints will be screening Bishop Robert Barron's 10-part "**Catholicism**" series on a nearly weekly basis after Friday evening Mass.

This series is aimed at adults. The films take viewers "around the world and deep into the Faith". Art, architecture, church history, scripture, tradition and spirituality all feature in this vivid presentation of our faith and heritage. The 1-hour films will be followed by fellowship and snacks. Participation is free, but snacks are a welcome donation. Please see posters and flyers for all dates.

On Wednesday, April 6th, **Confirmation Candidates** Julia & Josephine Waliszewski, Will Logdson, Rowan McConvey, Quinlan Clark practiced to be Altar Servers for the First Communion Mass on May 1st. Many thanks to them and their teacher Edward Lowe. Next practice is on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 18:00.

"**Islam meets Catholicism**", our recent LIFT event was attended by about 50 people from both the Iranian Islamic Community and All Saints. Fr. Schonecke and Dr. Mohammadi both found that true believers have very much in common: They strive for peace, justice, charity and love, recognizing all people as children of the one God. The evening concluded with a social gathering and discussions.

### Clip out and put on your fridge or family board!

#### Mark your calendars:

- April 15<sup>th</sup> – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h.
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - **Adult Faith Formation** - the first of our "Catholicism" films starting at 19:00 h. More details to the left or look for the flyers throughout the church.
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – **High School Youth Group** – meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the classroom
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – **Scripture study** – "Six Weeks with the Bible" meets after Mass at 11:15 h in the conference room.
- April 20<sup>h</sup> – **Special Altar Server training** for selected servers in the church from 18:00 – 20:00. Contact Edward Lowe for details.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **Friday Mass** - in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 18:00 h. followed by **Adult Faith Formation** at 19:00 h.
- April 30<sup>th</sup> – **LIFT – Africa Rising** - in the Fellowship Hall from 18:00 – 20:00 h. More details coming soon.
- May 1st - **First Holy Communion: All Saints**  
**Important: Mass begins at 9:45 a.m.**
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – **Spring BBQ** – Sponsored by the Confirmation Class 15:00 – 17:00 h
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details of a 12 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If you are interested, please contact Konrad (giersdorf@hotmail.de).

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

### April 17th, 2016, 10 am Mass: Celebrant: Fr Wolfgang Schonecke

Lector: Rachel Rueckeis • Eucharistic Ministers: Johannes Ploog, Beate Hausmann, Jennifer Evans • Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: Madeleine & Samantha Rueckeis • Hospitality: Magdalena-Maass Family • Designated collection: Friends of All Saints

#### 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>)