

40 Hours Devotion

On September 17th, 18th and 19th, our parish will celebrate the beautiful Eucharistic devotion of Forty Hours. This devotion is a special forty-hour period of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition.

The number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection.

Guest Speakers will be:

Sunday, September 17th

Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7:00 pm

Messina, Deacon Richard

Saint John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown

Saint Patrick Parish, Johnstown

Monday, September 18th
Evening Mass at 7:00 pm

Norris, Rev. Brian

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Altoona – Administrator

Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School, Altoona – Sacramental Minister

Tuesday, September 19th

Evening Prayer, Procession and Benediction at 7:00 pm

Treon, Rev. Justin

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Altoona – Parochial Vicar

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona – Parochial Vicar

The **Forty Hours Devotion** provides an opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. With the pandemic still active, unrest and violence throughout the world, and division and mistrust in our society, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.