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Why Forty Hours?

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist.

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.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Reposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion:

- the protection from evil and temptation
- reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities.

Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but their neighbors, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole.

<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-40-hours-devotion/>

Our Parish Devotions

Our Parish will celebrate 40 Hours Devotion, a devotion centered around Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, on September 7, 8, 9, 2025 (Sunday through Tuesday). We will attempt to have continuous overnight adoration like last year, so please try to make a sacrifice and commit to one hour of Adoration prayer over these three days. This year we will welcome, **Fr. Leo Patalinghug** as the homilist for each evening’s devotional service. A solemn outdoor procession (weather permitting) will conclude the devotions on Tuesday evening.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  Mass 8:00am	2 Forty Hours Devotion September 7, 8, & 9 Begins Sunday at 10 am Mass on September 7th Mass at 8:00 am Daily Devotions Nightly 7:00 pm	3	4	5 First Friday Adoration 8:30 – 9:30 am Confession 8:30 – 9:00 am	6 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
7 CCD Mass (10:00) Forty Hours Begins At the 10:00 am Mass Devotions 7:00 pm 	8 Mass 8:00 am  Forty Hours Devotion 7:00 pm Forty Hours Devotion September 7, 8, & 9	9 Mass 8:00 am  St. Vincent de Paul Society 2:00 PM Church Hall Forty Hours Devotion 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 5:00pm Meeting for Rome Jubilee Trip Pilgrims HALL	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i> at 2:19 PM EDT	23 Padre Pio Centre bus trip Leaving at 5:30am from our parking lot	24  Knights of Columbus (4th Wednesday of month) 6:30 pm Church Hall	25	26	27 Mass 8:00  Confessions 3:15 – 3:45
28 CCD Classes in Loretto at 12:30pm	29	30	Prayer for Labor Day  <i>A heartfelt Labor Day prayer to reflect on the value of work and the dignity of all who labor:</i> LABOR DAY			

New Beginnings

Not only a new school year, but many new activities begin for families around this time. A very old prayer is a good one for this season:

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in mine eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be at my beginnings and my endings.

Gracious God,

We thank You for the gift of work, for the talents and skills You have given us, and for the opportunities to use them to serve others.

Bless all workers, especially those who labor tirelessly to provide for their families, those who face challenges in their workplaces, and those who are seeking employment. Grant them strength, dignity, and hope.

May we always honor the dignity of work and strive for fairness, justice, and compassion in all that we do. Guide us to use our efforts to build a world of kindness, equity, and peace.

In Your name, we pray. Amen.

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September Celebrations

1	Celsey Hite John Hurley Robert Rabatin, Sr Lisa Scott	11	Brittany Marra Regina Swinger	19	Emilio Campagna Anthony Sabol
2	Jayce Summerville	12	Ava Campagna	20	Dawn Summerville
3	Catherine Hess Deonna Keagy	13	Genevieve Gibson	21	Charles McMullen Kevin Eckenrode
4	Ian Barlick Albert Hartline	14	Ava Hoover Brent Krug Gertrude Leap Trentyn Myers-Lego Robert Sorichetti	22	Matthew Hoover Bristol Buck Thomas Craine
5	Kathleen Leahey	15	Avery Jones	25	John Giblock Michael Felus Katie Leahey
7	Richard China Kerry Hammond	16	Josephine Lysic Benjamin Rainey Connie Stauski	27	Michael Leahey Max Hess Sr. Darla Summerville
9	Robin Behe	17	Lucas Jones Jacqueline Lingafelt	28	Joanne Dunmyer Linda Sweeney
10	Angela Braatz Andrew Lee Jr.	18	Robert Paul	30	Theresa Dunmyer Frances Kodosky
11	Tammy China Anna Mardula	19	Mary Behe Cheryl Bender		



Special Birthday Celebrations

The following members of the parish family will be celebrating special birthdays this month.

Anna Mardula.....92
 Frances Kodosky91
 Max Hess Sr.89
 Gertrude Leap.....88
 Genevieve Gibson86
 Josephine Lysic84

Robert Paul..... 84
 Emilio Campagna..... 82
 Charles McMullen..... 82
 Robert Sorichetti 80
 Michael Felus 80



Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections



September Wedding Anniversaries

4 Joseph and Dianne Batdorf
Rick and Tammy China
Thomas and Denise Zock
8 Donald Jr. and Janet Franey
John Sr. and Sara Latoche
9 Les and Margo Kiel
Steven and Allison Kirsch
10 Edward and Darlene Krisko
12 Christopher and Jessica Matcho
William and Stephanie McGowan
14 Joe and Donna Panek

15 Darren and Kiersten Petrunak
16 Larry and Darla Summerville
18 Nathan and Deonna Keagy
19 Jack and Kathy Bost
20 Bart and Valerie Borlie
21 Allen and Colleen Keagy
23 Robert and Robin Lee
Gary and Patty Nagy
John and Margaret Robine
26 Willard IV and Kimberly Wilkinson



Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following
couples celebrating golden
anniversaries and beyond this month.

John Sr. and Sara Latoche 63
Larry and Darla Summerville 58
Joe and Donna Panek..... 57

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Pastor, if there are any
necessary corrections.***

New Chalices



Two new chalices for the
distribution of the Precious Blood
at Masses were presented and
blessed by Fr. Matthew at the
4:00 Mass on August 23, 2025.



1. Call to Order: 6:00pm
 - a. Attended: Deacon Sam, Jim Secriskey, Alexis Eckenrode, Matthew Hoover, Amber Hoover, Barbara Bart, George Nesbella, Joy Eckenrode (Asst. DRE & Youth), Anna Leahey (Christmas Social Head)
 - b. Excused: John Hurley [Chair], Michael Summerville, Colleen Keagy
2. Opening Prayer - Fr. Matthew
3. Reading of minutes of last Parish Council Meeting (June 16, 2025). Motion was made to approve, was seconded, and passed unanimously
4. Non-Committee Reports
 - a. Christmas Social - Anna Leahey (Head)
 - i. Saturday, December 27, 2025, 5:30-10, music provided by Hot Wax
 - ii. Winter Wonderland Theme
 - iii. \$45 for couples, \$25 for singles, limit to 152 total tickets
 - iv. In addition, there will be a \$500 cash chance drawing, \$5 per ticket, 325 tickets to be sold
 - b. Youth Ministry - Joy Eckenrode (Head)
 - i. July 11, pool party with 40 attendees
 - ii. August 24, Faith Day at the Curve Youth Event with 22 signups
 - c. Youth Religious Education & Sacramental prep. - Fr. Matthew (DRE); and/or Joy Eckenrode (Assistant DRE)
 - i. CCD Teachers Meeting following Council Meeting Aug 18th
 - ii. CCD Classes begin this Sunday the 24th
 - iii. Sept 7, 2025, 10am required Mass for CCD students
 - d. 2025 Jubilee Year - Amber Hoover (Parish Ambassador)
 - i. Status of Rome/Vatican City State Pilgrimage in October 2025
 1. 24 signups as of today
 - ii. On Sept 21st, there will be a pre-departure meeting at 2pm in the Hall
 - iii. 140 people have visited the parish as Jubilee pilgrims
 - e. Adult Education - Colleen Keagy (Chair) - Fr. Matthew reporting
 - i. Tuesday, September 23rd - Padre Pio Centre bus trip - 8 people signed up
 - ii. Mass will be held at 1:00 pm on the 23rd in Barto, PA
 - iii. Adult Ed. Class led by Deacon Sam, date to be announced
 - f. Maintenance Issues
 - i. Pavement at the top entrance has a growing dip - getting rougher
 1. Hoping to work on pavement next summer
 - ii. Sidewalk currently under construction
 - iii. Addendum: Hall Floors were recently professionally waxed

5. Finance Council Report - Bill Mulhearn (Chair) or his representative
 - a. 2024/2025 Fiscal Year - not ready - waiting on MAP information from the Diocese
 - b. Current Balances 2025/2026
 - i. Cash in bank, general 201,151.60
 - ii. Cash in bank, maintenance.....4,870.22
 - iii. Cash in bank, small games2,112.00
 - iv. Cash in bank, mass stipend2,895.00
 - v. Net Income as of today = +\$4686.40
6. Old Business
 - a. Gabriel Project – dates to be announced
 - b. Baby Bottle collection – dates to be announced
7. New Business
 - a. A new revision was made to the Hall Rental Agreement as follows: “Any other setup currently in the Hall, especially CCD Classrooms, must not be tampered with in any manner before discussion with the Pastor/Administrator of this parish.”
 - b. Request made to remind parishioners of the hall’s availability in the Bulletin
 - c. Request made for a reminder for parishioners of proper etiquette of practice before the Blessed Sacrament for Forty Hours devotion and anytime of Adoration
 - d. Request made for a check on increasing the volume of the church’s sound system
8. Reports from Committees
 - a. Cemetery Committee - Ed Myers (Chair) or his representative - no report
 - b. Festival - Fr. Matthew as representative
 - i. Review 2025 - total festival profit +\$19,259.26
 - ii. Each food vendor invited to return
 1. Smoke Em Up BBQ has already committed to next year
 - iii. 2026 Festival set for Sunday, July 19, 2026 - 11:00am to 5:30 pm
 - c. Vocation Committee - Joan Walters and/or Renee Behe (as representatives) - no report
9. Comments from Fr. Matthew
 - a. September’s Forty Hours Devotion with special guest Homilist, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, 7:00 pm Solemn Vespers Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday
 - i. This year’s Devotional Liturgies are simplified for the focus to be on Father’s message as a “parish retreat”
 - ii. Outdoor Procession on Tuesday will still be part of the closing, weather permitting
 1. Addendum: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 11084, Lilly for purchasing a Eucharistic Canopy for this parish to be used for Outdoor Processions with the Blessed Sacrament. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by the Pastor, Fr. Matthew, and all the parishioners of this parish.

- b. Recruiter, will be here to preach at all Masses and visit the High School CCD class
 - i. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is pleased to welcome a new Seminarian into formation this month. If he perseveres to priesthood ordination he will be ordained a priest in 2033
 - c. Hall security – installing cameras in the hall due to unauthorized activity
- 10. Closing Prayer
 - 11. Adjournment at 7:00 pm
 - 12. Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6:00pm to 7:00pm

*Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Bart, Parish Council Secretary*

Congratulations



On August 12, 2025, Kathy Cullen was welcomed into the Roman Catholic Faith through a Profession of Faith and the Reception of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Congratulations Kathy!



Lucas is pictured here with his parents, Kip and Trish Maurer. Congratulations Lucas!

On Saturday, August 23, 2025, Lucas McMahon received his First Holy Communion. He is pictured on left with Joy Eckenrode, Assistant DRE, and Fr. Matthew, Pastor.

