





40 Hours Devotion Schedule and Prayer Intentions October 20-22, 2017

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017

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| 9:00pm | Opening Mass (Extraordinary Form) |
| 10:00pm | Recitation of the Holy Rosary |
| 11:00pm | For the spiritual renewal of the Parish |
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

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| 12:00am | For the Holy Souls in Purgatory | 12:00pm | <i>Reposition (private Baptisms)</i> |
| 1:00am | For conversion and return to the Faith | 1:00pm | For vocations to the priesthood |
| 2:00am | For the renewal of Marriage | 2:00pm | For vocations to the religious life |
| 3:00am | For those who do not believe | 3:00pm | Recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet |
| 4:00am | For those in prison | 4:00pm | For all deceased parishioners |
| 5:00am | For those who struggle with addiction | 5:00pm | <i>Reposition before Mass</i> |
| 6:00am | For all men and Fathers | 5:15pm | <i>Mass</i> |
| 7:00am | For all women and Mothers | 6:00pm | For youth and young adults |
| 7:45am | <i>Reposition before Mass</i> | 7:00pm | For all Parish volunteers |
| 8:00am | <i>Mass</i> | 8:00pm | For the poor & those who help them |
| 9:00am | For end to abortion & culture of death | 9:00pm | For the intentions of our Holy Father |
| 10:00am | For all RCIA candidates | 10:00pm | For the elderly and lonely |
| 11:00am | For all those who are sick | 11:00pm | For those who struggle with infertility |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

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| 12:00am | For all those in the armed forces | 8:45am | <i>Reposition before Mass</i> |
| 1:00am | For all priests and deacons | 9:00am | <i>Mass</i> |
| 2:00am | For all seminarians | 10:00am | Exposition, recitation of the Rosary |
| 3:00am | Litany of the Sacred Heart | 10:45am | <i>Reposition before Mass</i> |
| 4:00am | For those with mental health issues | 11:00am | <i>Mass</i> |
| 5:00am | For all religious sisters and brothers | 12:30pm | <i>Solemn Traditional Latin Mass</i> |
| 6:00am | For the disabled and infirm | 2:00pm | Exposition |
| 7:00am | For the intentions of Bishop O'Connell | 3:00pm | For spiritual renewal of the Parish |
| 8:00am | For all children in Religious Education | 3:30pm | Choral Vespers and Benediction |

Please sign up to spend an hour or more with Our Lord!

Call Gabrielle Toman at 609-259-8292 or the Parish Office at 609-259-3391.

The Blessed Sacrament will not be exposed during the times shown in red.



40 Hours Devotion October 20-22, 2017

My Dear Parish Family,

It is with great joy that our Parish will offer the 40 Hours Devotion on October 20-22, 2017! This devotion a very special and powerful opportunity to participate in Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Church will be open and Our Lord will be publicly exposed in the monstrance on the high Altar from 9:00pm on Friday October 20 through 5:00pm on Sunday October 22, except for those times when Mass or another sacrament is celebrated.

Historically, the 40 Hours Devotion has been a special period of continuous prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of this devotion is Jesus, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. This devotion can be traced back to Milan, Italy around the year 1530. By 1550, both St. Phillip Neri and St. Ignatius Loyola began the 40 Hours Devotion in Rome, especially for the reparation of sin. St. John Neumann, the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, brought this devotion with him from Europe, and it has continued to be a time-honored tradition in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to this day.

The number 40 is very special in our Catholic Faith, as it usually relates to a sacred period of time. In the Old Testament, the rains during the time of Noah lasted for 40 days and nights, Moses spent 40 days on the mountain, and the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years. In the New Testament, Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days, He spent 40 hours in the tomb, and He appeared to his disciples for 40 days after the Resurrection before He ascended to Heaven.

As Catholics, we believe that the Holy Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen Gentium, #11), as it is truly the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord. Without taking away from the fact that the Mass is the central act of worship, Eucharistic Adoration invites us to experience the Real Presence of Jesus in a very unique way. In an address to priests in Poland in 2006, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI affirmed the beauty of Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament saying,

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”

I invite everyone to participate in our first 40 Hours Devotion. What a wonderful way to spend time with Our Lord, who gave His very life for us.

Fr. Brian P. Woodrow, Pastor