

# Forty Hours Devotion

Ascension Roman Catholic Church  
Pittsburgh - Ingram, Pennsylvania



**October 29 - 30, 2013**

Please join us for our annual Forty Hours Devotion, beginning on Tuesday, October 29th with an opening Mass at 7:30am, Marian Devotions at 7:00pm and concluding with chanted Solemn Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00pm. The Forty Hours devotion, introduced in the state of Pennsylvania by Saint John Neumann (then Bishop of Philadelphia) in April of 1853, is a period of exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for 40 hours, in honor of the time Our Lord spent in the tomb.

Solemn Vespers will include an outdoor, candlelight Eucharistic Procession (weather permitting) and guest homilist, Father Boniface Hicks, OSB.



In addition, during this 40 Hours, Ascension will host a pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa. Sponsored by Human Life International, the icon is travelling the United States to awaken the faithful to the urgency of recovering a true culture of life. The Ocean to Ocean campaign is a response of the faithful, uniting Orthodox and Catholic Christians under the patronage of Our Lady in the defense of the most vulnerable, and to ask her intercession for the protection of the family, and the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

The Eucharist will be exposed following 7:30am Holy Mass on Tuesday, October 29th and will remain exposed (except for 7:30am Holy Mass on Wednesday) until Solemn Vespers beginning at 7pm on Wednesday.

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