

THE SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF FORTY HOURS

Thursday, October 7 – Saturday, October 9, 2021

Guest Homilist: Rev. Sean Loomis, Archdiocese of Philadelphia

@ St. Benedict Church

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The Forty Hours Devotion derives its roots from Italy in 1527. It provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole, giving unique time to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist. Forty Hours recalls that traditional "40-hour period" from our Lord's burial until His Resurrection. It is celebrated similar to a Parish Retreat or Mission but with great solemnity and reverence.



Thursday, October 7 ~ 6:00-7:30p.m.

- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Recitation of the Rosary & Talk by Fr. Sean Loomis
- + Solemn Benediction

Friday, October 8 ~ 6:00-7:30p.m.

- + Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- + Talk by Fr. Sean Loomis & Confessions
- + Communal Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- + Solemn Benediction

Saturday, October 9

- + Confessions – 3:00-3:45p.m. – St. Benedict Church
- + 4:00pm – Saturday Vigil Mass - St. Benedict Church
- + Outdoor Eucharistic Procession around the Church
- + Formal Dinner (free of charge) to follow in Parish Hall
(RSVP required; hosted by Knights of Columbus and Blessed Virgin Mother Ladies' Sodality)

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes .

~ 1 Corinthians 11:26

Guest Speaker & Homilist ~ Fr. Sean Loomis

A convert to the faith, Fr. Seán Loomis completed his seminary studies at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. After years of studying American Sign Language and engaging Deaf culture, in 2013, Archbishop Charles J. Chaput ordained Fr. Loomis to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia where he currently serves as the chaplain to the Deaf Apostolate and Parochial Vicar of Annunciation B.V.M. parish. As servant to both the Deaf community and Annunciation parish, Fr. Loomis works to ensure full access to the riches of the Catholic faith with the hope that all will come to know the joy of the Gospel which he discovered himself as an adult.

Topic: "The Virtues of the Eucharist" - The catechism describes the Eucharist as the source and summit of the Christian life. In every way then, we find the crown of every virtue in Him and ought turn to Him in our own efforts to understand and grow in the very virtues of Christ Himself. These reflections aim to look more closely at the virtues undergirding the ministry of Jesus Christ and what it means for us as His disciples.

We welcome Fr. Loomis to our parish family!

