



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise Be Jesus Christ! As we enter the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent, a few words of Lenten Practice and a reflection.

**1) 40 Hours Devotion** begins this weekend. Please afford yourself and make an appointment with Jesus. It may be 15, 30, or 60 minutes. But an intentional time of silence before the Eucharist can be such a blessing not just for you, but for Jesus who loves you with His whole Heart. Each evening will close with Evening Prayer, Reflection and Benediction. See the schedule on-line.

**2) Disciple Maker Index:** This is now up and available for the taking. It's a parish survey that I ask all of you take. It will be a big help to our parish and the Archdiocese in future planning.

Finally, a Lenten Reflection from Assumptionist Priest Fr. John Franck, entitled "THIRSTING"

*Recently, I was watching a series on grieving filmed in a beautiful church. The various speakers stood at a podium at the front of the sanctuary. After a while, I noticed the apse of the church but the view was partially blocked because of the angle of the camera. What I could see was an image of Christ the Good Shepherd carrying a lamb and three letters of a word above: S-I-T. Finally, on one of the last talks, the camera passed over the entire span of the apse and the full word became clear, S-I-T-I-O, Latin for "I thirst". Not only did this word capture the meaning of the Good Shepherd, it captured the meaning of Jesus' entire life, "I have come to seek out the lost." "I thirst for them."*

*What came to my mind was one of the seven "last words" of Christ on the Cross, "Sitio." "I thirst"...not just a physical thirst but an existential thirst, a thirst to save all of humanity, from the repentant thief who hung next to him ("Today you will be with me in paradise"), to the Samaritan woman to whom he wished to give living water springing up to everlasting life – and to every one of us, his disciples, He sacrificed his life that all of us might taste that living water. May this Lent be for us a season when we hear the Lord's call from the cross, "I thirst for you".*

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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## ST. PATRICK PARISH 40 HOURS ~ HOPE MARCH 9 - MARCH 11, 2025



### Sunday, March 9th

- Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Adoration
- 5:00 PM - Evening Prayer & Reflection with the **Sisters of Life**



### Monday, March 10th

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration
- 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer & Reflection with **Fr. Randy Kraft**



### Tuesday, March 11th

- 7:30 AM Mass
- 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Adoration
- 7:00 PM - Evening Prayer & Reflection with **Fr. Sean O'Neill**



### ST. PATRICK PARISH LENTEN 40 HOURS DEVOTION-SUNDAY, MARCH 9-TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025. THEME: HOPE

Join us for a time of spiritual renewal and Eucharistic Adoration from Sunday, March 9 – Tuesday, March 11, 2025. This is a special opportunity to deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist and to strengthen our relationship with Jesus.

During this time period, you are welcome and encouraged to spend 15 minutes to an hour, or whatever time you can afford, in prayer for the Blessed Sacrament. Each evening there is an opportunity for spiritual growth, renewal, and healing with evening prayer, benediction, and a special speaker.

To help us ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone, we encourage you to sign up for 30 minutes or 1 hour with our Eucharistic Lord. Please scan the QR code or visit the parish website on more details to sign up. Questions, please contact the Parish Office.

