

Honoring the Mother of Jesus
highlights the design of our
Marian devotional space.

The artistry of
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
will be surrounded by hand-carved images
of 20 Holy Women

Ann	Joan of Arc
Bernadette Soubirous	Margaret of Scotland
Catherine of Siena	Maria Goretti
Cecilia	Martha
Clare of Assisi	Monica
Elizabeth Ann Seton	Phoebe
Emily of Rodat	Ruth
Faustina Kowalska	Teresa of Calcutta
Gertrude the Great	Theodore Guerin
Gianna Beretta Molla	Therese of Lisieux

and the Archangels Gabriel and Michael.

*The prayers and special intentions
of our parish family are a part of seeing this long-awaited
sacred space through to completion, planned for 2015.*

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A vision becomes real...

The devotional space
for the
Blessed Virgin Mary
will now grace
Saint Alphonsus Liguori
Catholic Church.

We invite you
to be part of this
vision becoming reality...

Since construction of our new church, planning has been ongoing to create the devotional space for our Blessed Virgin Mary. This traditional area in the Catholic church is to venerate our Blessed Mother and to pray for her intercession. This Marian shrine will be a special place for prayer, for the bride's devotion to Mary in the Sacrament of Matrimony, and to evangelize through the Blessed Virgin the allegory of the painting of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, an image of which is also in the Saint Alphonsus Day Chapel.

As you enter from the narthex, the Marian devotional space will be located on the northwest wall of the church to the left of the sanctuary. The shrine's principal feature is a rendering of the historic icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, hand-carved in wood by Italian artisans. In addition, reliefs of 20 Holy Women are presented, also handcrafted in wood. Other elements include custom stands for five-day votives, a kneeler, and a railing, in the design and wood tones of our church.



The Story of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The centerpiece of the devotional space is a hand-carved presentation based on the icon image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Brought to Rome in the 15th century, the original picture, painted on wood, disappeared during the invasion of Rome in 1812. It reappeared after 40 years in a neglected state. By order of Pope Pius IX, the painting was placed in the protective hands of the Redemptorists, an order of priests founded by Saint



Alphonsus Liguori. On April 26, 1866 public veneration of Our Lady of Perpetual Help commenced when she was placed on the high altar in the Church of Saint Alphonsus in Rome. Reports of marvelous

healings and intercessions have been attributed to this image and the grant of indulgence is bestowed for repeating the phrase, "Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us."