

Our Lady, Help of Christians

Parish Newsletter & Announcements

O Mary, powerful virgin, thou art the mighty and glorious protector of the Church; thou art the marvelous help of Christians; thou art terrible as an army in battle array; thou alone hast destroyed every heresy in the whole world. In the midst of our anguish, our struggles and our distress defend us from the power of the enemy, and at the hour of our death receive our souls in paradise. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady, Help of Christians composed by St. John Bosco

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

September 8

“Thy nativity, O Virgin Mother of God! has been a message of joy to the entire world ... Let us celebrate with joy the Nativity of the Virgin Mary.”

Excerpted from the Office, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Image: Vitorio Carpaccio, **Birth of the Virgin**, 1504-08. This painting was commissioned by the rectors of an Augustinian school in San Maurizio. Carpaccio constructed this scene using inspiration from Jacobus Voragine's compilation of saints, *The Golden Legend* (Angelus Press), #131, *Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*. St. Anne is reclined and resting on the bed, St. Joachim stands observing, and the infant Blessed Virgin is about to be given her first bath. Note the rabbits - often symbols of love and fertility in sacred art, they also represent the hope of salvation in Christ and were sometimes placed in a painting to point to Our Lady's virginity and triumph over evil. The Hebrew transcription on the plaque hanging on the wall translates to: Holy, Holy, Holy, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 24 - Confirmation - Confirmation will take place at the 10:00 am Mass. The Most Reverend Robert Baker, Bishop of Birmingham, will confer the Sacrament. Seating is always at a premium - if you do not have a child being confirmed on the 24th, please give priority seating to those families who have a young person being confirmed.

Please join us for a potluck reception celebrating the 14 Confirmandi. The potluck will be held immediately following the 10 am Mass. Please bring a main dish and a side or a dessert to share. The church will provide drinks and paper products.

September 30 - Anniversary of Summorum Pontificum - In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Summorum Pontificum and in gratitude that the Traditional Latin Mass has been made regularly and generously available in our Diocese these past 10 years, a Missa Cantata will be offered by Father Alan Mackey on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00 am. **This Mass will be at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham.** All are invited and encouraged to attend.

2017 CONFIRMANDI

There are 14 Confirmandi this year:

1. Matthew Baruzzini
2. Wini Brinkley
3. Julie Fagundes
4. Gianna Green
5. Daniel Hand
6. Michael Hand
7. Emily Keeney
8. John Paul Lee
9. Matthew Lee
10. John Paul Mackintosh
11. Nick Neve
12. Genevieve O'Shea
13. Caeli Smith
14. James Zorovich

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