

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH – “OUR RELICS”



“A RELIC USUALLY CONSISTS OF THE PHYSICAL REMAINS OF A SAINT OR THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF THE SAINT OR VENERATED PERSON PRESERVED FOR PURPOSES OF VENERATION AS A TANGIBLE MEMORIAL” (1).

TODAY, IT IS NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE RELICS IN CHURCH ALTARS BUT ALL THREE RENWICK ALTARS NOW AT HOLY NAME CONTAIN AN “ALTAR STONE” (2). AN ALTAR STONE IS A SLOT WITH A COVERED STONE THAT WHEN SEALED, CONTAINS A RELIC(S). IN ADDITION, OUR NEW “ALTAR OF SACRIFICE”, CUSTOM BUILT BY BAKER LITURGICAL ARTS HAS AN “ALTAR STONE” ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE TABLE.

UNDERSTANDING HOW IMPORTANT OUR SAINTS ARE, OUR PASTOR, FR. JIM CUNNINGHAM SET OUT TO OBTAIN FITTING RELICS FOR THE NEWLY RESTORED HOLY NAME. IN RESEARCHING RELICS, IT IS GOOD TO SECURE ONE(S) THAT ALIGNS TO THE PARISH MISSION, CONGREGATION MAKE UP AND OR SPECIFICALLY THE PARISH NAMESAKE. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, WE ARE UNSURE IF HOLY NAME EVER HAD ANY RELICS IN OUR ALTARS BEFORE THE 1981 RENOVATION. OUR WOOD ALTAR (1981 TO 2014) DID NOT HAVE A RELIC. THROUGH WORKING WITH THE DIOCESES, FR. JIM OBTAINED NOT ONE BUT THREE DIFFERENT AND IMPORTANT RELICS TO REPRESENT ALL OUR ALTARS. THE THREE SAINTS ARE:

- **POPE ST. PIUS X**
- **ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA**
- **ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA**

ALL OF OUR RELICS COME FROM HOLY MEN WHO WERE EACH KNOWN BY THEIR SERVICE AND GIFTS. MOST NOTABLY FOR US, ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA WAS KNOWN TO HAVE A VERY SPECIAL DEVOTION TO THE “MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS”.

OUR RELICS WERE PLACED AND SEALED INTO THE ALTAR STONE OF OUR “ALTAR OF SACRIFICE” BY BISHOP NICHOLAS DIMARZIO, BISHOP OF BROOKLYN AND REV. JAMES K. CUNNINGHAM, PASTOR DURING THE RITE OF REDEDICATION ON MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.

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- (1) - [HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/RELIC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Relic)
- (2) - [HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ALTAR\\_STONE](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Altar_stone)

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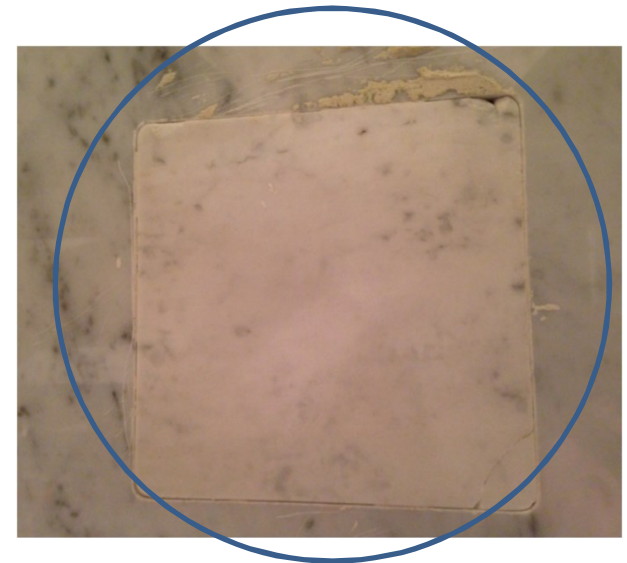
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OUR MAIN RELIQUARY HOLDING THE RELICS OF POPE ST. PIUS X, ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA AND ST. BERNADINE OF SIENA PRIOR TO HOLY NAME'S REDEDICATION ON MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.



BRIAN BAKER OF BAKER LITURGICAL ARTS AND BRIAN PYNN OF HOLY NAME PLACE AND SEAL OUR ALTAR STONE.



OUR SEALED ALTAR STONE ON THE UNDERSIDE OF OUR ALTAR OF SACRIFICE, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2014.