



St. Anne's R.C. Church

"Our Love shines through" Est. 1895

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THE PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stanislaw Wadowski, Pastor

Rev. Eden Jean-Baptiste, Associate Pastor

Rev. Victor Evangelista Vales, Associate Pastor

Deacon Thomas R. Samson

Deacon Jay Alvarado

Deacon John E. Walters

Deacon Andres Colpa

Mrs. Marge Baum, Pastoral Associate

Mrs. Sue Lindsay, Director of Music

Mrs. Bertha Keenan, Director of Family Faith Formation

Mrs. Janet Lambert, Outreach Coordinator

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday: 12:00 Noon and 5:30 PM (English)

Wednesday: 7:30 PM (French Creole)

Thursday: 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday: 9:00 AM (English)

WEEKENDS:

Saturday: 5:00 PM (English), 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday: 7:30 AM (English), 9:00 AM (Spanish),

11:00 AM (English), 12:30 PM (French Creole),

5:00 pm (English)

HOLY DAYS:

Will be announced as each Holyday is celebrated.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:45 PM in English & Spanish

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: *We welcome all new families! To register as a part of the family of Saint Anne's Parish, please stop by the Rectory Office to fill out a simple registration form.*

You have joined a wonderful community!

Office hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00a.m.-12:00 noon, 1:00p.m - 5:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

Friday & Saturday 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. **CLOSED SUNDAYS.**

Welcome • Bienvenidos • Bienvenue

To keep the faith alive for future generations, please consider remembering St. Anne's in your Will.

June 3, 2018— Second Sunday after Pentecost

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gloria Boyd, Rosemary Camacho, Alfonsa Santos, Joseph Niviani Sr., Robert Newell Sr., Joel Auerbach, Timothy Smith, Sweeny Family, Carmela Inguanti, Antoinette Inguanti, Gladys Torres, Yser Calicino, Carmine Calicino, Patients at Pilgrim State, Anne Cisco, Carol DiMuro, Ivona Bartosik, Zas Family, Strick Family, Ebner Family, Barbara Smith, Mary Ann O'Keefe, Conner Amato, Biangardi Family, Salvadore Esposito, March Family, Bartasik Family, Pat Rasanen, Jenny Jamsy Rodriguez, Taylor Chanoine, Aurea Gonzalez. Candice "Sunshine", Bobby Cisco (deceased)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

<i>Steven Reyes</i>	<i>Luis Vieta</i>
<i>Thomas Shelton</i>	<i>Trinifer Garcia</i>
<i>Richard Laureano</i>	<i>Robert Gilman</i>
<i>William Suhr</i>	<i>Shawn G. Muller</i>
<i>Daniel Mejia Sr.</i>	<i>Mariana Rodriguez</i>
<i>John Lampkin</i>	<i>Colin McNulty</i>
<i>Alexandria Talleriso</i>	<i>Joseph A. Rodriguez</i>
<i>William Krausch Jr.</i>	<i>Stacey Delano</i>
<i>Matthew James Murphy</i>	<i>Omer Cadet</i>
<i>Jon Jay Uebel</i>	<i>Angel Gonzalez</i>
<i>Peter Daniel Rivera</i>	<i>Kevin Shaw</i>
<i>Tyler Rodriguez</i>	<i>Stephen Gregory</i>
<i>Angel Gonzalez</i>	<i>Keith Jermyan</i>
<i>Christopher A. Cary</i>	<i>Ryan Gregory</i>
<i>Americo Otero</i>	<i>Matthew Ghiringhelli</i>



Our Weekly Collections:
Was not available at time of publication.

May 27, 2018

First Collection: \$ 7,786.00

This number is at its lowest.

Please help anyway you can.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Parish Offices: 631-273-8113

Parish Fax: 631-436-7914

Office of Family Faith Formation: 231-7344

Fr. Thomas Conerty Outreach: 631-339-7470

or 273-8113 ex 142 Parish Office

Haitian/American Apostolate: 951- 0129

Hospitality Too/Soup Kitchen: 516-983-5378

Our Lady of Providence Regional School:

631-234-6324

St. Anne's Gardens (Senior Housing): 516-952-5411

Eucharist to the Homebound: 631-273-8113

Pronto: 631-231-8290

Catholic Charities Immigrant Service: 631-789-5235

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 2, 2018

5:00 - The McCormick Family (Healing)

Available

7:00 - (SPANISH) Mercedes Olivera †
William Romero en accion de gracias †
Roberto Espinoza †
Ana Cabrera (1st Annv) †

Sunday, June 3, 2018

7:30 - Marie & Berardo Lampa †
Kristen Johnson (40th Birth) (Liv.)

9:00 - (Spanish) Leon Alberto Sinchi †

Arcila Sinchi †
Ruben Sinchi †
En honor al Divino Niño Jesus

11:00 - Edwin W. Muller †

Nora Elena Carrera †

12:30 - (Haitain) Yvette Cantave and Family (Living)

5:00 - **Available**

St Anne's Parishioners Living and Deceased

Monday, June 4, 2018

12:00 - Mary O. Selva †

Margaret Calandra †

5:30- **Available**

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

12:00 - Lloyd Dow †

Margaret Calandra †

5:30 - **Available**

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 †

12:00 - Margaret Calandra †

Teresa Bonventre (Special Intention)(Liv.)

5:30 - Antonio J. Roman †

7:00 - (Haitian) St. Anne's Parishioners

Thursday, June 7, 2018

12:00 - Geo Adams †

Hilda Gonzalez (Healing) (Liv.)

5:30 - Joseph Crifo †

7:00 - (Spanish) Santos Maria Hernandez †

Juan Irizarry †

En Accion de Gracias a la Virgen de la Medalla Milagrosa

Friday, June 8, 2018

12:00 - Fredi Cruz †

5:30 - Julio Peña Justiniano †

Saturday, June 9, 2018

9:00 - Rosemarie Krulish †

Souls of Purgatory

5:00 - Debbie Dicristoforo †

Available

7:00 - (SPANISH) Maria del Carmen Abrego †

Vicente Fernandez †

Pablo Bonifacio †

Benedicto Fernandez †

Sunday, June 10, 2018

7:30 - **Available**

9:00 - (Spanish) Carlos Ernesto Quintanilla †

Almas del Purgatorio

Prospero Arevalo (40 dias) †

11:00 - William Costa †

Joseph Branigan Jr. †

12:30 - (Haitain) **Available**

5:00 - Joseph Breheny †

St. Anne Parishioners Living and Deceased

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As I am writing this message it is still the beginning of the week, and we are preparing for the Confirmation of our youth on this Saturday morning. We will be confirming more than 90 of our youth. Our Confirmation Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernardito Auza, a Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. We can say he is an Ambassador of the Holy Father to the United Nations. I know Monsignor Bernardito from Albania, where he was a secretary of the Nunzio at the time when I was ordained to the priesthood in 1997. In fact he was present at my ordination in Tirana, Albania. After Albania Monsignor Bernardito served in different countries around the world, and his last mission before United Nations was in Haiti where he was present during the last big earthquake that we all still remember.



Monsignor Bernardito is a good friend with members of our Haitian community, that is Camie and Ferauld Maignan, who throughout his life worked for United Nations as well. Because of those friendships Monsignor Bernardito was already a couple of times here in our Parish, celebrating with us during Christmas time with our Haitian or Spanish communities. Coming from the Philippines, Monsignor Bernardito is multilingual by nature, and we can say that he is a born diplomat by growing in multi cultural and multi religion country. We are honored to have him celebrate the Confirmation for our youth, may they be filled with the same great faith and spirit that Monsignor Bernardito has, and with the same missionary zeal to serve the Lord. We thank him for the privilege to have him with us, and we wish him good health and continuous success in his mission.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. This is a celebration of Christ's continual presence among us, as he reminded us saying: - do this in memory of me-, and when He told us that: -as we eat his body and drink his blood we proclaim his death and resurrection until He comes again-. So we have the privilege of being in communion with Jesus every day of our lives until he comes in glory. As Christ has promised us in the Gospel last Sunday: - I am with you always until the end of times- , and so we hold onto his words and his promise.

In Corpus Christi celebrations you may have seen Holy Father making procession on the streets of Rome. He processes with the Blessed Sacrament from the church of Saint John Lateran, to the church of Maria Maggiore. The significance of processions is; that Christ walks with us on the streets and paths of our life, and is always present with us wherever we go. We too will have procession at the 7pm Mass this Saturday. Our procession we will move around the church, with the four different altars, expressing different aspects of the Eucharist and honoring the Lord and praying for the needs of the Church and the world.

At all other Masses of this Sunday, I will ask the priests and deacons, that we make a moment of adoration at the end of Masses, and so honor Jesus in the Eucharist. We will recite the litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and receive the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is very powerful and we will know it's power when we get to heaven, but if you wanted to know more about it now, you could read about the Eucharistic miracles. Maybe in the near future, we could have a presentation about the Eucharist and we could see some movies about it, using our big screen down in the basement of the church, and using our access to the resources on the Christian faith called FORMED, that we will explain to you how to access to it through our parish registration to that program.

It would be interesting as well to see the life of a holy priest Saint Pio of Pietralcina, whose life is a one big chain of miracles connected to his priesthood and the power of the Eucharist.

May God be praised through the Eucharist and its presence among us, and may we be blessed through it as we venerate it. May Jesus continue to nourish our bodies and souls with this bread from heaven, may it bring us health of mind and body, and blessing in every aspect of our lives. May all those who receive the Eucharist, know the presence and closeness of Christ in their lives, may they know his love and mercy.

I want to thank all who helped to maintain the church keeping it clean and beautiful, so that every aspect of it would show our faith and love for Jesus. I want to thank all those who on the Memorial Day helped to clean and to improve our grounds around the church. All that speaks about our love for God and for his house, and I am grateful to you for it. Thank you for your continual help and support.

God bless everyone !!!!
Fr. Stan

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ST. ANNE'S PARISH

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism: For children under 5, please contact the Parish Office (273-8113) for an appointment to speak with a Priest or Deacon at least several weeks before the Baptism. For older children, contact the Office of Family Faith Formation (231-7344).

First Holy Communion: Children usually begin Religious Education studies in the First Grade and are prepared for Communion in the Second Grade. Call the Family Faith Formation Office (231-7344) to register your child the summer before the school year begins.

Confirmation: This Sacrament is currently celebrated in the Eighth Grade after 2 years of preparation. Please call the Religious Education Office (231-7344) for more information.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the Parish Office at any time to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick either at home or in the hospital.

Reconciliation: The Sacrament is celebrated every Saturday from 4:00 - 4:45 PM in the Church or by appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Marriage: Congratulations! Couples planning to marry should make an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least eight (8) months in advance of the wedding to allow time for adequate preparation.

Holy Orders: Is God calling you? Call a Priest or Deacon to discern a possible vocation to the Priesthood, Diaconate or the Religious life.

DEVOTIONS

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Each Thursday from 12:30 PM until 5:15 PM. First Friday from 5:30 PM until 7:00 PM. Rosary after the 12:00 daily Mass.

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday after the 12:00 Mass and First Saturday from 8:15 - 9:00 AM.

OUTREACH

St. Anne's Outreach Ministry (Fr. Thomas Conerty Outreach) is open every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00p.m. The Food Pantry operates on the same days from 9:30 AM to 1:00p.m. only. Please call Our New direct number 631-339-7470 or 273-8113 ext. 229.

ALL NIGHT PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Every 3rd Friday of the Month; 9:00p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in the Chapel next to Parish Business office. All are welcome.

St. Anne's Ministry of Consolation

St. Paul teaches that when one person in the community suffers, so do we all. Thus, at the time of the death of a loved one, we minister to the grieving family through the Ministry of Consolation.

Contact is made and an invitation is extended to the family to join with our Ministry intake person, to prepare for the Mass of Christian Burial.

Family members are invited to chose the readings and music for the Mass and are encouraged and supported through out the entire preparation of this final process of burial in celebration of their loved one.

All are invited to consider being a part of this Ministry, either as a Intake Person, Acolyte or Greeter for the Mass by calling the St. Anne's Parish Center at 631-273-8113.

Come be the face of St. Anne's to a grieving family.

Come be the face of God in their time of need.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES Congregate Meal Program ATTENTION SENIORS

We would like to invite you to

ST. ANNE GARDENS
80 Second Ave, Brentwood

Here in Brentwood at 80 Second Ave. Brentwood. Come join us for an afternoon meal every Tuesday and Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the community room. This program is funded by Suffolk County Office for the Aging. Please call :

Izabela Silwowska—Program Coordinator at :
631-789-5219 to register and to receive more information.



BAPTISM

Let us welcome the following babies and their families who were Baptized into our Parish Family:

Laila Maria Firpo, Emily Alejandra Caceros Dal Mut, Matias Josue Clavasquin, Aleah Paulette Mejia



Wedding Banns

First Banns

Enry F. Garcia & Karla O. Leiva
(Wedding June 23, 2018)

Second Banns

Yeferson Reyna & Neila Hernandez
(Wedding June 15, 2018)

Jose R. Contreras & Zulma E. Guevara
(Wedding June 16, 2018)

Mirna Menjivar & Elmer Flores
(Wedding June 16, 2018)

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Phone: _____

Seller: _____

Donation: \$100 per ticket

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Donation \$100 per ticket

1st Prize: \$10,000 • 2nd Prize: \$2,000

3rd Prize: \$1,000 • 4th Prize: \$500

5th Prize: \$500 • 6th Prize: \$500

Seller of winning ticket \$500

Drawing held at St. Anne's Parish Feast - Sunday, July 29, 2018

Prize amounts based on sale of 300 tickets
and will be recalculated if less sold.

If more tickets are sold, additional prizes of \$500
will be added for each ten additional sold.

Raffle tickets printed compliments of

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RAFFLE IS AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE IN THE
PARISH OFFICE !!!!!!!**



FR. EDEN JEAN-BAPTISTE MOVES ON!

After eight years of dedicated service to the parish and people of St. Anne's, we are sad to say goodbye to Fr. Eden Jean-Baptiste.

Fr. Eden has been reassigned to the Parish of St. Martha's in Uniondale and will be leaving during the week of June 25th. We wish him only the best and thank him for his eight years of service to our church and its people.



We would like to invite all the parishioners of the parish to attend the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 23rd, celebrated by Fr. Eden and all the priest of the parish on this final weekend with us. We will have light refreshments in the lower church following the mass giving each of us the opportunity to say goodbye personally.



The Sisters of St. Joseph continue their *Year of Abiding in God's Love* series at Maria Regina Residence with a Taizé Prayer Service lead by Sister Noel Cullen, CSJ.

With her beautiful, soul-filled voice, Sister Noel will guide us in a time of renewal and reflection in the form of meditative singing and scripture reading. Join us on Tuesday, June 5th at 2:30pm in our Chapel. All Are Welcome!

**WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. ANNE'S
Fr. Charlince Vendredy**

I was born in Dame-Marie (Jeremie-Haiti). I was ordained a priest on November 26, 2007. After my ordination, I worked as Associate Pastor in a few Parishes in my Diocese in Haiti.



I really appreciated the experiences I had among my devout Christian people. Besides my duties as priest to offer spiritual advice to people, I was also able to teach some young men and women in the schools and participate fully in community activities. After five years of ministry in the priesthood in Haiti, I expressed the desire to travel in order to pursue a career and to better serve the Church and God's people.

In October 2013, I arrived on Long Island and began my service as Associate Pastor at St. Boniface Church in Elmont. My main service was Spiritual Leader to the large Haitian community but I also ministered to the American congregation.

From January 2015 to April 2016, the Bishop at that time, Most Reverend William Murphy assigned me to serve at Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream. Blessed Sacrament does not have a Haitian Community but I had the joy of accompanying the Haitian people with their prayer group and other activities.

From May 1st 2016 to now, I am the Spiritual Moderator of the Haitian American Charismatic Prayer Groups for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

My new assignment is to serve at St. Anne's Parish in Brentwood. I am looking forward to working with everyone. I will be relying on the cooperation and support of all the faithful of St. Anne's parish for the good of God's service and his people.

Fr. Charlince Vendredy



MAYO MES DEDICADO A LA VIRGEN MARIA.

SI DESEA QUE LA VIRGEN TE VISITE Y SE HAGA EL ROSARIO EN TU CASA, FAVOR DE COMUNICARTE CON EL CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD. LLAMANDO A LOS SIGUIENTES TELEFONOS.

Dominga Torres (631) 336-7347

Laura Reyes (631) 245-6087

Mayo 12, 2018 Comenzando con la Santa Misa de la 7:00pm Procesi3n Con La Virgen y los ni1os y ni1as vestidos con sus trajes de la primera Comuni3n.

Mayo 31, 2018 CLAUSURA Y CORONACION DE LA VIRGEN 7:00PM COMENZANDO CON LA SANTA MISA. TRAER A LOS Ni1o's Y Ni1a's CON SUS TRAJES DE COMUNION.

*Would you like to see Fr. Stan's Poland?
If interested in information for a 10 Day Trip in
August 2019, call and put your name on the list.*



Ministerios y Servicios En Español

P. Víctor Evangelista

Tel. (631) 273-8113

Fax (631) 436-7914

Santa Misa **Jueves y Sábado 7:00 p.m.**

Confesiones

Sábado 4-4:45 p.m.

Domingo 9:00 a.m.

Domingo 8:30-9/10:30-11 a.m.

Unción de los Enfermos y Exposición Eucarística

Primer jueves del mes

Cenáculo Eucarístico (Divina Misericordia)

Cuarto sábado del mes

Bautismo de niños menores de cinco años

1º, 2º y 3er. sábados del mes

(Para Bautismo, Matrimonio, 15 años, etc. es necesario pedir una Cita con Sacerdote/Diacono en la Oficina parroquial, más información puede encontrar en la sección en inglés -SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION ST. ANNE'S PARISH-).

Grupos, Movimientos y Comunidades parroquiales

Hermandad de Emaús

Martes

7:30 p.m.

Capilla

Renovación Carismática

Miércoles

7:30 p.m.

Templo

Comunidad Neocatecumenal

Jueves

7:30 p.m.

Capilla

Cursillos de Cristiandad

Jueves

7:30 p.m.

Bajo de Rectoría

Grupo Jóvenes Adultos (RENACER)

Viernes

7:30 p.m.

Bajo del Templo

Legión de María

Domingo después de la Misa de 9:00 a.m.

S. Miguel Arcángel

Segundo Domingo de mes a las 2:00 p.m.

Divina Misericordia

Segundo y Cuarto domingos a 2:00 p.m.

Liturgia Misa de Familias

último viernes de mes 6:00 p.m.

Apostolado Hispano y Café de Amistad 4º Domingo después de misa dominical.

Ministerios

Coro Parroquial de la Misa de Sábado y Domingo (Contacto: Moisés Telenta).

Curso Pre-Cana y Movimiento Familiar Cristiano (Contacto: Alberto Román y Margarita).

Acólitos y Liturgia Misa de Familias (Contacto: D. Andrés y Yolanda Vélez).

R.I.C.A. (Contacto: José Núñez y Carmen).

Educación Religiosa (Contacto: Bertha Keenan).

ACLAMACIONES EUCARISTICAS PARA LA HORA SANTA

Todos: *Bendito sea Dios.*

Bendito sea su santo nombre.

Bendito sea Jesucristo, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre.

Bendito sea el nombre de Jesús.

Bendito sea su sacratísimo corazón.

Bendita sea su preciosísima sangre.

Bendito sea Jesús en el santísimo sacramento del altar.

Bendito sea el Espíritu Santo consolador.

Bendita sea la excelsa Madre de Dios, María Santísima.

Bendita sea su santa e inmaculada concepción.

Bendita sea su gloriosa ascensión.

Bendito sea el nombre de María, Virgen y Madre.

Bendito sea san José, su castísimo esposo.

Bendito sea Dios en sus Ángeles y en sus Santos.



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TODAY-COME ON DOWN

ALL ARE WELCOMED AT THE
INVITATION OF OUR
HAITIAN COMMUNITY TO
COME TO A CELEBRATION OF LIFE,
COME CELEBRATE SOME WONDERFUL
SURPRISES,
GATHER AS ONE COMMUNITY
FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDS

SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD

LOWER CHURCH—NO CHARGE
6:00P.M.— FOLLOWING 5:00P.M. MASS



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MINISTERES ET SERVICES

Père Eden Jean-Baptiste

Tel:# (631) 951-0129 - Fax: (631) 436-7914

LÈ BIWO: Lendi: 9AM - 12PM, Mèkredi - Jedi: 9:00 AM - 12PM, epi 1PM– 5PM

SÈVIS: Mèkredi 7:30 PM ak **Dimanche** 12:30 PM

SÈVIS PASTORAL

▪ **Gwoup Lapriyè Karismatik ak Devosyon a Manman Mari:**

Chak Lendi, 7PM (*andedan legliz la*)

▪ **Ekspozisyon Sen Sakreman:** Chak premye Vandredi nan mwa a

▪ **Swen Pastoral moun ki malad:** Vizit malad lakay oubyen lopital, espesyalman malad ki bezwen konfesyon, sou randevou Mekredi ak Vandredi.

▪ **Aktivite jèn yo (HAYMSA):** Sou Samedi, 2PM – 4PM*, amba legliz la

(wè avek Reskonsab yo pou schedule aktyèl la; Reskonsab jèn yo: Regine Celestin, Cindy Neree, Clodine Neree, Paul Jean)

▪ **Konfesyon:** sou randevou epi avan lames Mekredi yo

▪ **Maryaj:** Pran randevou avek pe ya pou fe anket maryaj la. Sonje Dyosez la mande pou koup yo enregistre ui (8) mwa anvan dat Maryaj la. Sa ap ede yo prepare davans san ke sote. Kou Pre-Cana obligatwa.

▪ **Repetisyon koral:** pou adilt; chak Vandredi 8PM (*anba legliz, nan chanm jòn la*)

▪ **Selebrasyon Kiltirèl:** Premye Dimanch nan chak mwa apre lames la.

▪ **Reyinyon Komite:** wè avek Père Eden.

▪ **Komite Liturjik:** Dezyèm Vandredi nan mwa a, 8PM (*nan biwo ayisyen anba legliz la*)

▪ **Group Priyè Confrerie St Michel:** chak Samedi 7PM – 9PM nan chapel la

J'ai lu pour vous--La Fete Dieu

Ceci est mon sang, le sang de l'Alliance, répandu pour vous

À la fin du cycle pascal et avant de reprendre le «temps ordinaire», la liturgie nous propose trois grandes fêtes qui célèbrent notre Dieu : la Pentecôte, fête de l'Esprit Saint, la Trinité qui révèle toute la richesse de Dieu, et la fête du Corps et du Sang du Christ, qui met l'accent sur le Dieu incarné, le Dieu-avec-nous :

«Voici que je suis avec vous jusqu'à la fin des temps» (Mt 28, 20).

La fête de l'Eucharistie, que l'on appelait autrefois la Fête-Dieu, est la célébration de l'alliance entre Dieu et nous. Il y a quelques années, nous aimions souligner cette alliance par une procession à travers les rues de nos villes et villages. Nous voulions affirmer notre foi au grand jour. Aujourd'hui, nous célébrons de

façon plus simple et plus intérieure. Depuis plus de sept siècles, la Fête-Dieu souligne la présence du Seigneur parmi nous. Sainte Juliane de Liège, une religieuse de l'ordre de S. Augustin, en a été l'instigatrice et le Pape Urbain IV a demandé à saint Thomas d'Aquin de préparer une messe spéciale pour cette fête. Au 13e siècle, Thomas a écrit le Tantum Ergo et le O Salutaris Ostia. Ces hymnes d'une grande beauté reviennent de temps à autre dans nos liturgies.

Que cette fête du Corps et du Sang du Christ, cette fête de l'Eucharistie nous fasse mieux connaître le Dieu qui nous aime et nous considère comme ses propres enfants.

L'histoire de la Bible est l'histoire de Dieu qui cherche à faire une alliance avec son peuple : avec Noé, après le déluge, avec Abraham son ami et avec Moïse, le libérateur. Plus tard, les prophètes annoncent une nouvelle alliance personnelle avec chacune et chacun de nous, alliance qui se réalisera en Jésus-Christ, le Dieu-avec-nous.