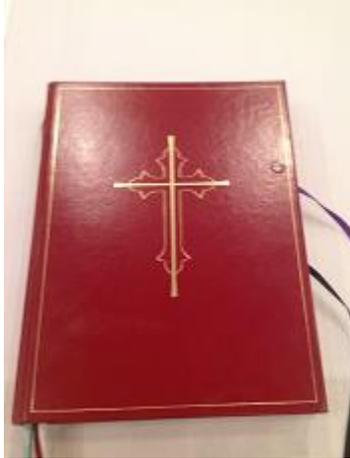


Altar Guild Vocabulary



Alms Basins: The silver plates used to collect and present the offerings given by the congregation.



Altar Missal: the altar service book.



Aumbry: the locked cupboard just outside the sacristy where consecrated wine, baptism oil and unction are kept.



Burse: a flat, square, fabric-covered case placed on top of the veiled chalice and used to hold spare purificators. It matches the vestments and altar hangings in the appropriate liturgical color for the day.



Chalice: the cup used for the communion wine.



Ciborium: receptacle shaped like a small chalice with a cover. Used for communion wafers.



Corporal: the larger, square linen placed on the altar.



Credence tables: the tables to the side of the altar where all of the items needed for the Eucharist are placed.



Cruet: a small container with a stopper, used for the wine or water for the Eucharist.



Lavabo bowl/towel: the bowl and towel used by the priest to wash his/her hands just prior to the Eucharist.



Pall: A stiff square covered in white linen. It is placed on top of the chalice as a cover, and also supports the veil.



Paten: the plate used for holding the bread during the Eucharist.



Piscina: the small round sink in the sacristy counter. The drain leads to the ground. It is used to discard any wine, water, etc. that have been consecrated.



Purificator: the small square linen cloth placed on the chalice as a cover and then used to wipe the rim of the chalice between communicants.



Pyx: a vessel that is hung near the altar to hold the consecrated hosts and an appropriate candle.



Veil: A square of cloth which covers the chalice until it is placed on the altar at the start of the Eucharist. The veil typically matches the vestments and altar hangings in the appropriate liturgical color for the day.