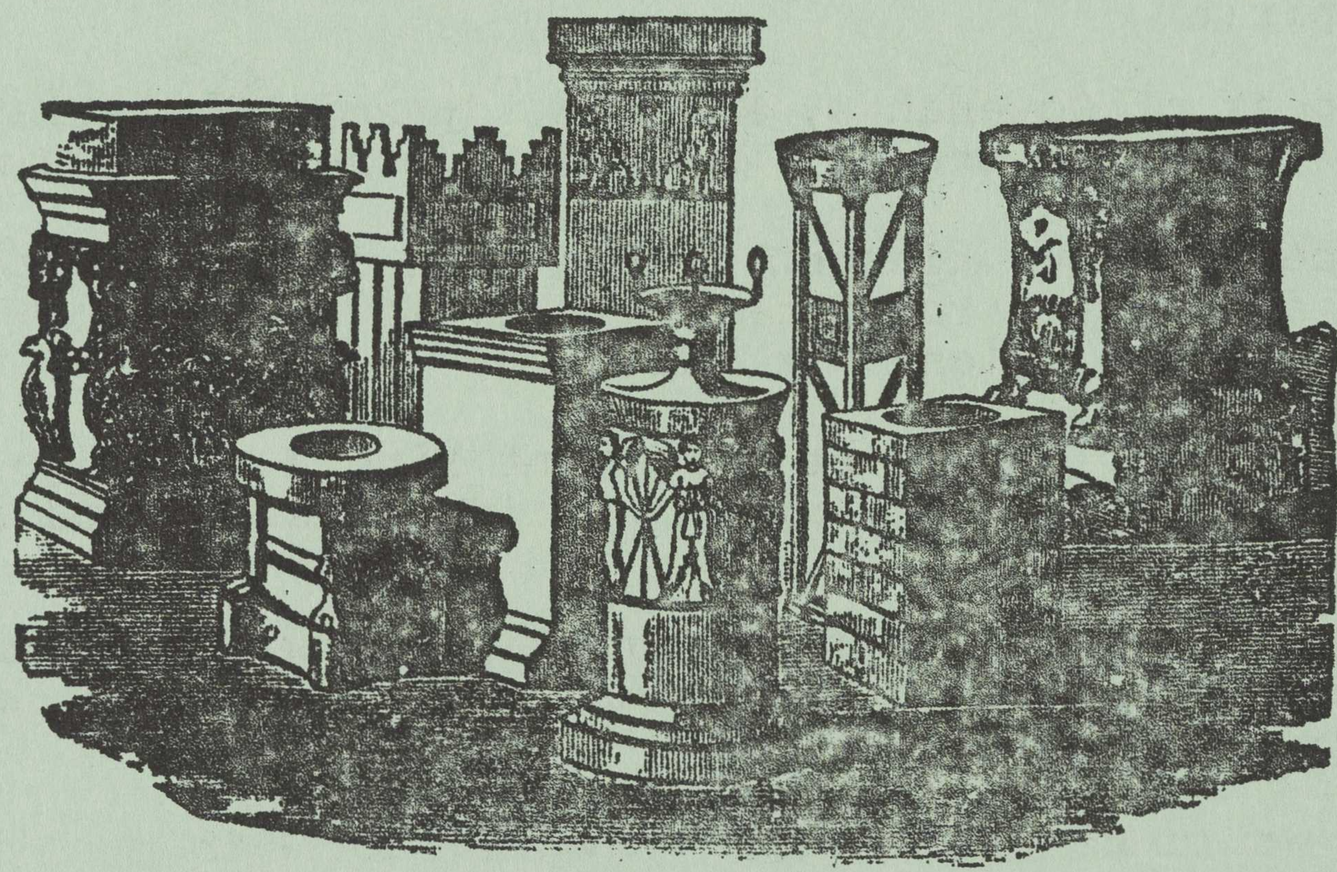
DOES YOUR "CHURCH" HAVE AN ALTAR??

Every Roman Catholic 'CHURCH' or 'CHAPEL' has an Altar...

Greek: Place of sacrifice...elevated platform. The common Latin word for ALTAR was ARA. Altare or altarium from which our English word derives, was late and ecclesiastical.

GOD says---"*An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. And If thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.* Ex. 20:24-26.

CALVARY is our God's supreme Altar!



ANCIENT ALTARS.

Acts 17:23 "As I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD."

Lucian tells us that there was...such an inscription at Athens. The Athenians were afflicted with a pestilence, invited Epimenides to lustrate their city.

The method adopted by him was to carry several sheep into the Areopagus; then left to wander as they pleased, under the observation of the people attending them. As each sheep lay down, it was sacrificed on the spot TO THE PROPITIOUS GOD. By this ceremony, it is said the city was relieved of the plague.

BUT---as it was still unknown what 'deity' was propitious, an altar was erected TO THE UNKNOWN GOD on every spot where a sheep had been sacrificed.

LUCAN---'I swear by the UNKNOWN GOD at Athens. Philop., c 13.

"We have found out the UNKNOWN GOD at Athens, and worshipped him with our hands stretched up to heaven. Philop., c 29