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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening ..... 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, Upper Church ..... 8:30 and 11:00 AM  
 Holy Day ..... As announced  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday ..... 8:30 AM  
 Friday..... 12:15 PM

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

All Catholics living in the parish should register. Our Welcome Center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary is open on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(Entrance through the middle, rear door of the Church)  
 Monday-Thursday only ... 8:00 AM-4:00 PM  
 Friday..... 8:00 AM-2:30 PM  
 (Closed for lunch 12:00-1:00 PM)

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday, Lower Church: 3:30 to 4:15 PM or by appointment.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM.

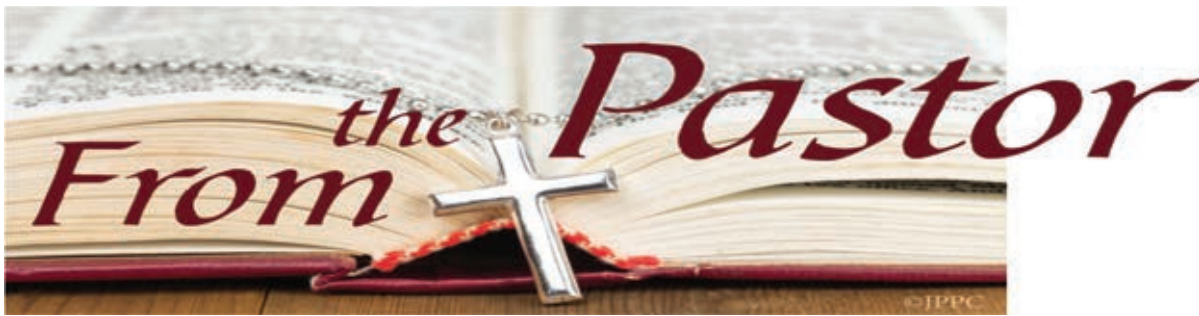
First time parents and godparents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Session which is held on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at least six months before the intended wedding date. Weddings are reserved for active parishioners. Pre-Cana Session is required. Please call Parish Office for more information.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish office or Mrs. Judy Vacca, Pastoral Minister, when a parishioner is hospitalized or home bound.



A week ago, I lost a good friend. All of us here at Holy Cross have lost a good friend. Gerry Canterino was indeed a good friend. Even if you didn't know her personally, she was your friend here at the parish in the work that she did as the parish office secretary. Answering phone and door among any number of other things in the course of a day for well over twenty years, she would greet, welcome, and accommodate all who came or called. When I first came to the door here at Holy Cross, it was Gerry who was one of the first to welcome me and then do her best to accommodate me as the "new" new pastor. I will forever hear her voice saying to me, *Don't worry about it, Father*, as I fretted, at times, over various and brand new pastoral responsibilities. Early on, as I was preparing to take a day off, Gerry would say, *Father, just get out of here and relax!* She even helped "grease the wheel" in that regard when she would offer a black labeled bottle or purple pouched spirits on a birthday or at Christmas. I've sat any number of evenings "relaxing" and being grateful to Gerry. Gerry was not only a good friend; she was also a co-worker and colleague here at the parish always reminding me to call her anytime, if I needed anything – and I know that she meant it. You see, Gerry had a great love for her Church and a great love for her priests. Although she might respectfully refer to me as the pastor here at Holy Cross and her boss, one has to understand what the relationship was really like. I would suggest that one need look no further than the relationship between Our Lord and His Mother. Beyond any doubt, Jesus was *the* Boss, yet He never did anything in conflict or contradiction of His Mother and if His Mother made a request of Him, how could He not but fulfill it. Gerry mothered her priests in much the way that Mary mothered her Son. Gerry's death had nothing to do directly with the coronavirus on the one hand, but on the other, indirectly, that God forsaken virus had everything to do with it. It was the virus pandemic that took her out of the office and away from us these last months as Gerry was in that "high risk" category. Gerry and her family were simply and understandably just being prudent. However, it was the ongoing pandemic that kept her out of the office as much as she desired to come back and after a few health setbacks, it, again, was COVID that prevented any visits that staff and I might want to make to her. The end came rather quickly and suddenly. Stroke can do that. Someone in the office spoke to Gerry just a week or so before she passed. She sounded good and her spirits were up. She still wanted to return to Holy Cross, but it was not meant to be. Less than one day after I was told that she was being placed on hospice, Gerry was gone. It's hard to walk past the empty chair at Gerry's desk knowing that now she will never sit in it again, but despite the sadness for all of us here at Holy Cross at the moment, there is still a sense of happiness and joy. Our Faith tells us that Gerry is very much at peace and happy as she reunites with her beloved husband who died at a rather young age as well as with her brother and parents and countless others that Gerry knew and befriended and who preceded her in death. Gerry though your office chair might now be empty, you will always have a seat in our hearts. Thank you for caring for us, loving us, mothering us, and helping a "new" new pastor learn how to be pastor. Pray for us as we will pray for you! We love you and will sorely miss you, but we look forward to that day when we meet again and together "relax!"

Peace!

Fr. Wilson



<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 3</b>
8:30 AM	Concetta Lind & Grace Tricome
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 4</b>
8:30 AM	Catherine Shivetts
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 5</b>
8:30 AM	William Anthony & Pauline Fiscella
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 6</b>
	NO MASS
<b>FRIDAY - Public Mass suspended during the green phase. Mass available online.</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 7</b>
12:15 PM	Patricia Uzdzienski
<b>NEXT WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 8</b>
8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
4:30 PM	Bill Teti
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>AUGUST 9</b>
8:30 AM	Robert Seitz Sr.
11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Casciano Family



<i>Sunday Collection, July 26</i>	
<i>Total Collection</i>	<i>\$6,462</i>
<i>Electronic</i>	<i>\$2,330</i>
<i>Basket &amp; Mail-ins</i>	<i>\$4,132</i>

### On-Line Giving

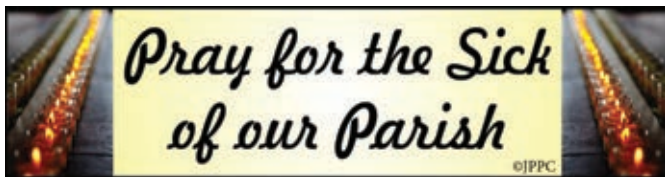
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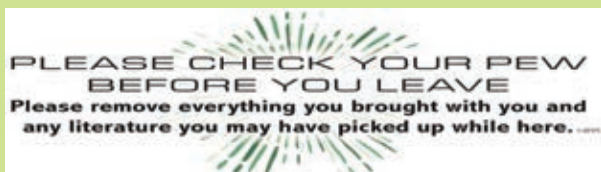
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## U.S.C.C.B WEBSITE

**Readings for daily and Sunday Mass  
 can be found at [usccb.org/bible/  
 readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings). Click on the calendar on  
 the right to get the readings for the  
 day.**

## For those attending Mass

At this time during the green restricted  
 phase there will be no Altar Servers,  
 Ushers taking up the collection or  
 Children's Liturgy.



## The Corner

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"Curiosity about God and His dreams for  
 us and the world can be incredibly invigor-  
 ating. It transforms the way we see our-  
 selves, other people, creation, society,  
 and indeed God."

---Matthew Kelly "I Heard God Laugh"

## Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is OPEN!

The Chapel will be open from 9:00 AM to  
 7:00 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The Maximum Capacity Allowed is 4 people.  
 Please wear a mask and please maintain so-  
 cial distancing.





## *Gerry Canterino*

Sadly, Holy Cross Parish lost a dear friend and most dedicated parish secretary on Friday, July 24. Please remember Gerry and her family in your prayers. Gerry, Rest in Peace! We will miss you.



Wow! Thanks to all of you....our pantry continues to assist our most in-need neighbors in our community. Donations are up (and words cannot express our gratitude for these) and so are our volunteers. God Bless All of You!

If you are able, we are in need of baked beans, veggies, pasta and sauce, cereal, apple juice, kiddie treats, peanut butter and jelly, mac & cheese, mayo, ketchup, toilet paper and paper towels.

Just a reminder, we are open every Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:00 PM and we are open to all Delco residents (with ID).

Please keep cool and know you are making a difference.

Love and Prayers,

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## **National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.**

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## **Operation Rice Bowl**

### **Thank You!**

**Thank you for your faithful participation in the CRS Rice Bowl collection. Your Lenten sacrifices helped families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition.**

Prayer  
makes sense  
out of  
nonsense

reflect - pray - renew  
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# Reflection ©JPPC

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Back in June, the CBS Sunday Morning show presented a feature about a hobby spawned by the Covid 19 lock down, one with devotees famous and non. It's making and baking bread in your home kitchen. House-bound as we were in those early bouts with the virus, people had the time, if not the talent, but learned by doing of the fun involved in creating wonderful varieties of bread. This not to omit mention of those enticing aromas emanating from their ovens just shy of that first taste. This offset the imbalance generated by a paranoia over carbohydrates. After all, who can imagine a delectable sandwich without the bread?

With this weekend's Readings in mind, especially Isaiah's talk of a banquet and Our Lord's miracle of feeding the crowd, it was natural for me to think about a link with this current fad. We human folk love our bread, as the supermarket aisle testifies to so many commercially made varieties of it. When it isn't handy, some respond by making their own.

Apply those thoughts to the special Bread, that of the Eucharist. While most of our parishes and other institutions delegate the chore of making and baking the unleavened bread to others, still we know the Holy Eucharist as bread par excellence after the Consecration at Mass.

Among the many lessons to be gleaned from the pandemic shutdown is the fact that our Christian life is weakened and left hungry without this Gift of His Divine Son.

Unfortunately, too many other people who call themselves Catholic have actually fallen prey to a worse kind of pandemic than Covid 19: loss of faith in the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. They must have decided somewhere along the line to disregard what Our Lord said about the bread and wine followed by a very clear directive to "Do this in memory of Me." I pray for them and let their judgment go to the One who said that.

Meanwhile, we sinful but repentant believers have our hands full just being faithful these days. That Jesus chose this humble method of identifying Himself with a host of bread and a cup of wine is remarkable, imaginative, and loving. In fact, it's divine. No wonder that the Eucharist is called "the true treasure of our Church." Hardly a hobby and never a fad.

By the way, if you're going to be baking any bread, making the best of things with your limited "domestic tranquility," invite some friends over for a slice. Maybe even a whole loaf. That would be a reminder of the kinship the Eucharist promotes.

*"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can."* (Sydney Smith, English wit and Anglican clergyman.) – God love you and give you His peace!





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#WHATSMYNAME

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