

## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Greetings. The theme of today's liturgy is the continuation of the last weekend readings. God's mercy and lenience are extolled throughout today's scriptures. Wisdom teaches us that God's mercy gives us all good ground for hope. The Holy Spirit helps us in our human imperfection. Jesus' parables illustrate that with God's patience we can rise and shine like the sun. It is not likely that a farmer would follow the householder's example in the Gospel. Left unchecked, weeds will compete with plants for water, sunlight, and other nutrients. At best, the good plants will not bear much fruits. At worst they will wither and die. Good farmers keep their land as free of weeds as much as possible. Yes, pulling up weeds that are mixed within plants will damage the crops, but allowing them to grow together just gives them more opportunity to damage the crops.

However, as Jesus reveals to his disciples, parables are not meant to be taken away literally. God, the wise and merciful judge is patient with the weeds, allowing them to grow to completion. Growth implies change. Change effected by the spirit who comes to the aid of human weakness is transformative. Throughout our lifetimes there remains hope for even the most wicked of weeds.

The image of a huge bush with birds flying in from every direction to nest in its branches is a beautiful vision of the heavenly kingdom. May our example draw others to flock to God's welcoming, loving, infinite embrace.

God Bless

Fr. Benjamin

## Bible Study

Weekly Scripture Passage for Next Weekend

July 25th & July 26th, 2020

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (109A)

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Scripture readings are held each **Wednesday after 8am Mass in the Rectory.** These readings help us to prepare for the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.



*"Rosebud" Bouquets,  
Julie (Kerber) Cardella  
(Marge & Joe Kerber's daughter)  
Mike Lester*

## Congratulations



to our Students who received the  
Sacrament of First Reconciliation (Penance)  
on Saturday, July 11th:  
Alexander Austin, Reagan Kerber, John Nuttle,  
Kali Reisdorf, Landon Reisdorf, Blake West  
& Jake Zywiczyński.

A special 'Thank You' to Mrs. Debbie Damon  
for her time and dedication in teaching the  
student preparation sessions.





**Confirmation Rehearsal**

will be held on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**Confirmation**

will be celebrated on

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.

The students of St. Mary's Parish in Arcade will be joining us. Rev. Lathislaus Benjamin Mariasoosai of St. Joseph's Parish, Holland will preside. May you be richly blessed for your prayerful support of our young adults!

*save the date*

There will be a Finance Meeting on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

**CURRENT JOB OPENINGS**

We are looking to fill two positions:  
 ~**Musician** for 5:00pm Saturday Mass  
 ~**Building & Maintenance** Position

If interested in either position, please see Fr. Benjamin or contact the Parish Office at 537-9434.

For more information regarding these positions please call (716) 537-9434 or email Cathy at [CathyL@catholicweb.com](mailto:CathyL@catholicweb.com).

**Gift to God:**

**Collection Week Of:**  
 \$ Regular Collection,  
 \$ Religious Education,  
**Attendance Week Of:**  
 Saturday Mass 5pm –  
 Sunday Mass 8am –  
 Sunday Mass 10:30am –  
 Total =

Counters for July 26th ~ K & D  
 September-June

YTD Collections	\$112,936
YTD Budget	\$127,769
YTD Variance	(\$14,833)



**Mass Schedule & Intentions for the Week**

M – Memorial A – Anniversary L –Living

**Monday, July 20th**

8am Janet Turek – **M**  
 (Joyce Michalski)

**Tuesday, July 21st**

8am For All Parishioners

**Wednesday, July 22nd**

8am All Souls\*

**Thursday, July 23rd**

8am Mother's Day Intentions\*

**Friday, July 24th**

8am Parishioners of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist\*

**Saturday, July 25th**

5pm Allan Claus - **M**  
 (Steve & MaryAnn Ruminski)

**Sunday, July 26th**

8am Jerry Fronckowiak – **M**  
 (Ray & Ann Zywiczyński)  
 10:30am John Rickettson – **M**  
 (Eileen & Family)

<b>ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE</b>	
Saturday, July 25th	5pm
Sunday, July 26th	8am
	10:30am
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE</b>	
Saturday, July 25th	5pm
Sunday, July 26th	8am
	10:30am
<b>LECTOR SCHEDULE</b>	
Saturday, July 25th	5pm Ed Russell
Sunday, July 26th	8am Bill Franczak
	10:30am Confirmation Mass
<b>SACRISTAN SCHEDULE</b>	
Sat/Sun July 25th – July 26th	
•5pm K Orlando • 8am S Franczak • 10:30am M Posluszny	