







MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima Roxanna Wizorek (Jane Coburn)

Wednesday, May 14 Saint Matthias Christina Giardina Davis (Joni Pickens)

> **Thursday, May 15** Saint Isidore Rosemary Zerr(Anita Carr)

Friday, May 16 Jennifer Werner (Anne Liszka & Scott)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 17 4:30pm 50TH Wedding Anniversary of Jack & Ronda Erdesky

Sunday, May 18 8:00am Daniel & Anna Colllins (John Collins)

11:00am For The People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLES

May 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Deceased Members of the Bonaquist Family (Sarah Bonaquist) Pope Francis (Anonymous)

40 CLUB WINNERS

APRIL 23

\$100-Chris Haines; \$100- Karen Kollar; \$50-Mary Jo Lipani

APRIL 30

\$100-Diana Jones; \$100-Tracy Barker; \$50 John Scott

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- May 12: Seasons of Hope-Season 3 6pm (Large Meeting Room)
- May 13: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm
- May 14: Confessions 8pm-8:30pm
- May 17: Confessions 3pm-4pm

SEASONS OF HOPE

Seasons of Hope Season 3 has begun. If you or someone you know has been struggling with grief after the death of a loved one, be comforted. We meet on Monday nights at 6pm in the Large Meeting Room. The deadline to join this session is May 12. There is no need to have attended previous Seasons. Please call the office to reserve your spot **by May 12**.

CHILD PROTECTION-CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Digital Safety and Your Child: If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using pubic wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

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As I write this, the Cardinals are getting ready to momentarily enter into Conclave. It is my assumption that by the time we have come to this weekend that we will know and be praying for our new Holy Father by name. The shortest Conclave was only a few hours, the longest over a thousand days - it's so hard to know, going into one of these, how long it will take. This one, you have Cardinals from every nook and cranny of the globe, there lacks a common language among any of them, and the vast majority have never met each other. These days of mourning and the general congregations are tools to try and get them exposure to one another...I even saw some footage of the cardinals in one of their meetings and noticed they were thumbing through a catalog of biographies of the various cardinals - it looked like they were flipping through a Sears catalog or Play Bill! It's such a human endeavor! Yes, the Holy Spirit is at play in the life of the Church, protecting Her from the gates of Hell, but The Spirit doesn't take over. It influences and nudges along. Pope Benedict famously characterized his election to the papacy as the work of man, not the Will of God. I think back to that often when thinking about many things. I think it's good when thinking about our current papal election. Whomever it is the men in the Sistine Chapel chooses, the Spirit is here to work in and through them to assure souls are saved and the Church remains firmly rooted amidst the ruins of the fallen world you and I live in and need saved from. Throughout history we have never been given a perfect man nor a perfect pope. No matter who emerges onto that loggia of St Peter's, he will be an imperfect man, with tremendous flaws and battles he is engaged in with the enemy; yet, he will be a man who will love the Lord Jesus and has given his life to The Lord's Church; he will be a shepherd of souls who will use his gifts, faith, and passion for souls to bring you and I to Jesus. Some things he says and does will speak to what your soul needs, other things will furl your brow - both are ok. He is simply a man. Pray for him, show him grace, love him, and be full of joy that the Spirit has protected us all these centuries and that even in the ministry and administration of imperfect men, the Church has never ceased feeding the sheep, the lambs, of God! I must admit, there are three names of Cardinals that I am softly rooting for - it's hard to not help it ! But, regardless of whether or not one of 'my guys' gets in, I am just enamored that we still have a pope and the Church is larger than ever! The Proclamation of Easter and the Good News of the Gospel simply keeps resounding in every human heart and soul - and for that, we rejoice!

In two weeks, on Friday May 23, is the Ordination of Deacons Brandon Feikles and Michael Scanga! After this year's ordination, there is a desert of ordinations for three years. After Brandon and Michael, there's not another one till 2028. I'm not a prognosticator, and don't know what will need to happen over the coming years, but there are many retirements on deck over the coming few years, and you can't ever prepare for deaths. Much work and movement of clergy, as well as parish mergers will continue to happen over the coming years. The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few. Pray for more laborers to jump into the vineyard to labor for and to reap a rich harvest of souls! Deacon Brandon (soon, Father!) will be here the weekend of **May 31 / June 1** to celebrate all the Masses! You made a deep impression on him during his time here, and he is eagerly looking forward to celebrating the Liturgy with you for the first time! He looks forward to seeing all of you!

Love, Father Brandon