

Pastor's Column...

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This past week, I celebrated my 8th anniversary as a priest (and earlier in May Fr. Alphonse celebrated his). Thank you for all of your affirmations and well wishes that you have sent our way. Also, this past week, we participated in our annual priest convocation together with the other priests from the Diocese of Buffalo – the theme was Reclaiming our Priestly Joy.

After a long, albeit beautiful Spring, it seems that Summer is finally beginning to take hold. I am hoping that our Heat Pumps will be completed shortly at St. Peter's to help us withstand some of the impending warmth of these upcoming months. The last pending Church improvements on the docket concern our musical instruments (organ at St. Peters, new piano for Immaculate Conception, upgrade to the choir loft sound system at St. Bernards) and solutions are underway.

At this time of the year, we are beginning to celebrate graduations and commencements as our students celebrate all the hard work of learning and growth they've put in over the past year and get to look forward to a little bit of a break (summer vacation, yay!) as well as the opportunities that are in front of them going forward. Congratulations to you all – we are proud of you. We also can't wait to see what plans God has for you as you take those next steps in your lives. Please know of our continued support.

This weekend's feast of Pentecost is a sort of graduation and commencement ceremony for the Apostles, as they received the gift of the Holy Spirit. After years of learning at the feet of the master, they are commissioned and strengthened to go forward into the world to share the Good News. May we open our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit more fully in our lives to this same end.

Peace,

~Fr. Luke