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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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These are busy, but beautiful weeks in our parish. This weekend our high school youth are away on retreat at a retreat house in Stony Point, New York. We also hosted a retreat on Saturday for our children preparing for their First Communion on May 19th. Then comes a retreat for our young people preparing for Confirmation on June 4th. The St. Anthony Feast will run from June 13-17. Our classes for the many adults learning English as a second language end on June 21 and we will celebrate our first full year of classes with a closing mass and social.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel grade school is abuzz with activity as well, including their recent theatrical presentation, and in the coming days and weeks, the May Crowning, Graduation Mass and ceremony, etc.

I'm sure you are seeing a blur of activity in your own homes, as children and grandchildren are finishing school and preparing for Summer.

With so much going on, it is easy to allow ourselves to get swept away by all the activity and forget what is most important, the reason for everything else: Jesus, his love for us, and his invitation for us to love others as he has loved us. This is what gives sense to our lives and what should inspire all of our activity. I have made a decision to try to live these weeks peacefully, without worrying about anything at all. This attitude doesn't mean we don't have to work hard at the many responsibilities we all have, but rather that we won't let anything steal our peace and joy. If you see me stressed out about anything, please remind me of the reason for everything we do. Deal?

God bless, Fr. Jonathan