

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 6, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Spring cleaning is an opportunity for us to clean up the outside of our living space but also to sort thru our accumulated papers that get put into drawers over the months. It is liberating to throw stuff away, be it twigs and debris in the yard or piles of papers that build-up over several months. Spring cleaning is in the context of Easter Season and is a reminder that the risen Christ is encouraging us to let go of things that can build up in our hearts over the months. In particular, unpeaceful thoughts can stir us within to where we lose patience with life which includes not being thankful to God consistently. Throwing out the “crud” of unpeaceful thoughts can be a resurrection for our hearts such that we are filled consistently with thankfulness to God for how blessed we are in daily life. In fact, faith in the risen Christ inevitably leads to consistent thanks to God, Our Father, through the Savior Son Jesus in the light of the Holy Spirit.

Spring cleaning is more involved than cleaning the yard or the drawers. With the Easter Season, risen life cleaning in Christ encourages the emptying of our hearts of ingratitude so that our Easter joy rings out with consistent thanksgiving to God.

Happy Easter!

Fr. Terry