Clean-up Day or Days
We have the joy of several weddings this year, but we are struggling to fit in one grand clean-up day. Please stay tuned for details about some smaller efforts to spring clean around our property. Thank you!

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www.levantinefoofestival.com

Sunday Offertory for April 28, 2019
Collection  Budget  Surplus/(Deficit)
In Pew $4,767  —  —
Online $4,409  —  —
Total $9,176 $7,980 $1,196
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Capital Improvements
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**Priest Intentions**


**Religious Education Reminder**

Only two more classes remain, May 5 and 12. This completes the school year. May 19 is 1st Holy Communion. Last week I published a brief survey for parents and/or students; see the table at the base of the carpeted stairs. On Sun. June 2, 9:45 am, the teachers will meet to discuss the year and plan for the next. Thank you to all for your participation.

**Book Sale Support Religious Education**

Sun., June 9, in Fr. Adrian Hall, after the morning Masses. Donated books may be left following the High Mass. Bring a flower for Our Lady—no flowers will be provided.

**Upcoming Events**

May 5—May Crowning & Rosary Procession
May 12—Last Day for Rel. Ed. Classes
May 18—Apostolate of Mary, Mother of Priests
May 19—First Holy Communion
June 2—Paving Begins

**Schedule Your Session Today**

We need a new photo directory—and we need you to be in it! Please participate. Our new version will be in both print and digital formats. It will also be updatable. By sitting for a FREE professional photo session, you’ll receive 1) a free 8x10 print, 2) a printed photo directory, 3) a digital photo directory. See the SIGN-UP table AFTER Masses today. OR sign up online any day through the Parish Office. Professional Photography Dates: May 14 (Tues) 2-9 pm; May 15 (Wed) 2-9 pm; May 16 (Thurs) 2-9 pm; June 13 (Thurs) 2-9 pm; June 14 (Fri) 2-9 pm; June 15 (Sat) 10 am – 5 pm. Sign up now to reserve your best time!

**Smoking Policy**

Some of our parishioners are highly allergic to tobacco smoke. In charitable consideration to their involuntary physical reactions (not a justifiable reason under any ecclesiastic) we need to institute an official smoking policy. Therefore, smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the building (except for the thurifer, of course) and outside only 10 large steps (30) from any door. In addition, please be thoughtful of others, even outdoors. Thank you for your generous compliance.

**2019 Annual St. Joseph Parish Yard Sale**

Sat. 8 June, 8 am—2 pm; set up 7:00 the morning of the sale. Tables limited & going quickly; $25/ca. Checks payable to St. Joseph Parish. Parish organization get a free table. Deadline to purchase a table: 31 May. Volunteers always needed and most appreciated. Call Mike Robb, 455-7844 or the Parish Office.

Donated items needed for the St. Joseph Parish Table. All proceeds for the church. Do not deliver anything until after 5:30 pm on Sun. 2 June, in the St. Joseph Room. Christine: 804-405-7381

**Parking Lot Work**

Our new pavement replacement work is scheduled for the week of June 2nd. We will have to negotiate around the work being done—details to follow.

**Pastor’s Corner**

Dear Parishioners,

On Easter Sunday I was at a restaurant for dinner. A family shuffling past our table on their way out. They were dressed in their Sunday best—formal, modest and beautiful. As my gaze met the father of the family, I wished him a Happy Easter. He returned the greeting, as I felt certain he would. How did I know this family was celebrating Easter? It was obvious: their comportment was a sign of their love of good order, joy, dignity and beauty. In a non-verbal way, they were proclaiming the Resurrection of Christ.

Every Sunday is a little Easter. We commemorate and celebrate the resurrection of Christ each week. Whether we know it or not, our faith is built on it. This is one reason we must attend Holy Mass.

In Holy Mass, we are transported to Mount Calva- ry, in order for us to participate, in an unbloody man- ner, in the highest act of atonement for sin and wor- ship of God in human history. At the same time, we are transported out of all time and space, out of the whole universe, to heaven. Here we participate in an other-worldly glory by being in the presence of the resurrected Jesus with all the saints and angels. We are even included as part of the body of the resurrected Jesus in Holy Communion!

What interior dispositions we should have towards God the Father, who adopted us as his children; to- wards Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross; towards the Holy Spirit who has been given as the sweet guest of our souls, towards mother Mary, who allowed her heart to be pierced with a sword of sorrow; to the saints and angels who worship God face to face in total bliss. Should I be filled with humble gratitude in the face of so much generosity? Submissive and docile to the will of them who have proven their love for me? Joyful, even in the midst of suffering, because the love of God is worth more than the loss of all else? Discerned because this befits my God-given dignity? Charitable because I desire to give what I have received in abundance? I think so.

Now, what kind of exterior comportment would befit someone who has humble gratitude and docility, and who is joyful, dignified and charitable? Is this person self-centered? Or are they more concerned with pleasing God and working for the common good of the universe?