



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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The Mission of St. John the Baptist Church, in union with the Universal Church, is to faithfully spread the light of Christ through the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the authority of the Magisterium. We seek to improve the spiritual and daily lives of all who come to us.

Mass Schedule

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Daily Mass T - F 8:00 AM
Holy Days
Anticipatory 6:00 PM
Day of... 7:00 AM

St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2nd & 4th Sunday 12:30pm

St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm

Confessions Saturday 11:00am
Saturday after 5pm Mass
By Appointment

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, Nov. 1 – NO Youth group
5pm Spaghetti dinner
Monday, Nov. 2 – 7am, Noon & 6pm Masses
7pm Religious Liberty class
Wednesday, Nov. 4 – 6&10 am St. John class
3:45pm CCD
7pm Confirmation class
Thursday, Nov. 5 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Danny Cosner
6pm Intentional Disciples
7pm Symbolon
Sunday, November 8 – 5pm Youth group

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leaders	<i>Vickie Abbott</i>	307-737-2281
Finance Council Chair	<i>Steve Reimann</i>	684-7439
Janitor	<i>Mick Camino</i>	217-1575
K of C Grand Knight	<i>Blaine Horn</i>	217-1075
Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	620-1964
Parish Council Chair	<i>Mike Ihnat</i>	684-7698
Religious Education	<i>Carol Gagliano</i>	684-7217
Trustees	<i>Jean Urruty</i>	684-7093
	<i>Phil Gonzales</i>	684-5920

Baptisms - Please call Fr. Pete

Marriage - Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests – Patty Myers, 684-9381 or Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com

Rosary Guild - Thursdays at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place.

Sacrament of the Sick - After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

ALL SAINTS' DAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, Nov. 7, 5:00pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, November 8, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: A Snyder, A Seeman, A Thiele

SUNDAY, November 8, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: T Fieldgrove, A Belus, M Ihnat, C

Zink, L Rabel

Homebound Ministry, Friday, November 6

Lynn Ridgeway

Collections for Week of October 25, 2015

St. John's \$ 2,944.50 YTD \$ 71,614.80

St. Mary's \$ 151.00 YTD \$ 1,961.33

St. Hubert's \$ 25.00 YTD \$ 1,502.00

Poor contributions \$ 100.00

Online Donations \$

Mass Intentions for the Week:

Mon.	11.02	7:00 a.m.	All Souls Day
		12:00 noon	All Souls Day
		6:00 p.m.	All Souls Day
Tue.	11.03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	11.04	8:00 a.m.	Ladies of the Parish
Thu.	11.05	8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Larkin
Fri.	11.06	8:00 a.m.	John Grieves
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Sat.	11.07	5:00 p.m.	John Grieves
Sun.	11.08	8:00 a.m.	John Grieves
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: +Mike Fenster

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11; Gospel: John 6:37-40
All Souls' Day

Tue-Romans 12:5-16b; Gospel: Luke 14:15-23

Wed-Romans 13:8-10; Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Thu-Romans 14:7-12; Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Fri-Romans 15:14-21; Gospel: Luke 16:1-8

Sat-Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

FROM FR. PETE:

Please note the Mass times for All Souls Day.

There was a mistake in the time for the morning Mass in last week's bulletin. The morning Mass is scheduled for 7:00 a.m. There will also be Masses at noon and 6:00 p.m. Sorry for any confusion.

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful breakfasts they put on for our benefit. Many of these guys are giving up time with their families so our families can enjoy the fruits of their ministry. May your pastor make a request? The Knights are happy to make breakfast for us, but lately they are doing so at a cost to them. Aside from the annual Fish Fry, the Knights do not have a way of generating income. Please consider offering something to help defray their costs. At the very least they should be able to "break even." Thank you.

Apologies to the Parish Council, Finance Council and Trustees. Last month was quite hectic and there was no time for us to meet. Parish Council Members are asked to meet on Sunday, November 22, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Finance Council Members and Trustees are asked to meet on Tuesday, November 24, 5:00 p.m. at the rectory. Your information packets will be distributed at next weekend's Masses.

The following texts on the Final Purification come from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

Paragraph 1030. All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

Paragraph 1031. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.

FR. PETE (cont.)

The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture (1 Corinthians 3:15, 1 Peter 1:7) speaks of a cleansing fire. [Quoting St. Gregory the Great, pope from 591 to 604, *“As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He Who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come (Matthew 12:31). From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age but certain others in the age to come.”*

Paragraph 1032. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: *“Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead that they might be delivered from their sin” (2 Maccabees 12:46)*. From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: *“Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us*

not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them. (By St. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople 398 to 407).

Many thanks to Tyna and Jim Staebler, our Young Adult Ministers. They had a great turnout of young adults and their children at last week’s get together. It was a time to share a meal, share fellowship and share faith. And many thanks to the couples who made the effort to attend!

Many thanks to Honey Harriett. We take it for granted that there will always be hot coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses. It seem like such a simple thing and don’t think of the work that goes into it. That is because Honey has taken on this ministry of hospitality and executes it joyfully and faithfully. When you next see her, consider thanking her for making your day a bit “sweeter”!

“Fr. Pete.....A couple of weeks ago you said you would publish the names of the deceased from our parish. Is it ready yet?”

Almost. The earliest records from 1908 to about 1950 were in Latin and to be perfectly honest the penmanship of the priests ranged from moderately difficult to read to Egyptian hieroglyphics. And some priests simply did not record the dates of death either because they were in a rush or the information simply was not available. In some cases death occurred elsewhere and the date was not communicated. Because the document will be quite lengthy it is not practical to provide everyone with a copy. One copy will go in the Book of the Faithful Departed and several copies will be made available to those who are interested.

“Fr. Pete.....the inserts to put the names of our deceased loved ones aren’t punched with holes.”

Sorry....that was an oversight. Just deposit the paper in the collection basket or mail it and I will take care of it.

“Fr. Pete....A friend of mine asked how long does it take for a soul to be purified.” We are creatures of time and space but destined for eternity where time becomes utterly meaningless. The best way of answering your friend’s question is this: it will take as much “time” as necessary. The purification is the relentless power of God’s love to strip from the soul any attachments to sin it may still have so that he or she can enter into the joys of heaven without any hindrances to that enjoyment. Time is irrelevant. It is God’s love that is doing what needs to be done to the soul. Keep in mind that our purification can and should take place in this life! In fact, if we do not use this life to grow in the graces we’ve been given then the purification will be something like having to go to summer school because we goofed off during the year!

“Fr. Pete....Can those in purgatory visit us?” Only if God permits. There are many saints who speak of being visited by souls undergoing purification, asking for prayers on their behalf. Some have also been visited by those suffering the torments of the damned for whom there is no hope.

“Fr. Pete....How can there be a God if He allows hell?” Hell must exist precisely because God loves us. He allows us to freely choose for eternity with Him or without Him by the moral choices we make in this life. Man’s crown, his glory is his free will, it is also his greatest burden. God has never sent anyone to hell. One sends oneself through the misuse of his free will. The mystery is not that there is a hell, but that there are some who would actually choose it through their actions. It is just that simple.

“Fr. Pete....Why is there pain in purgatory if God loves us?” The pain is not from God. The pain is strictly of our own making and is twofold. First and foremost, the pain comes from not being in heaven. The human person is designed for and has been redeemed by Christ for nothing less than total union with God in heaven. Anything less than that cannot but be experienced as pain. Second, the pain comes from the inescapable awareness that one is solely responsible for not having used

this life fully, and that the consequences of one’s choices have prohibited one from being in heaven until the purification is complete. That said there is also joy in purgatory. First, there is the joy of knowing that one is destined for heaven and there is no possibility of being lost. Second, there is the joy of knowing that one can no longer offend God. And there is joy in knowing that those left in this world can offer prayers, works of faith and Masses for their repose. Saints have told us over the centuries that souls undergoing purification find great relief and comfort in the sacrifices we offer for them.

Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition know of only two eternal realities for the human person: life with God in heaven or eternal death among the damned in hell. Purgatory is not permanent. It is the ultimate “personally tailored experience” for those who depart this world imperfectly conformed to God’s will.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Wednesday, November 4 will be at Sanford’s Pub & Grub at 7pm featuring Fr. Steven Titus. All young adults are welcome to attend☺

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is set for November 6-8, 2015 at Ucross, WY. Contact Tom and Mary Frances at 307-577-7456 to see if there are spots left for you.

VICTOR HANNUNEH is here this weekend with his wares from Jerusalem. Need a gift for Thanksgiving or Christmas? Maybe First Communion in May? See Victor after Masses in the parish hall and during the parish dinner at 5pm in the hall.

YOUTH GROUP will not meet this Sunday due to the parish welcoming dinner! Everyone is invited to attend this parish event.

The ADVENT Dinner is set for Sunday, Dec. 13 with a Polish theme. Contact Mary Davis, 684-2371, if you wish to help out!

2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST at American Legion, 8:30-11am. \$6 breakfast.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS needed!