



St. John the Baptist Church

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

Office and Rectory

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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, March 20 – Palm Sunday
Tuesday, March 22 – 8:30am Clean the church
7:30pm Knights' meeting
Wednesday, March 23 – 3:45pm & 7pm CCD
Thursday, March 24 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Bill Gorman
7pm Holy Thursday Mass
Friday, March 25 – 12 noon Good Friday Services
7pm Stations
Saturday, March 26 – 8pm Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 27 – Easter Sunday

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
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Choir Director	<i>Mary Finney</i>	278-0137
Organist	<i>Judi Semroska</i>	684-2171
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 8:30am to 10am; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place

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

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 20, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, March 26, 5pm

Lector: 8 Lectors

EM: Julie Seeman

Altar Servers: A Seeman, J Reimann, Eli/Cole
Linden, T Fieldgrove

SUNDAY, March 27, 8am

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Donna Nelson, Kathy Urruty

Altar Servers: Carter Zink, Jeron/Jaxon Sutton

Homebound Ministry, Thursday, March 24

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF March 13, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,252.50	YTD \$ 142,569.97
St. Mary's	\$ 178.85	YTD \$ 4,334.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 55.00	YTD \$ 3,162.00
Poor Donations	\$ 257.00	
Online Donations	\$ 188.55	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	03.21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	03.22	8:00 a.m.	+Whitey Maxwell
Wed.	03.23	8:00 a.m.	+Dominica Esponda

Holy Week Liturgies:

<i>Holy Thursday</i>	03.24	7:00 p.m.	Marty Maxwell Adoration immediately after Confessions heard
<i>Good Friday</i>	03.25	12:00 o'clock noon 7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	03.26	8:00 p.m.	+Jim Finney
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	03.27	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	+Jim Finney for the people

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Mon-Isaiah 42:1-7; Gospel: John 12:1-11

Tue-Isaiah 49:1-6; Gospel: John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed-Isaiah 50:4-91; Gospel Matthew 26:14-25

Thu-Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;

Gospel: John 13:1-15

Fri-Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9;

Gospel: John 18:1—19:42

Sat-7 readings; Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

FROM FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all the folks who made the St. Patrick's Day Dinner such a wonderful event. Special thanks to Clarence Bishop and Gene Baehler who were in the parish hall early Saturday morning to prepare the meat and vegetables and stayed all afternoon to do the cooking, slicing and serving.

Many thanks to the ladies who made the Irish soda bread for the dinner! It was delicious.

Men of St. Joseph will meet on Holy Thursday Morning. We meet every Thursday at 6:30 a.m. sharp and end at 7:30 a.m. sharp. There are not meetings, no dues, no agendas. We simply pray what is called the Morning Office (Morning Prayer) of the Church using the *Magnificat* which the parish supplies. Then we talk about the Scripture texts for the day and what they mean for us. All men in the parish are invited to attend.

Please note that there is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday. The only Mass allowed to be celebrated is the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat. Please treat this day as time for reflection on what the Mystery of the Holy and Life Giving Cross has done and is now doing for you. Please consider coming to the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Heads up. Fr. Pete will be gone from Monday, March 28 to Friday, April 1.

The following is a sermon delivered by St. John Chrysostom, Patriarch of Constantinople on Easter. John was a devout student of Sacred Scripture not only in his youth but throughout his life. He had hoped to lead the quiet life of a hermit, but God had other plans for him. Renowned as a preacher, people gave him the name "Chrysostom" which means "golden mouth."

FR. PETE (cont.)

In the year 397 the see of Constantinople became vacant and the Emperor Arcadius appointed John to become the new patriarch. John was immediately thrown into everything he hated and tried to avoid: court intrigue, imperial game playing, bishop politics, and clerical jealousies to say nothing of the reforms that were desperately needed among his priests.

Dismissing all the perks that came with being Patriarch of Constantinople, John chose to lead a very simple life, cut back the expenses of his office, gave what he could to the poor and needy, established hospitals for both believers and pagans, initiated reforms for the clergy and restored discipline to some monastic communities that had run amuck. You do not accomplish such things without making a lot of enemies who liked things the way they were. The Empress Eudoxia and Patriarch Theophilus of Alexandria were two of John's most powerful enemies. They eventually succeeded in getting the Emperor to exile John in 404. He was an elderly man at this point and not in good health. Condemned to travel over 600 miles from Constantinople, across the Black Sea exposing him to the elements he became exhausted. His tormentors denied him any shelter. Just before he died his last words were, "Glory to God for all things."

I have always found great comfort in this sermon.

If you have found that your Lenten devotions have fallen by the wayside, I hope you will find this short sermon comforting as well. While the language is admittedly archaic, the truth it conveys is timeless.

Whosoever is a devout lover of God, let him enjoy this beautiful bright Festival. And whosoever is a grateful servant, let him rejoice and enter into the joy of his Lord. And if any be weary with fasting, let him now receive his penny. If any have tilled from the first hour, let him receive his due reward. If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude

join in the Feast. And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any have delayed to the night hour, let him not hesitate, but let him come too. And he that hath arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay; for the Lord is gracious and receiveth the last even as the first. He giveth rest to him that cometh at the eleventh hour as well as to him that hath toiled from the first. Yea, to this one, He giveth and upon that one, He bestoweth. He accepteth works, as He greeteth the endeavor. The deed He honoureth and the intention He commendeth.

Let all then enter into the joy of our Lord. Ye first and last receiving alike your reward; ye rich and poor, rejoice together. Ye sober and ye slothful, celebrate the day. Ye that have kept the fast, and ye that have not, rejoice today; for the Table is richly laden. Fare ye royally on it. The calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake ye all of the cup of faith. Enjoy ye all the riches of His goodness. Let no one grieve at his poverty; for the universal Kingdom hath been revealed.

Let no one mourn that he hath fallen again and again; for forgiveness hath risen from the grave. Let no one fear death; for the Death of our Saviour hath set us free. He hath destroyed it by enduring it. He spoiled Hades when He descended thereto. He vexed it even as it taste of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he cried, Thou, O Hades, has been vexed by encountering Him below. It is vexed; for it is even done away with. It is vexed; for it is made a mockery. It is

vexed; for it is destroyed. It is vexed; for it is annihilated. It is vexed; for it is now made captive. It took a body, and lo! It discovered God. It took earth, and behold! It encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see. O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and thou art annihilated. Christ is risen, and the Angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life is liberated. Christ is risen, and the tomb is emptied of the dead; for Christ, having risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

Many thanks to all who have purchased flowers for the sanctuary for Easter. Very few are left. I hope you will all enjoy them for the short time they are in bloom.

We have folks in our town who need food.

Recently the Parish Emergency Assistance Fund gave a contribution of \$5,000.00 to the Food Pantry. It is my understanding that it now costs the Food Pantry in excess of \$8,000.00 per month to feed the increasing number of people in our community who utilize this essential program.

I am asking that everyone consider bringing non-perishable food items that have not expired to the Church at the weekend Masses. I also ask that this food be brought up to the altar along with the bread and wine. The food will be brought to the Food Pantry during the week.

Johnson County is going through some difficult economic times. We should plan for things to get worse before they get better. Our community, however, is a tough, resilient and compassionate one that knows how to band together to help each other. Supporting the work of the Food Pantry to feed the hungry is one way.

Thank you.

Many thanks to the Parish Council Members who distributed the book, Beautiful Mercy, at the St. Patrick's Day dinner and during the evenings of the parish mission. The parish wanted to give a copy as a gift to every parishioner. It is a wonderful book and very easy to read. I hope you will enjoy it in these final days of Lent as it offers simple, straight forward examples of how one can exercise the Spiritual Works of mercy (instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, correct sinners, bear wrongs patiently, forgive offenses willingly, comfort the afflicted, pray for the living and the dead) and the Corporal Works of Mercy (feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, bury the dead).

“Fr. Pete.....I’m interested in coming to a Men of St. Joseph prayer service in the evening. What day will that be one and when will that start?” I am thinking of keeping it on Thursday. I will get a sign-up sheet for men to indicate an interest. I think it would be best to start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. so men can be home with their families for dinner. It will start sometime after Easter.

**When viewing the St. John's Events/Parish News on the parish website, click on the red title text of the event to see the details.

Young Adults! Opening Day for the Colorado Rockies – Friday, April 8, 2:10 pm. Coors Field in Denver. Tickets are \$80, section 145. Contact Amy at alarsen@dioceseofcheyenne.org