



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

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>	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

Religious Education / Meetings

Sunday, May 15 – 5pm Mary's Daughters' dinner
5pm Intermediate & Advanced
Basque dancing in the hall

Tuesday, May 17 – 5pm Parish & Finance Councils
meet in the parish hall

Wednesday, May 18 – CCD is over!
5:30pm Beginning Basque
dancing in the hall

Thursday, May 19 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Blaine Horn

Sunday, May 22 – 10am BHS Graduates' Mass

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 15, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 5pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Mary Smith, Dennis Lawrence, Phil Gonzales

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Rick Andersen

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 10am

Lector: Livi Glassock

EM: Mary Ann Cummins

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 20

Liz Camino-Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF May 8, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,645.84	YTD \$ 170,222.71
St. Mary's	\$ 274.00	YTD \$ 5,031.43
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$ 3,872.00
Poor Donations	\$ 120.00	
Online Donations	\$ 570.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	05.16	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.17	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Wed.	05.18	8:00 a.m.	+Dwayne Lane
Thu.	05.19	8:00 a.m.	+Clinton Rux
Fri.	05.20	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Sat.	05.21	5:00 p.m.	+Pauline Ney
Sun.	05.22	8:00 a.m.	+Tom McKee
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: +Pauline Ney

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Sun-Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23;

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Mon-James 3:13-18; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

Tue-James 4:1-10; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Wed-James 4:13-17; Gospel Mark 9:38-40

Thu-James 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

Fri-James 5:9-12; Gospel: Mark 10:1-12

Sat- James 5:13-20; Gospel Mark 10:13-16

FROM FR. PETE:

Please note: there is no Mass for Friday, May 20. I will be leaving early that morning for Cheyenne to attend the ordination of Deacon Andrew Kinstetter to the Priesthood.

Many thanks to the choir. These men and women have graciously offered the gifts of their time and talent to lend dignity and beauty to the celebration of the Mass. Parishes our size do not normally have choirs.

Many thanks goes to Mary Finney, the choir director who puts in long hours for our benefit.

After this weekend the choir will disband for the summer months and return sometime in September. If you are interested in loaning the gift of your voice to the service of the Church, please call Mary at 307-278-0137.

Altar Servers. You officially have the rest of this month and the summer months off. You have served well and your ministry was greatly appreciated. You are welcome to serve at Mass if you wish. Schedules will be sent out in late August.

Work on the rectory. Many thanks to Shawn Welsh who yanked out the dying juniper bushes that were in front of the rectory. Shawn will also be removing the narrow sidewalk that runs parallel to the rectory and the sidewalk that goes to the office door. We are hiring Bill Arno to come and "zero scape" the front of the rectory to improve drainage away from the building and where the large sidewalk was sod will be installed which will help to prevent water from "puddling" up.

Trees.....I know that for some cutting down the large spruce tree in the front of the Church was something of a shock. I tried to soften the blow by talking about it during announcements after Masses and placing information in the bulletin. Interestingly, only one person complained to my face. She was driving by, stopped the car and asked if I had anything to do with cutting down the tree. "Yes," I said. She responded, "Well....God is not very pleased with you." I responded, "Oh....not to worry. God has more important things to attend to." When she asked why it was being

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cut down and I explained why (potential danger to people and property, impeding proper drainage away from the Church) she understood. Reasonable people do.

Oddly enough there have been compliments. The most common has been that people can see the front of the Church, that our beautiful Church is no longer hidden. And not too few have suggested.....some of you should really sit down for this..... we should cut down the tree that is next to the flag pole so the entire front of the Church is fully visible! Perhaps in time.

A more immediate priority, however, are the three trees next to the shrine. They are not in healthy condition. They were planted too close together and became weak. One tree has sloughed off two large boughs thus far. Had any one of them fallen on a child playing in the area or a person praying by the shrine we would have had a funeral followed by a major lawsuit. Be prepared..... those trees must come down.

Some have suggested that the cottonwood on the north side of the Church should come down. Tree Mechanics thinks the tree is pretty healthy but in need of trimming. The cottonwood in the backyard of the rectory, however, will have to come down as it is showing signs of rot (which in cottonwoods begins at the top of the branches and works down) and is too close to the power lines in the alley.

Contrary to my nickname "Tree Slayer", I don't like cutting down trees. I especially don't like shelling out the money it requires. But when it comes to the safety of people and the protection of property logic must prevail over emotion. Again, reasonable people understand this.

Tree Mechanics has done excellent work and will advise the parish on inexpensive ways to prolong the lives of our healthy trees and make suggestions about planting new trees that are appropriate to grow near buildings and powerlines.

Please be patient.

Lawns. We are scheduled to have the first application of weed killer and fertilizer applied to the Church and rectory lawns on May 16,

weather permitting. It would be prudent to keep pets and children off the lawns for 24 hours.

Many thanks to Don Sullivan. Don worked long hours to rearrange the irrigation system to accommodate the landscaping done by Bill Arno on the west side of the Church.

Church Sidewalks. Hopefully in the next two weeks we will be gutting out the sidewalks that go from the west entrance of the Church to the front of the Church and the one that goes from Lobban to the front entrance. The foundation for the new sidewalks will be graded so we can eliminate steps to make things easier for those in walkers or wheel chairs. We are also looking at removing two sections of the damaged sidewalk along Lobban by the west entrance, pour in a new slabs and install a ramp for those in wheel chairs. We plan to paint the curb along Lobban (from the north end of the Church building to the corner) blue to indicate a handicap parking zone. We are considering doing something similar in the front of the Church.

Ten Commandments monument. Work is scheduled to begin taking down the stone walls by the west side of the Church. This is being done as part of the landscaping work to improve drainage away from the Church. Footings for the monument will be made, a new elevated foundation poured and re-purpose the stones to give the monument more prominence.

The contract to have the parking lots sealed and striped has been signed. Initial work is slated for the later part of May, weather permitting, to clean the surface and fill all the cracks. In June paving and striping will be done.

Buffalo Church roof. We are looking at the second week of June to begin work. We need to have several days in a row of at least 60 degree or higher temperatures for the sealant on the shingles to properly adhere.

Kaycee Church roof. The contract to have a new roof has been signed. We are waiting for a start date.

“Fr. Pete....Will we continue with coffee and donuts during the summer months?” Yes. Please make an effort to express your thanks to Honey Harriet who has pretty much taken on this ministry of hospitality by herself.

“Fr. Pete.....The apple tree on the east side of the Church is in bad shape. Will it be cut down?” No. We were informed by Tree Mechanics that all we need to do is trim off some of the dead wood and then treat the tree for a type of fungus but we have to wait for the winter season before doing so.

“Fr. Pete.....We came to Mass two weeks ago and wanted to tell you how much we appreciated your announcing not to leave Church after Holy Communion. In our parish the priest says nothing. When we get back to the pew half the Church is empty. Thank you for speaking up. Wish our priest did.” Thank you for coming to worship with us. And thank you for your support.

If you want your priest to speak up, tell him. Just as important, let him know you will have his back and be happy to step in when the “spiritually entitled” begin their backstabbing, howling and complaining to his bishop. It is not politically correct these days to tell anyone that what they are doing is wrong so it is no surprise that a number of priests just refuse to say anything. It seems that telling the truth these days is the real sin.

“Fr. Pete.....It seems there is a push to get a lot of projects around the parish plant done in a short period of time. Why?” As best as possible I hope to get everything done before the current fiscal year comes to an end (June 30) and we close out the books. When these projects are done nearly all the basic structural elements of the plant that had been neglected for many years will have been updated. It has been a long nine years to get where we are. There are, of course, many other things that need to be done but the most pressing will have been resolved.

What’s next? For the coming fiscal year (starting July 1, 2016) we can look at some “eye candy” such as ripping out the carpet in the sanctuary of the Church and installing faux marble tiling to brighten the Church. And we can look at replacing the worn out carpet in the nave of the Church. (The nave is where the congregation gathers).

After that I think it would be prudent to take a breather and monitor how the economy is doing. Judging from the number of requests we have received for assistance with rent and utilities I suspect we are in for a prolonged and trying downturn. We may see families having to move where they can find work. Should that happen we may have to tighten the belt. We’ve been through rough times before.

“Fr. Pete.....Since you’ve been here the servers get the summer months off. I don’t like that. Please have servers during the summer months.” No. The late Father Daley instituted the tradition of giving the servers the summer months off and I have found it a wise thing to do. It is difficult enough during the school year to schedule servers. Families are often gone on weekends whether it is to go visit relatives, sporting events, work needs, family vacations, etc. If there is a three day weekend this town empties out. It was a real struggle just trying to get servers for Holy Week Liturgies since Holy Week fell during the school districts’ spring break and, quite predictably, folks bolted. Trying to schedule servers for the summer months would be an exercise in futility. Servers are encouraged to volunteer if they wish and their service will be greatly appreciated. But scheduling for the summer months makes no sense. If you or someone else, however, wishes to assume the responsibility of scheduling servers and following through with them and their families, please call me. Happy to hand that task over to you.

MARY’S FUND envelopes – please return ASAP! Thanks☺ This is due from us to the WCCW treasurer by June 1.

MARY’S DAUGHTERS dinner Sunday, May 15 at 5pm. Bring a finger food or salad, ladies!