



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>Jason Sutton</i>	217-0468
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, July 24 – 5pm Intermediate &
Advanced Basque dancing in the hall

Wednesday, July 27 – 5:30pm Beginning Basque
dancing in the hall

Thursday, July 28 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph

Monday, August 1 – 9am CCW meeting, parish hall

Tuesday, August 16 – Primary elections

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

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 30, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 31, 8am

Lector: Sally Blanford

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 31, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 29

Valerie Spanos

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF July 17, 2016

St. John's	\$ 3,025.17	YTD \$	13,286.88
St. Mary's	\$ 30.00	YTD \$	233.00
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$	100.00
Poor Donations	\$ 35.00		
Online Donations	\$ 75.60		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	07.25	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.26	8:00 a.m.	Kathy Joubert Benjamin
Wed.	07.27	8:00 a.m.	+Cheryl Murray
Thu.	07.28	8:00 a.m.	+Jerry Cooper
Fri.	07.29	8:00 a.m.	+Jerry Cooper
Sat.	07.30	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
Sun.	07.31	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the people

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28
Saint James, Apostles
Tue-Jeremiah 14:17-22; Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43
Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary
Wed-Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46
Thu-Jeremiah 18:1-6; Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53
Fri-Jeremiah 26:1-9; Gospel: John 11:19-27
Saint Martha
Sat-Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

**Only 154 days until Christmas
from this Sunday!**

FROM FR. PETE:

Food for thought from the Ancient Fathers:

"Pay attention carefully. After the sin comes the shame; courage follows repentance. Did you pay attention to what I said? Satan upsets the order; he gives the courage to sin and the shame to repentance." From St. John Chrysostom.

Welcome to our visitors. We hope you enjoyed your time in Buffalo and will consider coming back. If you are here for the Sunday morning Masses we offer coffee and donuts after the Masses, so please come on over to the Parish Hall (the building just to your left when you leave the Church) and join us for some fellowship. May God grant you safe travels.

You can Help Your Marriage. Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue.... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long "I") helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. The word, from the French, means "rediscovery."

This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information about or to register for the September program beginning with a weekend on September 9-11, 2016, call 720-257-9106 or email

Retrouvaille.CO@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Update on the work being done...

The landscaping in the quad is complete! For the next two weeks the lawn must be watered three times a day for 20 minutes at each watering. Don Sullivan has been in communication with the landscapers. After two weeks we can follow a normal watering pattern.

Downspouts on the Church have been installed to move water away from the foundation. Gutters were "tweaked" to make

sure that water does not run down the stone work of the Church.

New LED lighting was installed on the west side of the Church illuminating the stone work at night.

Concrete was poured around the lights in the quad to protect the fixture casings.

A final power washing of the sidewalks was done followed by a light application of a sealer. (The steps and sidewalks to the Church will be power washed, stained and sealed).

The Ten Commandments monument has been properly settled in its new location. A stone worker will come and use the decorative stone reserved from the old stone fence to enhance the appearance of the monument.

Crack sealing the parking lot has begun. It will have an emulsifier applied and then stripes laid out.

All the projects that have been completed or are in the process of being completed are depleting our Building Maintenance Fund. Not once has the congregation been asked to contribute, or take up a "special" second collection or had a "fund raiser" devised to help with the costs. These projects are simply part and parcel of having an old plant that needs constant upkeep.

It seems reminders are still needed.

The Parish Office is closed on Mondays.

Neither Fr. Pete nor Mary Ann are in the office on Mondays.

The Parish Office is open on Tuesdays thru Fridays from 9:00 a.m. and closes at 12:00 o'clock noon for lunch. The office opens at 1:00 p.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. Fr. Pete, of course, can be contacted at any time during the evening to make an appointment or at any hour if there is an emergency.

Additional projects being planned for late summer or early fall:

-Digging a trench on the north side of the Parish Hall so water and snow melt will either seep into the ground or run off onto Bozeman instead of pooling by the hall foundation. This should prevent expensive foundation work down the road.

-Replacing / repairing gutters and downspouts on the Parish Hall so that water does not run down the brick work and drains away from the foundation.

Additional projects being planned for winter:

-Taking down three trees; two that are next to the shrine and the one immediately north of the shrine. They are in bad shape. We have already had several boughs snap off, posing an unacceptable threat to people and to the Church building. Such trees should never have been planted so close together.

-Trimming the trees in the front of the Church.

Insurance on the parish and mission plants.

We just paid our insurer, Catholic Mutual, \$13,001.00 to insure all parish properties for Buffalo, Clearmont and Kaycee for the year. That is a lot of money.

I am often asked if the parish can "shop" for its own insurer. The Diocese does not allow it. All parishes must use the same company.

A reflection on the nature of the Church by Saint Cyril of Jerusalem. Cyril was born in Caesarea, the sea port city that King Herod created. He lived during the tumultuous period of the third century when Church and Empire were in conflict over the true nature of Christ. The Arians insisted that he was only human. Catholics insisted he was human and Divine. The two sides were at constant odds with one another. Popes and emperors clashed. It was a time of great division. Cyril staunchly defended the Catholic position and ultimately prevailed though often at great personal cost. Arian emperors had him expelled from his diocese no less than three times. He died in 386

The Church is called Catholic or universal because it has spread throughout the entire world, from one end of the earth to the other. Again, it is called Catholic because it teaches fully

and unfailingly all the doctrines which ought to be brought to men's knowledge, whether concerned with visible or invisible things, with the realities of heaven or the things of earth. Another reason for the name Catholic is that the Church brings under religious obedience all classes of men, rulers and subjects, learned and unlettered. Finally, it deserves the title Catholic because it heals and cures unrestrictedly every type of sin that can be committed in soul or in body, and because it possesses within itself every kind of virtue that can be named, whether exercised in actions or in words or in some kind of spiritual charism.

It is most aptly called a church, which means an "assembly of those called out," because it "calls out" all men and gathers them together, just as the Lord says in Leviticus: "Assemble all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting." It is worth noting also that the word "assemble" is used for the first time in the Scriptures at this moment when the Lord appoints Aaron high priest. So in Deuteronomy God says to Moses, "Assemble the people before Me and let them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me." There is further mention of the assembly in the passage about the tablets of the Law, "And on them were written all the words which the Lord had spoken to you on the mountain out of the midst of the fire, on the day of the assembly" it is as though he had said, even more clearly, "on the day when you were called out by God and gathered together." So too the psalmist says, "I will give thanks to You in the great assembly, O Lord; in the mighty throng I will praise You."

Long ago the psalmist sang, "Bless God in the assembly, bless the Lord, you

who are Israel's sons." But now the Savior has built a second holy assembly, our Christian Church, from the Gentiles. It was of this that He spoke to Peter, "On this rock I will build My Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it."

Now that the single church which was in Judea has been rejected, the churches of Christ are already multiplying throughout the world, and of them it is said in the psalms, "Sing a new song to the Lord, let His praise be sung in the assembly of the saints." Of this holy Catholic Church Paul writes to Timothy, "That you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the Church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth."

"Fr. Pete.... Settle a dispute for me. When a person is elected President of the United States he is required to take the oath while his hand is on the Bible, right?" Wrong.

The Constitution makes no mention of using a Bible when the Oath of Office is taken. Neither does it include the phrase "so help me God" at the end of the Oath.

Article 2, Section 1, Clause 8 is very short and specific regarding the Oath of Office. It reads, "Before he enters on the Execution of his office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation: - "I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States." The deliberate choice by the Framers of the Constitution to omit the mention of using a Bible or any religious language in the Oath may be reflective of their desire to steer the early nation away from the religious conflicts that had embroiled Europe for centuries. They may have also wanted to underscore Article 6, Clause 3 which states, "....no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States."

If I remember my history correctly it was George Washington who insisted on placing his hand on a Bible when he took the Oath of Office and then added "so help me God", establishing a tradition that has been retained ever since.

No one who is elected to the office of President, especially if a Constitutional purist, is required to use a Bible or the expression "....so help me God" at the end of the Oath. Frankly, I think the strict interpretation of the Constitution should be restored.