



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>Lori Zink</i>	620-5113
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 / Meeting

Monday, July 31 – 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out
Monday, August 7 – 6:00pm CCW meeting and small business expo by our Catholic women
August – St. John's Meals on Wheels responsibility every Monday, Wednesday & Friday; call the office

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 307-660-4936 for meeting place

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

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 23, 2017

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 29, 5pm

Lector: Dennis Lawrence

EM: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 30, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 30, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 28

Jean Vignaroli

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF JULY 16, 2017

St. John's	\$ 3,794.50	YTD \$	13,344.69
St. Mary's	\$	YTD \$	205.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 105.00	YTD \$	394.00
Poor Donations	\$ 403.00		
Online Donations	\$ 75.60		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	07.24	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.25	8:00 a.m.	+Miles Brimeyer
Wed.	07.26	8:00 a.m.	+Miles Brimeyer
Thu.	07.27	8:00 a.m.	+Miles Brimeyer
Fri.	07.28	8:00 a.m.	Joe and Arnette Tiller
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	07.29	5:00 p.m.	Joe and Arnette Tiller
Sun.	07.30	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Pete's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Exodus 14:5-18; Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42

Tue-2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Gospel: Matthew 20:20-28

Saint James, Apostle

Wed-Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of Mary

Thu-Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17

Fri-Exodus 20:1-17; Gospel: Matthew 13:18-23

Sat-Exodus 24:3-8; Gospel: John 11:19-27

Saint Martha

FR. PETE:

Please note that the parish office is closed on Mondays.

The parish office shuts down for lunch from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday. Mary Ann is gone.

Heads up. Several priests and I are forming a Jesu Caritas group. This is a prayer / support group for priests. This will mean that I will be taking an extra day off some months, which Diocesan policy permits for this purpose.

Parish Hall Video and Sound System

update. At this point we have slightly over \$4,000.00 in donations plus a commitment of \$6,000.00 from the parish's St. John the Baptist Foundation. A few donations came in last weekend. We are about \$5,000.00 short of what is expected to be the total cost.

If you would like to make a donation to this project please make out the check to St. John the Baptist Church and put "parish hall" or "video / sound system" in the memo section so we make sure to keep the donation separate from the general funds.

Thank you!

In line with this weekend's sermon about wheat becoming weeds and weeds becoming wheat, here is the text from St. Augustine I referred to:

The Lord then explained for us what He had said. See what we choose to be in His field. See which of the two we will be at harvest time. The field is the world, and the Church is spread throughout the world. Let the one who is wheat persevere until the harvest; let those who are weeds be changed into wheat. There is this difference between people and real grain and real weeds, for what was grain in the field is grain and what were weeds are weeds. But in the Lord's field, which is the Church, at times what was grain turns into weeds, and at times, what were weeds turn into grain; and no one knows what they will be tomorrow.

***Congratulations to Jean and Alberta Escoz!** They are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary! May God grant you many happy years together.*

Welcome to all who came for the 2017 Basque Festival celebrations! We hope you enjoy your time in Buffalo. A lot of people have worked hard to provide a memorable experience of your time in Buffalo.

Two things to note. First, there will be the usual 10:00 a.m. parish Mass at St. John's on Sunday, July 23 while the Basque Mass will be celebrated at the park. We are doing this for those who either cannot or do not wish to be outdoors under a hot July sun. There will

also be the usual 12:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's in Clearmont.

Second, there **will not** be coffee and donuts after the Sunday morning Masses. Sorry!

Many thanks to all in the North American Basque Organization members who have volunteered a great deal of their time to help make all the celebrations of Basque heritage available to the whole community.

Adult Faith Formation registration for the courses being offered this fall will end after the Sunday Masses of the first weekend of August. The books will be ordered the following Monday and distributed when they arrive so you can begin your reading assignments. If you did not register you may, of course, still attend the class but you will be responsible for obtaining the book(s) for yourself.

“Fr. Pete.... A few weeks ago, you spoke about your unwillingness to offer the Traditional Latin Mass. Thank you. I grew up with it and never liked it. But when I have attended your celebrations of the Divine Liturgy of the Eastern Church, I really enjoyed it when the priests and people were all facing the same direction which is done in the Traditional Latin Mass. Can the priest take that position in the modern Mass? Do you need the bishop's permission?”

This has come up several times in the past.

The position you refer to is “ad orientem” which means to face the east.

It is a posture I much prefer for two admittedly selfish reasons. First, I am not distracted by people and can better focus on offering the prayers reverently. Second, in my experience of the Divine Liturgy ad orientem better stresses the role of the priest as offering prayers to God on behalf of the people whereas all too often while facing the people it is as if you are offering them to the people. I think ad orientem better captures the transcendent, sacrificial nature of the Mass than the current practice of the priest facing the people.

Do I need the bishop's permission? To the best of my knowledge, no. The rubrics (instructions to the priest contained in the Roman Missal) give the clear impression that *ad orientem* is still the normal liturgical posture for the priest! If I was inclined to celebrate *ad orientem* I would ask the bishop for permission since he is ultimately responsible for the liturgical life of the parishes in his diocese. And if he said no, then the answer is no and life goes on.

“Fr. Pete... I like the Old Mass. And I have a right to have access to that Mass which means you have an obligation for those of us who want it.” It's never going to happen, at least with me. I have no desire, no inclination to learn the rubrics of that Liturgy and my Latin is so terrible I'm not sure I would understand what I'm saying. You always have the option of finding a parish where this is offered. You can also request the bishop to remove me as pastor and put in a priest who can fulfill your need.

“Fr. Pete... Are there situations when a priest must refuse to bury someone?” By “someone” I am assuming you mean a Catholic. The answer is yes: those who are notorious apostates (those who abandoned the Church), heretics (those who deny the teachings of the Church) and schismatics (those who refuse to remain in communion with the Church). Their actions are “notorious” in the sense that they are publicly known and have not been repented of. A priest is not permitted to offer funeral services for such people unless they have repented. I realize that in today's politically correct climate where we think we have an inherent right to get what we want, when we want it and the way we want it the Church's position appears cruel. It isn't. It is, in fact, very pastoral. How? Read on.

The most common situation I have encountered is that of a person who chose not to practice the Faith and thereby chose to die without the Sacraments. Priests always offer the help of the Church when they are told that someone is very ill, but they cannot force someone to accept the help. If a person chose to deny his or her baptismal dignity as a child of God by refusing the grace to be reconciled

to the Lord and His Church while in this life, would it not be disrespectful of that person's choice to provide funeral services in the very Church he or she rejected?

Three principles are at play:

First, a person's conscience is sovereign. It must always be respected.

Two, the Church always offers reconciliation but it cannot coerce.

Third, and one we all prefer to ignore, choices have consequences not only for the individual making them but for others as well.

It is my experience that most people in the final stage of an illness respond to the grace to be restored to the Faith. Thank God! There is no situation Jesus cannot redeem.

There have been rare occasions in which I could not offer funerals to those who died having chosen to abandon the faith and rejected what the Church offered. It is always a very sad thing especially when a family is involved. And, inevitably, it creates anger against the Church. That, however, was the consequence of the choice that person made. All one can do is pray for such people as they now see as God does the ramifications their choice had on their soul and have to take responsibility for the impact their choice had on the lives of the loved ones they have left behind.

NEEDED – Meals-on-Wheels volunteers for Mondays and Fridays in August. PLEASE call the parish office, 684-7268 and volunteer!

LADIES' NIGHT OUT next Monday, July 31 at 6:30pm. Bring a treat, a game and a friend 😊

SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 – Respect Life Banquet at the Cody Holiday Inn with speaker Fr. Paul Chaim Benedicta Schenck, a Catholics United for Life speaker who directs the Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA. More details to come.

CCW MEETING on Monday, August 7 at 6:30pm with a female parishioner “entrepreneur” fair!