



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 / Meeting

Sunday, April 1 – NO Youth group
Monday, April 2 – Fr. Pete, surgery
Wednesday, April 4 - NO CCD
Saturday-Sunday – Victor Hannuneh here from
Jerusalem with his wares
Sunday, April 8 – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Tuesday, April 10 – Noon CCW meeting
7:30pm Knights of Columbus

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, April 7, 8pm

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Kieran/Asher Murray

SUNDAY, April 8, 8am

Lector: Blaine Horn

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Ben/Bryce Camino, Matt Harrison,

Tye Tanachion

SUNDAY, April 8, 10am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Carter Zink, Adam Belus

Homebound Ministry, Friday, April 6

Lynn Ridgeway

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK March 25, 2018

St. John's	\$ 3,810.00	YTD \$ 149,862.77
St. Mary's	\$ 10.00	YTD \$ 3,373.15
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 3,437.50
Poor Donations	\$ 100.00	
Online Donations	515.60	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	04.02	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	04.03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	04.04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	04.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	04.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration until 9:30 a.m.
Sat.	04.07	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Larry's intention
Sun.	04.08	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Larry's intention
		10:00 a.m.	for the people

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33; Gospel: Matthew 28:8-15

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 2:36-41; Gospel: John 20:11-18

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 3:1-10; Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 3:11-26; Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Fri-Acts of the Apostles 4:1-12; Gospel: John 21:1-14

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 4:13-21; Gospel: Mark 16:9-15

FR. PETE:

Welcome Fr. Larry Bailey. Fr. Larry and I go back over 30 years when we were in seminary together or what we referred to as the "four years of hell night." We managed to survive the insanity of one of the most liberal seminaries in the country and the occasional purges made to weed out the theologically conservative. We, and others, have earned our battle scars.

Fr. Larry will cover for me while I recuperate from surgery and physical therapy.

Those who would like to invite Fr. Larry out for dinner are welcome to do so.

Hopefully I will be able to offer a private Mass while sitting down at the rectory while Fr. Larry says Mass in the Church. If able to do this, I will fulfill the Mass intentions that I was given and will post them in future bulletins. I hope to be up and running by the first weekend of May when we have First Confessions and First Holy Communions.

Please note that there are no Masses during the week but there will be Adoration on Friday.

Men of St. Joseph. For the next few weeks you will have to meet at the parish hall.

Many thanks to Leah Miller and Gene Gagliano for decorating the Church for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and for Pascha / Easter. Thank you also to all who helped to take down everything after Holy Thursday and put everything back on Saturday to get the Church ready for Pascha/Easter.

Many thanks to Jim Fitzsimmons for taking the initiative of making the "Easter Egg Hunt" a reality. This will be the second year in a row and I hope to make this a tradition at St. John's. Many thanks to Tyna Staebler and her youth group for taking the time to stuff the plastic eggs.

Many thanks to the ladies of the parish that did a "spring cleaning" of the Church on Wednesday.

Mr. Victor Hannuneh and his son will be in Buffalo to show and sell the art work carved from olive trees in the Holy Land on Divine Mercy Sunday, the weekend of April 7 and April 8. Honey Harriet has graciously made arrangements to provide donuts and coffee after the Sunday morning Masses.

A Pascha / Easter sermon from Pope Francis:

Today the Church repeats, sings, shouts: "Jesus is Risen!" But why is this? Peter, John, the women went to the sepulcher and it was empty. He was not there. They went away with their hearts closed in sadness, the sadness of defeat: the Teacher, their Teacher, the One Whom they loved so much, had been put to death; He is dead. And there is no return from death. This is the defeat. This is the path of defeat, the path towards the sepulcher. But the Angel says to them, "He is not here, He is Risen."

It is the first announcement: "He is Risen." And then the confusion, the closed hearts, the apparitions. But the disciples stayed locked in the Upper Room the entire day because they were afraid that what happened to Jesus would happen to them. The Church does not cease to say before our losses, our closed and fearful hearts: "Stop, the Lord is Risen." But if the Lord is Risen, why is it that these things happen? Why is it that there is so much adversity: illness, human trafficking, human slavery, war, destruction, mutilation, vengeance, hatred? Where is the Lord then?.....

Yesterday I phoned a young man with a grave illness, an educated young man, an engineer, and while talking to him, to give him a sign of faith, I said: "There are no explanations for what is happening to you. Look at Jesus on the cross. God did this to His Son, and there is no other explanation." And he answered: "Yes, but He asked His Son and the Son said 'yes.' I was not asked if I wanted this." This moves us. None of us is asked: "Are you happy with what is happening in the world? Are you willing to carry this cross further?" And the cross goes forth and faith in Jesus comes down from it. Today, the Church continues to say: "Stop. Jesus is Risen." And this is not a fantasy. The Resurrection of Christ is not a celebration with many flowers. This is beautiful, but this is not it. It is something more. It is the mystery of the discarded stone which becomes the foundation of our existence. Christ is Risen. This is what it means.

In this throwaway culture where what is not needed is just used and disposed of, where what is not needed is thrown away, that stone - Jesus the source of life -, is discarded. And with faith in the Risen Christ, we too, pebbles on this earth of pain, tragedy, acquire meaning amid so many calamities. The sense to look beyond, the sense to say: "Look, there is no wall; there is a horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross with this ambivalence. Look ahead, do not close within yourself. You pebble, acquire meaning in life because you are a pebble near that rock, that stone which the evil of sin discarded." What does the Church tell us today before so

many tragedies? Simply this: the discarded stone is not really discarded. The pebbles which believe and stick to that stone are not discarded. They have meaning, and it is with this sentiment that the Church repeats from the bottom of her heart: "Christ is Risen."

Let us think for a while, each of us, think about the daily problems, the illnesses we have been through or of one that a relative has; let us think about wars, human tragedies, and with simplicity, with a humble voice, without flowers, alone, before God, before us, let us say, "I do not know how this is, but I am certain that Christ is Risen and I have put a wager on it." Brothers and sisters, this is what I wanted to say to you. Go home today repeating in your hearts: "Christ is Risen."

A personal request. It has been my practice not to make financial appeals for Catholic organizations. There is only one that I make an exception for: the *Catholic League*.

Over the years this organization has done a remarkable job defending the Catholic Faith from misguided and vicious assaults from all quarters: the entertainment industry, special interest groups, government programs, etc. It has done so boldly yet respectfully and has a good record of success. The Catholic League does not seek to be confrontational but when anti-Catholicism, the last respectable bigotry in our country, raises its ugly head, the Catholic League strikes back not with angry words but

with facts, with truth. Even the Church's enemies have learned to respect the Catholic League.

Unfortunately, people's default position is to let others do the fighting for them and forget what it takes to effectively fight back.

The Catholic League receives no funding other than private donations. Please consider making a financial contribution to the Catholic League.

You can go to their website www.catholicleague.org to learn more about this excellent organization and where to send your contribution. I hope you will consider supporting it.

"Fr. Pete...Over the years I've noticed that you sneak the word "Pascha" for Easter. Why?" I do so because Pascha is a much better word for Easter as it refers to the Lamb of Sacrifice, Jesus. It is also a more ancient word that the early Christians used. Both are part of our tradition. You are free to use whichever one you prefer.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON for all who have volunteered (especially with Meals on Wheels) for the Senior Center will be Saturday, April 21. Doors open at 11:30am. Lunch served at noon. The theme for this year's show is BOB HOPE USO SHOW. RSVP by Friday, April 13. Space is limited.

HEADS UP FOR VBS (Vacation Bible School) – We are in need of long pieces of cardboard and wood; like plywood or 1x2's, etc. for Bible School (Think trees!) Also, old 5-gallon buckets you don't want returned. Call Carol Gagliano, 684-5751 or bring to CCD on Wednesdays.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL! CHRIST IS RISEN!