



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 9:00 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

Monday-Friday, June 10-14 – 9am to Noon VBS

Sunday, June 23 – 10:30am Parish picnic to honor our parish church building, 70 years!

Parish Staff

Pastor	<i>Fr. Pete Johnson</i>	684-7268
Parish Administrator	<i>Mary Ann Cummins</i>	684-7268
CCW Leader	<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
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, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 26, 2019

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, June 1, 5pm

Lector: Blaine Horn

EM: Dennis Lawrence

CUP: Phil/Janelle Gonzales

Altar Servers: Lance Rabel, Adam Belus, Asher Murray

SUNDAY, June 2, 9am

Lector: Marilyn Maxwell

EM: Volunteer

CUP: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Gio Monterastelli, Carter Zink,

Cortlan/Luken Smith, Ryan Merritt

Homebound Ministry, Friday, May 31

Liz Camino Ramsey

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK May 19, 2019

St. John's	\$ 3,305.02	YTD \$ 188,436.86
St. Mary's	\$ 5.00	YTD \$ 5,140.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 330.00	YTD \$ 4,377.00
Poor Donations	\$ 86.00	
Online Donations	291.20	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	05.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	05.28	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Lou Borgialli
Wed.	05.29	8:00 a.m.	+Dr. Pat Nolan
Thu.	05.30	8:00 a.m.	+Joyce Laya
Fri.	05.31	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Lou Borgialli
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	06.01	5:00 p.m.	+Chris Cummins
Sun.	06.02	9:00 a.m.	for the parishes

Please note that there will not be a bulletin for next weekend. You might wish to keep this one as it contains the Mass schedule for two weeks.

Mass intentions for the week of June 3 to June 9

Mon.	06.03	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	06.04	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	06.05	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Thu.	06.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Fri.	06.07	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
Sat.	06.08	5:00 p.m.	+Susan Williams
Sun.	06.09	9:00 a.m.	+Irene Gion
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Acts of the Apostles 16:11-15; Gospel: John 15:26—16:4a

Tue-Acts of the Apostles 16:22-34; Gospel: John 16:5-11

Wed-Acts of the Apostles 17:15, 22—18:1; Gospel: John 16:12-15

Thu-Acts of the Apostles 18:1-8; Gospel: John 16:16-20
Fri-Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat-Acts of the Apostles 18:23-28; Gospel: John 16:23b-28
Saint Justin, Martyr

FR. PETE:

Church Safety Committee Members. You were given a packet of information to prepare for our meeting on Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 p.m. at the rectory. Please make every effort to be there.

Budget for the coming fiscal year. If you depend on the parish for funding, you must submit your budget proposal. Please remember that the Finance Council will make the final determination of how much will be allocated.

Many thanks to Honey Harriet! Honey has headed the Sunday “ministry of hospitality” i.e. donuts and coffee for several years now. She has decided to take a break from it. At this point two couples and one individual have expressed an interest in taking over. It would be a good idea for a few more couples to join in so the tasks of setting up, getting the donuts, and cleaning up can be more evenly spread. It would also be a good idea for these volunteers to meet and work out a schedule among themselves. Honey has already submitted a budget for the next fiscal year.

Thanks for all your work Honey.

An amusing story. Some years ago, as I was visiting worshippers coming to the front entrance of the Church, Honey came over to me and asked me to remind folks that coffee and donuts were available after Mass. Some tourists had just come to the front steps when I said, “Sure thing. Thanks

Honey.” The look on their faces was priceless! You just knew they desperately wanted to ask if I was a married priest or if this was an Episcopal or Lutheran Church! I didn’t say a word and just smiled.

There have been numerous questions about parish expenses, including my salary and questions about priests in general. I have attempted to answer them as directly as possible.

“Fr. Pete...How much does the parish spend on insuring the parish buildings?”

Keep in mind that we insure not only the buildings and properties in Buffalo, but also the ones in Kaycee and Clearmont. Last year the bill was \$13,000.00. This year it is expected to go up by 9%.

“Fr. Pete...What are our investments worth?” At the May 21st meeting of the Finance Council and Board of Directors the following information was shared:

Money market fund

\$243,633.09

Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation investments

\$787,865.65

“Fr. Pete...Since you are staying here for three more years do you have any plans for the parish?”

The best course of action is to continue doing what we have been doing: offer spiritual enrichment with regular seasonal retreats, continue with adult faith formation programs, continue to improve the quality of our CCD program, continue the upkeep of our buildings and the infrastructure, and continue to put money into savings as best as we can. If there is any “fancy” stuff to be done, I will leave that to the next pastor along with, hopefully, a hefty bank account.

“Fr. Pete...Would you consider staying on after you officially retire?” Not likely. I am certainly willing to help out in a parish as much as that pastor wishes and do the fun work of ministry, but I am so looking forward to being done with endless meetings, diocesan politics, reports, incessant and often irrational demands, crazies at the door at all hours and

to finally have time for reading, studying and perhaps a bit of traveling.

If I live to retirement, I will have been here for 15 years. The time comes when one must accept one’s limitations and step aside so a younger person with new ideas and energy can come in. I am looking forward to stepping aside.

“Fr. Pete...What is the salary of our priests?”

Effective July 1, 2019 the base salary of priests in our diocese will increase from \$2,305.00 per month to \$2,330.00 per month. Our priests are among the lowest paid Catholic clergy in the United States. Bishop Etienne began to improve this and Bishop Biegler is doing so as well.

“Fr. Pete...Some priests get car allowances. Do you?”

No priest in our diocese receives a car allowance. This is part of a priest’s compensation package in some dioceses, but not ours. Priests are responsible for purchasing their own car, maintaining it and insuring it according to diocesan standards. Priests can receive reimbursement for mileage if they are driving on Church related business. The rate is currently 58 cents per mile.

“Fr. Pete...Priests live for free in the rectory, don’t they?”

No. The IRS standard for the value of the rectory is \$1,050 per month and food is valued at \$400.00 per month. (I have never spent anywhere near \$400.00 per month on food!). The priest must pay taxes on the combined value of “room and board.” Maybe I should load up on steaks and lobster tails...

“Fr. Pete...I’ve heard that the parish pays for a priest’s vacation. True?”

False. The priest is responsible for financing his vacation. He is permitted to take up to one month off with pay. The parish is responsible for reimbursing the priest who comes in to cover for the vacationing priest, using a standard reimbursement schedule established by the diocese.

“Fr. Pete...When a priest retires doesn’t the diocese take care of him?”

No. He is on his own. Priests are expected to be in the Social Security program, participate in the St.

Joseph's Retirement program, put money away for their retirement and provide for any future nursing home care.

“Fr. Pete....When a priest becomes sick or elderly, we have a nursing home he can go to, don't we?” No. It is simply beyond the ability of our diocese to operate such a facility. The priest is on his own. We all knew that when we “signed on” and no one has any cause to complain.

HELP!! Decorating for VBS June 3-7 from 9am to ?? Need youngsters who climb ladders!
ITEMS still needed – straw beach mat, cellophane in red & yellow.



PILGRIMAGE – Our Lady of Peace Shrine Mass, 20th anniversary on June 8, 2019 (1-30 & Shrine Dr in Pine Bluffs, WY) Very Rev. August Koeune is presiding with Stations of the Cross at 9am; Mass at 10am. Please bring your chairs!

PLANNING AHEAD... Parish picnic on Sunday, June 23 after 9am Mass, so 10:30am. We will celebrate 70 years in this current church building! We are asking the Knights of Columbus to cook burgers & brats; the CCW to supply the ice cream sundaes and beverages; and everyone else to bring whatever dishes you

would like to share for this parish picnic ☺
Nothing else planned; just a reason to picnic on our beautiful church grounds as a parish family!

The first Masses celebrated in Buffalo were 1880. Fr. DeSmet, a Jesuit priest missionary from Antwerp, Belgium, celebrated Mass north of Buffalo near the lake which bears his name on August 10, 1851. In 1885 six lots were secured from J.W. Hart. Before the end of the year, a wooden church was erected with no debt to the parish. This first church was known as St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In 1888 under the guidance of Rev. E.J. Englebrecht, work was begun on a new brick church. Sheridan was a mission of Buffalo at this time for 4 years. During the years from 1897 to 1907 Buffalo was a mission church out of Sheridan. In 1907 Fr. John Duffy secured 4 lots, where the present Catholic Hall stands. Money was obtained for a new church which would be named Church of St. John the Baptist. This church could house about 125 people.

St. Mary Church in Clearmont was built in 1919. St. Catherine was built in 1919 in Arvada. In Kaycee the first Mass was celebrated on Jan. 30, 1920.

In 1949 an architect drew up a new set of plans for a church. Bids were called for and opened on August 1, 1949 at the former Thorne-Rider home. Fr. Grannan blessed the ground 2 days later where the future church would stand. The first pouring of footings was on Sept. 17, 1949. After 14 plus months of hard work, the date of November 8, 1950 was chosen for a dedication. *Info obtained from our church history document.*

ST. MARGARET SCHOOL, Riverton is currently accepting applications for Elementary Teachers for the 2019-2020 school year, WDE certification required. Contact school office for application at 856-5922 or online: stmarg@wyoming.com Open until filled!