



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church - Clearmont
St. Hubert Church - Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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The Mission of St. John the Baptist Church, in union with the Universal Church, is to faithfully spread the light of Christ through the teaching of Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition and the authority of the Magisterium. We seek to improve the spiritual and daily lives of all who come to us.

Mass Schedule

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 / Meetings

Sunday, July 5 – Happy 4th of July weekend
Thursday, July 9 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
KC Meals-on-Wheels – Jim Hicks
Saturday, August 15 – Basque Mass & dinner at
Folded Hills

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>	620-1964
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 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; call 217-0150 or 307-660-4936 for place.

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 5, 2015

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 11, 5:00pm

Lector: Janelle Gonzales

EM: Phil Gonzales, Dennis Lawrence

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 12, 8:00am

Lector: Volunteers

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Rick Andersen

SUNDAY, July 12, 10:00am

Lector: Mary Ann Cummins

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 10

Kathy Smith

Collections for Week of June 28, 2015

St. John's	\$ 3,460.61	YTD \$ 193,521.34
St. Mary's	\$ 180.00	YTD \$ 6,500.61
St. Hubert's	\$	YTD \$ 4,070.00
Poor contributions	\$ 155.00	
Online Donations	\$	YTD \$ 589.95

Mass intentions for the next week:

Mon.	07.06	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.07	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Charlie Taylor
Wed.	07.08	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Fritz Braakhuis
		5:00 p.m.	Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
Thu.	07.09	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Joseph Keefe
Fri.	07.10	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Richard "Scotty" MacLellan
Sat.	07.11	5:00 p.m.	+Fr. Angel Ornelas
Sun.	07.12	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. James Mooney
		10:00 a.m.	for the parishes
		12:30 p.m.	+Fr. Jan Santich

Readings for the Week:

Mon-Genesis 28:10-22a; Gospel: Matthew 9:18-26
 Tue-Genesis 32:23-33; Gospel: Matthew 9:32-38
 Wed-Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Gospel: Matthew 10:1-7
 Thu: Genesis: 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 10:7-15
 Fri-Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Gospel Matthew 10:16-23
 Sat-Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Gospel: Matthew 10:24-3 *Saint Benedict, Abbot*

FROM FR. PETE:

Happy Birthday to Joyce Larkin. Joyce turned 88 on July 1!

Eternal rest grant onto Mike Lanker, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Mike died quite suddenly at his home on July 1. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a great supporter of this parish. Please pray for Mike's wife, Diane, as she prepares to bury her husband and best friend for 32 years. Pray also for their son and daughter. A Vigil Service for Mike will be held on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Church and his funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in Willow Grove Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant to Doris Anderson, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. The office received news on July 1 that Doris had passed away. She was living with her son in Arizona at the time of her passing. There will not be a Vigil Service. Her funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, July 14 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in Willow Grove Cemetery. Please pray for Doris' happy repose and for her family.

Mass for ranchers, farmers and families: Celebrating families, faith and our rural way of life.

Everyone is welcome to attend Mass for ranchers, farmers and families on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at the Spiering Farm (Powell, Wyoming). Bishop Etienne will celebrate the Mass. A pork and beef roast meal will follow (the Diocese will provide the meat and drinks). If you plan on attending, please bring the following to share:

Last name beginning with A to I: salad
 Last name beginning with J to R: covered dish (no onsite electricity for keeping food warm).
 Last name beginning with S to Z: dessert

Mr. Jim Ennis, Executive Director of Catholic Rural Life, will present on the mission and work of Catholic Rural Life. If you are planning to come please call the diocese at 307-638-1530. And RSVP is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please call the same number.

Spiering Farm lies between Cody and Powell off of Highway 14A. Turn north off of 14A onto Wyoming 294. Go one mile and turn left onto Lane 12. Go two miles and turn right onto Rd. 19. Go seven-tenths of a mile to the top of the hill. The house is on the left, blue house.

Welcome to our visitors! We hope you have enjoyed your time in Buffalo and will consider coming back. For those who attend the Sunday Masses there is coffee and donuts. Come and enjoy some fellowship before hitting the road. If you can sit and chat, you are welcome to grab something before leaving. May God grant you safe travel.

FR. PETE (cont.)

Reflections from the dissenting opinions of Justices Roberts, Scalia, Thomas and Alito to the majority's ruling allowing same-sex marriage. *I urge you to read the majority and dissenting opinions for yourself. You can easily access them at www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/14pdf/14-556. As you read the excerpts keep in mind that the word "majority" refers to the opinion of Justices Kennedy, Breyer, Ginsberg, Kagan and Sotomayor that ruled in favor making same-sex marriage legal. Sometimes the simple word "Court" is used to indicate the decision of the majority of the Justices. Justices Roberts, Scalia, Thomas and Alito dissented from the majority and issued their own opinions.*

Justice Roberts:

"The majority's decision is an act of will, not legal judgment. The right it announces has no basis in the Constitution or this Court's precedent. The majority expressly disclaims judicial "caution" and omits even a pretense of humility, openly relying on its desire to remake society according to its own "new insight" into the "nature of injustice." As a result, the Court invalidates the marriage laws of more than half the States and orders the transformation of a social institution that has formed the basis of human society for millennia, for the Kalahari Bushmen and the Han Chinese, the Carthaginians and the Aztecs. Just who do we think we are?"

"There will be consequences for shutting down the political process on an issue of such profound public significance. Closing debate tends to close minds. People denied a voice are less likely to accept the ruling of a court on an issue that does not seem to be the sort of thing courts usually decide.....Indeed, however heartened the proponents of same-sex marriage might be on this day, it is worth acknowledging what they have lost and lost forever: the opportunity to win the true acceptance that comes from persuading their fellow citizens of the justice of their cause. And they lose this just when the winds of change were freshening at their backs."

"The majority graciously suggests that religious believers may continue to "advocate" and "teach" their views of marriage. The First Amendment guarantees, however, the freedom to "exercise"

religion. Ominously, that is not a word the majority uses."

Justice Scalia:

"Today's decree says that my Ruler, and Ruler of 320 million Americans coast-to-coast, is a majority of the nine lawyers on the Supreme Court. The opinion in these cases is the furthest extension in fact - and the furthest extension one can imagine - of the Court's claim to create "liberties" that the Constitution and its Amendments neglect to mention."

"But the Court ends this debate in an opinion lacking even a thin veneer of law."

"But what really astounds is the hubris reflected in today's Putsch. [*Fr. Pete's insertion: Putsch is a German word that means a violent attempt to overthrow a government, especially one that depends upon suddenness and speed.*] The five justices who compose today's majority are entirely comfortable concluding that every State violated the Constitution for all of the 135 years between the Fourteenth Amendment's ratification and Massachusetts' permitting same-sex marriages in 2003. They have discovered in the Fourteenth Amendment a "fundamental right" overlooked by every person alive at the time of ratification, and almost everyone else in the time since."

Justice Thomas:

"The Court's decision today is at odds not only with the Constitution, but with the principles upon which our nation was built. Since well before 1787, liberty has been understood as freedom from government action, not entitlement to government benefits. The Framers created our Constitution to preserve that understanding of liberty. Yet the majority invokes our Constitution in the name of a "liberty" that the Framers would not have recognized, to the detriment of the liberty they sought to protect."

"Numerous *amici* [*Fr. Pete's insertion. Amici means "friend". People or organizations can send "friend of the court" statements to the Justices to give their reasons for or against a possible ruling*]-even some not supporting the States - have cautioned the Court that its decision here will "have unavoidable and wide ranging implications for religious liberty."

Brief for General Conference of Seventh – Day Adventists et al. as *Amici Curiae* 5. In our society, marriage is not simply a governmental institution; it is a religious institution as well. *Id.*, at 7. Today’s decision might change the former, but it cannot change the latter. It appears all but inevitable that the two will come into conflict, particularly as individuals and churches are confronted with demands to participate in and endorse civil marriages between same-sex couples.

The majority appears unmoved by that inevitability. It makes only a weak gesture toward religious liberty in a single paragraph, *ante*, at 27. And even that gesture indicates a misunderstanding of religious liberty in our Nation’s tradition. Religious liberty is about more than just the protection for “religious organizations and persons....as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths.” *Ibid.* Religious liberty is about freedom of action in matters of religion generally, and the scope of that liberty is directly correlated to the civil restraints placed upon religious practice.

Although our Constitution provides some protection against such governmental restriction on religious practices, the People have long elected to afford broader protections than this Court’s constitutional precedents mandate. Had the majority allowed the definition of marriage to be left to the political process – as the Constitution requires - the People could have considered the religious liberty implications of deviating from the traditional definition as part of their deliberative process. Instead, the majority’s decision short-circuits that process, with potentially ruinous consequences for religious liberty.

Justice Alito:

“This understanding of marriage, which focuses almost entirely on the happiness of persons who choose to marry, is shared by many people today, but it is not the traditional one. For millennia, marriage was inextricably linked to the one thing that only opposite sex couples can do: procreate.”

“The Constitution says nothing about a right to same-sex marriage, but the Court holds that the term “liberty” in the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment encompasses this right.

Our Nation was founded upon the principle that every person has the unalienable right to liberty, but liberty is a term of many meanings. For classical liberals, it may include economic rights now limited by government regulation. For social democrats, it may include the right to a variety of governmental benefits. For today’s majority, it has a distinctively postmodern meaning.

To prevent five unelected Justices from imposing their personal vision of liberty upon the American people, the Court has held that “liberty” under the Due Process Clause should be understood to protect only those rights that are “deeply rooted in the Nation’s history and tradition.” *Washington v. Glucksberg*, 521 U.S. 701, 720-721 (1997). And it is beyond dispute that the right to same-sex marriage is not among those rights.”

“Today’s decision usurps the constitutional right of the people to decide whether to keep or alter the traditional understanding of marriage. The decision will also have other important consequences.

It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy. In the course of its opinion, the majority compares traditional marriage laws to laws that denied equal treatment for African-Americans and women. *E.g., ante*, at 11-13. The implications of this analogy will be exploited by those who are determined to stamp out every vestige of dissent.

I assume that those who cling to old beliefs will be able to whisper their thoughts in the recesses of their homes, but if they repeat those views in public, they will risk being labeled bigots and treated as such by governments, employers and schools.”

“Most Americans – understandably – will cheer or lament today’s decision because of their views on the issue of same-sex marriage. But all Americans, whatever their thinking on that issue, should worry about what the majority’s claim of power portends.”