



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 17 – 1-5pm Mary Louise Arambel's
90th birthday in the park
5pm Intermediate &
Advanced Basque dancing in the hall
Wednesday, July 20 – 5:30pm Beginning Basque
dancing in the hall
Thursday, July 21 – 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

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17, 2016

Altar Assisters:

SATURDAY, July 23, 5pm

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 24, 8am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SUNDAY, July 24, 10am

Lector: Volunteer

EM: Volunteers

Altar Servers: Volunteers

Homebound Ministry, Friday, July 22

Kathy Smith

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK OF July 10, 2016

St. John's	\$ 4,593.41	YTD \$	10,261.71
St. Mary's	\$ 193.00	YTD \$	203.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 25.00	YTD \$	100.00
Poor Donations	\$ 353.00		
Online Donations	\$ 570.60		

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	07.18	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	07.19	8:00 a.m.	Susan Williams
Wed.	07.20	8:00 a.m.	+Pauline Ney
Thu.	07.21	8:00 a.m.	Sadie Chapman
Fri.	07.22	8:00 a.m.	Sadie's heart donor family
Sat.	07.23	5:00 p.m.	+John Grieves
Sun.	07.24	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Tony Olges and family
		10:00 a.m.	for the people
		12:30 p.m.	Clearmont: Fr. Pete's intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Gospel: Matthew 12:38-42
Tue-Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50
Wed-Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9
Thu-Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Gospel: Matthew 13:10-17
Fri-Jeremiah 3:14-17; Gospel: John 20:1-2, 11-18
Saint Mary Magdalene
Sat-Jeremiah 7:1-11; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30

FROM FR. PETE:

Congratulations to Gene

Gagliano! Governor Mead has named him as Wyoming's Poet Laureate! This is the eighth person to hold such an honor. Well done, Gene! We are all very proud of you!

Welcome to all those visiting! We hope you are enjoying your stay in Buffalo and will consider returning in the future.

After the Sunday Masses we offer coffee, donuts. Please consider taking a few moments and come over to the parish hall which is right next door to the Church.

May God grant you safe travel.

Those wanting copies of sermons. There have been requests for copies of sermons. Hard copies are never given out. You do, however, have free access to the sermons in audio format at our parish website; www.sjbc-buffalo.com. Go to "Liturgy / Sacraments" and then click on "Weekly Sermons and Talks" and then click on whatever sermon you wish. A full archive of sermons can be found on the sound cloud which the website will direct you to.

The work around the plant continues.

The roof is finished! Thanks be to God!

The new sidewalks have thoroughly cured out and were recently power washed and sealed.

The "gray concrete" patch finally achieved the correct pH level and the coloring, etching and sealing was completed.

The City of Buffalo has applied asphalt to the areas near the ramps to make sure there aren't any gaps and has given us permission to paint them a bright yellow to indicate that people should not park in front of them so those in walkers and wheelchairs have easy access.

FR. PETE (CONT.)

Larry Vignaroli has been busy installing electrical lines and pouring pads for the new lighting that will go on the west side of the Church to better illuminate the property and Lobban Avenue at night.

The Ten Commandments monument has been moved to its new location with some of the old stone work from the demolished stone fence used for the monument's foundation.

Soon the quad will have a new sprinkler system installed and then sod will be laid.

We are getting a proposal to do some modifications to the lawn at the north side of the parish hall and CCD building to make sure rain and snow melt are drawn away from the building's foundation.

We hope to have new down spouts installed fairly soon.

We're almost done!

Park benches in front of the Church?

Certainly possible. We are looking at installing two or possibly three benches. They have to be "skate board" proof, weather proof and vandal proof. Quality benches will run between \$500 to \$600 a piece which does not include shipping costs. We will have to see what the new fiscal year budget will allow.

A poem by the late Fr. Thomas Dominic Rover, O.P. Father was a theologian, a playwright and a poet. He belonged to the Dominican order. He died in 1997. The following is based on the Gospel of St. Matthew 11:28-30.

"Come to Me"

*Come to me, all you are restless
and I will teach you how to be quiet,
how to leave yourself alone.*

*Come over to me, all you who are
anxious, even if I don't take your
anxiety away,*

*I will change it into fresh currency,
as you turn your cares into greater
belief in my caring.*

*Come over to me, all you who are
lonely,*

*I was lonely too, and could find no
place to lay my head.*

*Come over to me, all you who worry
what others really think about you,
It doesn't matter.*

*They misunderstood me, no matter
what I did.*

*Come over to me, all you who are
always talking and pleading and
explaining yourselves to others.*

*I know you inside out. I know the
worst.*

*So you can come to me without any
explanations.*

*Come over to me, all you whose
great plans for yourself have failed.*

*You don't know how lucky you are.
And others too.*

*Come over to me, all you who can't
stand yourselves.*

I touched lepers,

*And once I called a man out of a
tomb who had been stinking there for
four days.*

so come over to me -

I can stand just about anything.

*Come over to me, all you who can't
stand other people.*

I know what is behind their misery.

*I know the worst in them as I know
it in you.*

And I embrace you both.

*Come over to me, all you who fret
about the past.*

*I was there, I was part of your past,
and I have forgotten all about it.*

So be like me and forget it too.

*Come over to me, all you who can't
live peacefully in the present.*

Come to me now, without reserve.

*That is the way to live peacefully in
the present.*

*Come over to me, all you who fear
the future.*

Do not fear. I am your future.

“Fr. Pete...The Church is looking beautiful. Thank you.” Don’t thank me. The thanks goes first to the congregation, for allowing the many projects over the last nine years to get done by providing the financial support. Then thanks goes to the Finance Council and Trustees who have carefully monitored the parish finances. Finally, thanks goes to Phil Gonzalez who coordinated all the various projects. My job was simple....I just signed the checks!

“Fr. Pete.... At a parish I recently visited the priest spoke about how Catholics do not financially support their parishes. He said that for every Catholic who gives four to five do not. Is that true?” I am not up to speed on the current statistics, but I suspect that priest was pretty much on target.

Catholics are notorious for not supporting their parishes thinking that money should come from the wealthy parishioners, from the diocese or from grants. In short, someone else should pay for the services they receive.

I had this problem in one parish that had become totally dependent on grant money until, with the consent of the Finance Council, there was a “come to Jesus meeting” at Mass where I said that the parish would no longer be receiving grant money. I ripped up a check for a sizeable amount (which nearly gave Bishop Hart a heart attack) and said that from now on the parish had to make a choice: sink or swim. The plant could be sold to another church group and faithful souls could travel to the nearest parish for Mass. From that weekend on they picked themselves up by their bootstraps. Before my term expired they renovated their Church, built an impressive CCD program and had a few hundred thousand dollars tucked away in savings.

This parish is very different. In fact, I would say it is atypical. Most people try to give what they can, which is one reason why I do not discuss money.

“Fr. Pete.... I don’t like the colored concrete.” I’m sorry you don’t like it.

“Fr. Pete.... I really like the colored concrete. It makes the front of the Church pop out so much more and it looks like a patio where people can stand around and visit with folks after Mass. All it needs now are some benches. That’s a hint Father!” I’m glad you like it. The “hint” was received. As indicated earlier in this bulletin it all depends on what the budget will allow.

“Fr. Pete.... With the new position of the monument I’ve noticed that the printing is very faded in spots. Is there any way of touching that up?” I will check into it with the gal who restored the church sign on the corner of Lobban and the highway. I’m sure there is a way to do it.

“Fr. Pete.... Is there any way we could put some flower baskets by the Ten Commandments monument?” There may be enough room around the base of the monument to put a few flower pots next year. Question: who wants to take responsibility to make sure they are watered?

WYOMING CATHOLIC MEN’S RETREAT – August 19-21. What does it mean to be man? What does it mean to be “masculine?” Tim Staples, Director of Apologetics and Evangelization here at Catholic Answers and our speaker at this year’s retreat, will answer these questions and demonstrate how this theology and spirituality should play out in our lives. Whether you’ve ever attend this or any other retreat, please prayerfully consider joining us for this powerful weekend of prayer, worship and fellowship. \$140 through July 20, \$165 after July 20. Scholarships are available. Visit catholicmensretreat.org for more information. Space is limited so register online today!