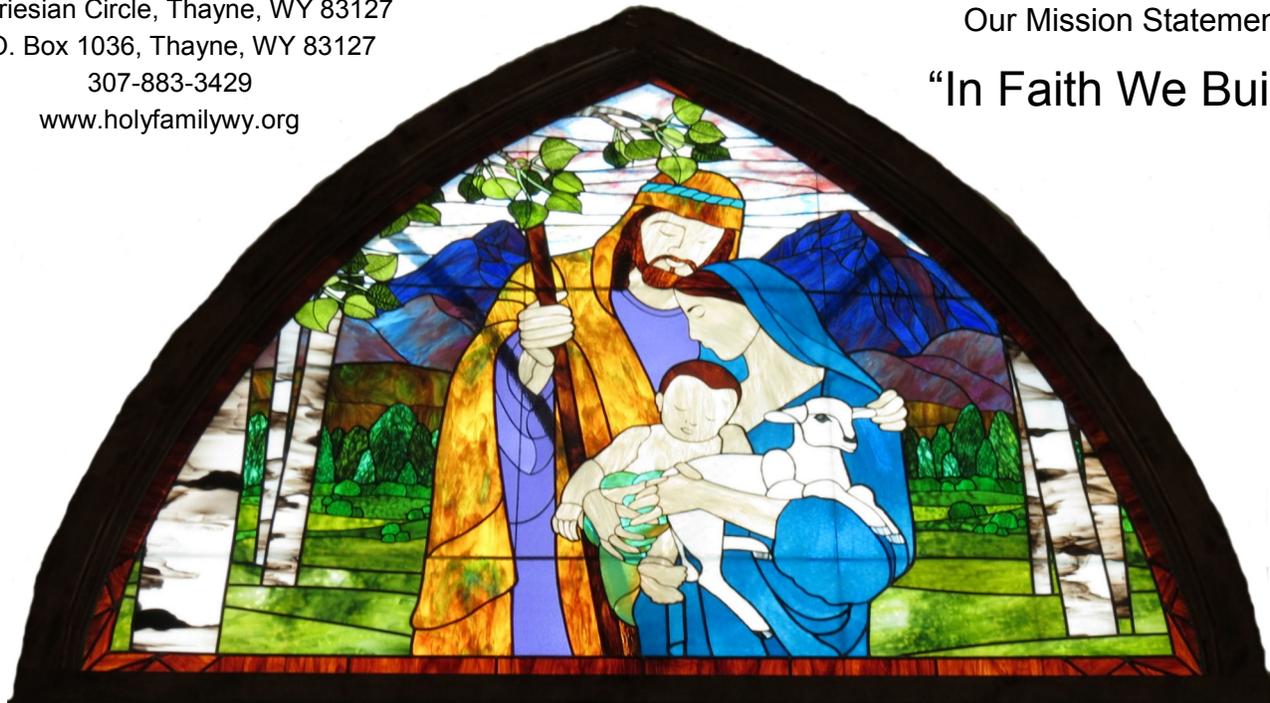


Holy Family Catholic Church

May 3, 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Our Mission Statement
"In Faith We Build"

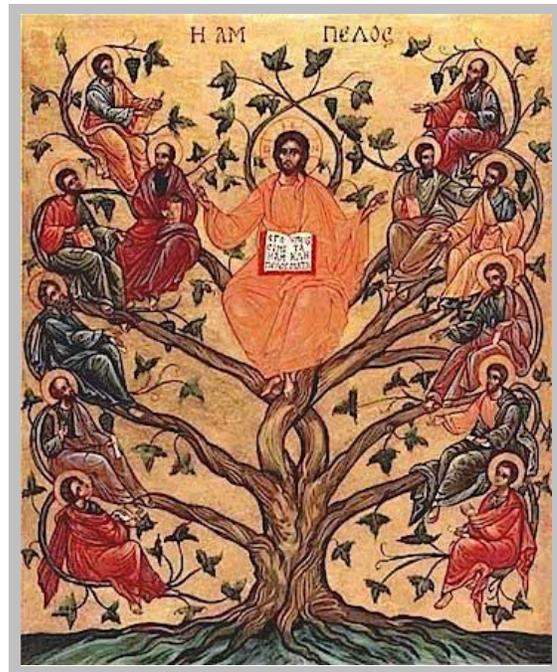
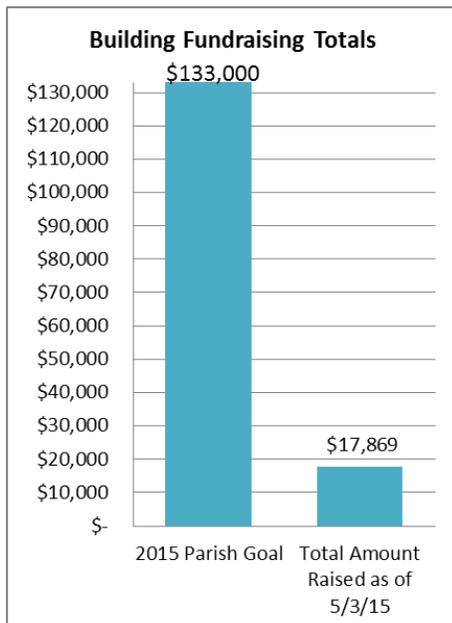


Mass Schedules for Holy Family

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Communion Service and
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 12:00 PM



I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. John 15:5

Anonymous, Christ the True Vine icon
(Athens, 16th century)

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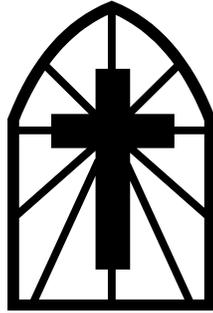
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Pat Wanek

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Pauline Zeren and Victor Hardesty



NEW PARISHIONERS - WELCOME!

To register please call the parish phone number or talk to Deacon Bill or Deacon Phil after Mass.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Anytime by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples should contact the Parish at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date or sooner.

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a Baptism preparation class, preferably prior to the birth of their child.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish in case of serious illness or upcoming surgery.

CATHOLIC FAITH INQUIRY

Persons wishing to inquire about the Catholic Faith or seeking to complete their Sacraments should call the Parish. Inquirers are welcome at anytime throughout the year.

DEADLINES

Weekly Bulletin - Wednesday at Noon

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 1-3: Deacon Retreat - St. Margaret Mary Parish - Riverton, WY

May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter - Food Bank Sunday - Youth Religious Education before Mass @ 9:30 a.m. - Knights of Columbus Meeting after Mass

May 4: - Confirmation - Our Lady of the Mountains - Jackson - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

May 5: Tuesday - Adult Religious Education at 6:00 PM

May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day 1st Holy Communion at Holy Family Church
NO Parish Council Meeting after Mass

May 12: Tuesday - Adult Religious Education at 6:00 PM

May 17: The Ascension of the Lord - Parish Council Meeting after Mass (moved from 2nd Sunday) - Adult Religious Education before Mass @ 9:30 am

May 19: Tuesday - Adult Religious Education at 6:00 PM

May 22: Priestly Ordination - St. Mary's Cathedral

Ministries

May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lector: Luis Almanza

Communion Ministers: Cindy Jaques, Donna Kelsey, Jackie Hodgson

May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lector: Kristina Short

Communion Minister: Donna Kelsey

May 17: Ascension of the Lord

Lector: Theresa Vasquez

Communion Minister: Jackie Hodgson

May 24: Pentecost Sunday

Lector: Sharon Backus

Communion Minister: Kim Frome



Mass Intention for Sunday, May 3, 2015

Virginia Leaven Hoff

Sunday Readings

5/3: ACTS 9:26-31; 1 JN 3:18-24; JN 15:1-8

5/10: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 JN 4:7-10;
JN 15:9-17



Remember
in
Your
Prayers

Our parishioners, friends, relatives and their families who are in need of our prayers for comfort, healing, and strength.

Especially:

K. K. Hayden, Romina Mavy, Dawn Loveland, Randy Stewart, Sharon Backus, Kyle Stotsky, Gay Edwards, John and Lala Lynch, Patty Sevigny, Neil Dobermilley, John Sheeks, Mark Frank, Scott Lusty, Vicki Wood, Nathan Simmons, Philip Stivers, Joyce Christie, Leslie Smith, Audrey Blache, Therese Bibeau, Tessa Meeks, Jeremy Kallgren, Sandra Price, Shelly Mathews, Kent Perkins, Callihan Falvey, Sue Thompson, Marie Anderson, Debbie M., Cathy Justice, Scott Moore, Christa Tidwell, Terry Heinrich, Jim Russell, Jack Petty, Joe Busch, Jim Russell & Rick Grassi

And for the souls of the departed:

Pampila Bachenila Delos Arcos, Lina Plaza,
Tim Trefren Sr., Howdy Williams,
William Michael Short & Hector Ponce

Sunday Offering Information

Sunday Collection - \$380

Youth Brunch - \$181 Youth Bingo - \$247

Poor - \$15

Thank you for your generosity!

Building Fund Update

Weekly Building Fund donations - 4/26:
\$744 Bingo - **\$803**



Diocesan Pilgrimage

Deacon Bill's report on the diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land is included in this bulletin. Bishop Paul Etienne was the spiritual leader for the pilgrimage and prepared a very detailed discussion of what he saw and felt during this pilgrimage. To review his comments, go to the diocesan website: dioceseofcheyenne.org, click on the "about the diocese" tab and then select "Bishop" and then "Bishop's Blog". Scroll down to the bottom of the page to "Older Entries" and click on this tab. Scroll down to the first post, which is "Holy Land Arrival" - April 7th. The pictures and comments give an excellent view of the Holy Land including thoughts about the conflict in the area.

New Parishioners

If you have not registered with Holy Family Church, please take the time to fill out a registration card and leave it in the box in the gathering area.

Food Bank Sunday

Today is Food Bank Sunday. This is the final second collection until later in the year. We will resume food donations on the First Sunday in June.

Knights of Columbus

There will be a brief Knights of Columbus meeting after Mass today.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to be Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested, please contact one of the deacons.



Holy Family Religious Education Classes

Holy Land Pilgrimage 04-06-18-2015

April 6-Monday - start the long trip. Flew from Jackson to Denver on the 7:20 flight, then the 10:30 flight to Newark, then the 10:30 pm flight to Tel Aviv.

April 7-Tuesday- arrived in Tel Aviv at 4:00 pm. Did the usual luggage to bus and on the road by 6:30 to Haifa. Arrived at 8:00 pm at the Carmelite House on Mt. Carmel. Had Mass in the Chapel of Stella Maris after dinner then to bed.

April 8-Wednesday - had orientation meeting after breakfast, then visited Elijah's cave on Mt. Carmel, visited Stella Maris again, then headed to Nazareth (pop. 500). 50 families of about 10 people each of extended family. People lived in caves that have been excavated. Anna, Joachim, Mary and the rest of extended family in house (cave), Joseph & extended family in another cave. Visited house of Mary, celebrated Mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation, then visited house of the Holy Family/St. Joseph's workshop. Back to hotel on Mt of the Beatitudes for dinner, evening prayer, and sleep.

April 9 - Thursday - took boat on Sea of Galilee to Capernaum (pop. 1500). Border town on road from Damascus to Egypt. Customs and tax station. St. Matthew was called from here. Capernaum, Bethsaida and one other city are ruins because belittled Jesus. Toured ruins of the synagogue and the house of Peter's mother-in-law, where Jesus stayed in Capernaum. Would have been where Peter stayed also. Larger house as Peter was a successful fisherman. After lunch toured the church where the altar is the rock where Jesus multiplied the loaves & fishes. After that went to Church of Primacy, where Jesus cooked breakfast for disciples. Rock used for fire is under altar. Celebrated Mass and waded in Sea of Galilee, then walked along Sea of Galilee, then headed for hotel. Long, but very eye-opening day.

April 10 - Friday - Took the bus for 45 minutes to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration. We celebrated Mass in the Basilica which is decorated with beautiful mosaics, had the opportunity for Confession, and personal prayer time. We traveled to a restaurant near Nain, where Jesus raised the widow's son, for lunch. After lunch we went to Cana to a church built on the ruins of a house where the miracle of Cana is believed to have occurred. Bishop Etienne renewed the vows of the married couples. We traveled to the site of the town of Magdala, where Jesus preached from a boat. The new chapel built there is round structure with four side chapels with beautiful mosaics. The main altar is a boat on green, serpentine marble, with a reflecting pool behind the glass walls, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. The effect is breathtaking and incredibly beautiful, combining both ancient and modern looks. That ended the day, which had been windy, with misty rain.

April 11 - Saturday - We awoke to a steady rain for a 6:30 Mass in the Chapel of the Beatitudes. After 3 nights in a hotel on the hillside where Jesus taught the Beatitudes, we focused on the Beatitudes as the Bishop celebrated Mass and preached about his feelings on that beautiful spot overlooking the Sea of Galilee. After breakfast we headed south toward the Dead Sea and Jericho, the oldest occupied town in the world. We crossed the outlet to the Sea of Galilee, driving along the Israeli/Jordanian border, with the Golan Heights to the East. The Sea of Galilee is a lake, 7 miles across and 17 miles long and about 150 feet deep, with 27 species of fish, not 153. Orthodox Easter is one week later. Today is Holy Saturday. Renewed baptismal promises and blessed with water from Jordan River by Bishop. As we left the baptism area, we could see Mt. Nebo in the Moab Mountains. This is where Moses looked into the Promised Land.. To the east are the mountains where the Essene community of Qumran is located. This is where the boy shepherd from Bethlehem found the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls. After lunch we went to Temptation Mountain, where Jesus was tempted by the devil. There is a flat rampart on top, an Orthodox monastery in the face of the mountain, and numerous caves where people still live. We then visited a 2200 year old sycamore tree, the only remaining sycamore tree in Jericho, and reputedly the one Zaccheus climbed. A sycamore has a long life, is tall & imposing, and is easy climbable. Then drove through Jerusalem to Bethlehem to our hotel for two nights.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 04-06-18-2015, Continued

April 12 - Sunday - we had a late breakfast (finally) and went to Mass at Annunciation Church, a local parish. The paintings of Mary/Jesus & Elizabeth/John the Baptist and then St. Joseph and the child Jesus were quite striking. The Mass was in Arabic with Deacon Tom also proclaiming the Gospel in English. Bishop Etienne gave the homily, translated by the parish priest. Quite an interesting bi-lingual presentation. We had coffee after Mass with the congregation, then listened to an explanation of being a Palestinian Christian in a Jewish State. After lunch we drove through Bethlehem to the Shepherds Field, then went into one of the caves where the shepherds would have stayed. The shepherds were Bedouins and were outcasts from the local villages. An interesting note was that a young boy from Bethlehem was watching his sheep when he found the Dead Sea scrolls at Qumran. The country around Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and Bethany is very rough. Deep canyons with steep, rocky slopes are typical terrain. Lots of limestone, so lots of caves.

April 13 - Monday - we started in the Basilica of the Nativity, working around the 1st. Monday of Easter in the Orthodox and Armenian Churches. We celebrated Mass in the cave of St Jerome, where he translated the Vulgate. His tomb is there along with the cave where they found the skeletons of the Holy Innocents. We could not go into the cave where Jesus was born due to the crowds, so went to a CRS store where Palestinians are making items for sale. Due to the Separation Wall, people can not go into Jerusalem without special papers, so the unemployment on the West Bank is about 35% for women and 60% for men. We then stopped for lunch on our way back to the Basilica of the Nativity. After lunch we waited in line to go into the grotto where Jesus was born. The manger side is to the left as you enter and the birthplace to the right. The area is quite small, and was crowded with pilgrims venerating the site. It took about 2 hours to get our group through. We then went to the Church of Lazarus, Mary & Martha. The tomb is under a mosque, so we were unable to enter it, but could see the remains of the early church built on the site as well as the new church. We then headed to the hotel for check-in and dinner.

April 14 - Tuesday - The day started early with a 5:15 departure for the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. The basilica is about a 15 minute walk from the hotel. We were able to see and venerate the slab where Jesus was laid to prepare him for burial. Then we went into the tomb, 4 at a time, while Bishop Paul celebrated Mass in the tomb, which is very small. The altar is over the slab where Christ laid. A piece of the stone is preserved in the outer chamber and a piece of the scourging pillar is preserved in a side chapel. The Armenian Orthodox were celebrating Mass before us and a group right behind. We got back to the hotel for breakfast, then left on our way to the Church of St. Peter Gallicantu. The church is built on the ruins of the house of Caiphaz the high priest. After the Last Supper, Jesus walked the steps past the High Priest's house down across the Kidron Valley to the Garden of Gethsemane. He was captured by the guards and brought back up the steps for the High Priest's judgement. After they decided to take him to Pilate, he was lowered into the old cistern (pit) where he spent the night alone until morning when he was taken to Pilate. There is a beautiful statue in the courtyard where Peter denied Jesus.

After lunch, we went into the old City of Jerusalem through Herod's Gate. We went into an old neighborhood to a church built on the ruins of the Antonian Fortress, where Pontius Pilate lived. We descended down to the "Stone Pavement" where Christ was condemned, crowned with thorns and given his cross. This is an incredibly moving place and contains the arch of *Ecco Homo* - "behold the man". Part of the arch is in the chapel and part is over the street outside. After this we went to the Pool of Bethesda and St. Ann's Church, which is built over the house where the Blessed Mother was born, while St. Joachim was serving as a priest in the temple. The Pool of Bethesda, located by the Sheep's Gate is huge and composed of layers of churches. Here, Jesus performed one of his two miracles in Jerusalem, healing the paralytic. At the pool of Siloam he cured the man born blind. We exited the City through St. Stephen's Gate, close to the spot where the Orthodox Church is built over the spot where St. Stephen was stoned. The Bishop took pictures of the four deacons on the trip at the gate - appropriately.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 04-06-18-2015, Continued

April 15 - Wednesday - We left the hotel at 6:00 am to follow the Via Dolorosa. We started at the arch from yesterday and prayed the Stations of the Cross as we retraced Christ's route thru Jerusalem to Mt. Calvary, outside the walls. We took turns carrying a wooden cross as we walked the route. We entered the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre and ascended to the top of Calvary. Under the Orthodox altar is the hole in the rock where the cross stood. We got to kneel down and put our hand in hole that held the cross. Descending from Calvary, we passed by the slab where the body was laid in preparation for burial, then we returned to the outside of the tomb, to complete our journey. We had a discussion about St. Helena finding the true cross and went into the "dump" where she found it. We returned to the hotel for breakfast and then headed out to an audience with the Latin Patriarch. We had an interesting discussion about the Palestinian and peace issues in the Middle East. After lunch we went to the Dormitian Abbey, the site of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. Bishop Paul celebrated Mass in the chapel with some incredible mosaics. After that we walked to the Upper Room, site of the Last Supper, appearance of the resurrected Christ and descent of The Holy Spirit. The scripture reading talking about a man carrying a water jug, indicated a place where men lived, hence doing women's work. This room is above the residence of a group of Essene men who left Jerusalem for Qumran. We detoured to the Wailing Wall to look and pray on our way back to the hotel.

April 16 - Thursday - we started the day in the Garden of Gethsemane, celebrating Mass there. There are only 8 of the olive trees still standing. Since an olive tree never dies if left in the ground, these trees are over 2000 years old. We ascended to the top of the Mount of Olives to the area where Jesus ascended, visiting a convent for lunch. We went to the Chapel of Pater Noster, a chapel built over the cave where Jesus taught his disciples. This is where he taught them the words to the "Our Father". The walls of the chapel have the words of the prayer in every language, quite striking. We looked at the route that Jesus would have taken coming from Bethany on Palm Sunday and also the probable spot where Jesus would have wept over Jerusalem. From the top of the Mount of Olives, the old city and the Temple Mount are below, across the Kidron Valley. It is amazing how rough the country is and how much up and down. The Galileans used to camp on the Mount of Olives when they came to the Temple to pray.

April 17 - Friday - We fly at about 11:00 tonight, this will be a very long day! We drove to the Church of St. John the Baptist, constructed over his birthplace. We saw the cave and a piece of the stone that covered the entrance when Herod killed all the male children under two years old. We saw Mary's Spring, which started flowing after the rock split at the Visitation. We then climbed to the house of Zechariah & Elizabeth, used in summertime. Here is where Elizabeth was staying when Mary arrived for the Visitation. Bishop Paul celebrated Mass in the beautiful church and then after walking back to the bus, up & down, & down & up, we went to Bethlehem for lunch. After lunch we were back to the hotel to pack, last minute shopping, a group briefing, dinner and then on the bus at 7:00 to head for Tel Aviv and the flight home. We left Tel Aviv at 11:00 p.m., arriving in Newark at 4:00 in the morning, cleared customs and caught the flight to Denver and thence to Jackson, arriving at 12:30 p.m. Quite the trip and another spiritual adventure!