

Divine Mercy Sunday  
St. Matthew Catholic Church  
600 Crooks Ave. Ravenswood, WV 26164  
304-273-2175

April 12, 2026  
Sacred Heart Catholic Mission  
2222 Jackson Ave. Point Pleasant, WV 25550



Weekend Mass Schedule  
Saturday, 5:30PM STM  
Sunday, 9:00AM STM  
Sunday: 11:15AM SH

Daily Mass Schedule  
Tuesday -Friday 9:00AM STM

Eucharistic Adoration  
Friday Morning 8:30AM STM  
First Friday of the Month 6:00PM STM

Confession Schedule  
Saturday, 4:30-5:15 PM  
All other days, 15 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment.

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Schedule for the Parish Hall

Sunday, April 12; Ladies Guild meet after Mass

Monday, April 13; 6:30PM; Rosary followed by Knights Meeting

A Note from Fr. Roy

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we are invited to encounter the Risen Lord as the God of Mercy. Through His Resurrection, Jesus reveals that God is not a distant judge who measures our worth by our failures, but a loving Father who freely gives His grace. His first words to the disciples, “Peace be with you,” bring healing, forgiveness, and restoration to their fearful hearts. The Resurrection teaches us that God’s love is not earned, it is a gift. Even in our weakness and doubts, Jesus comes to us, offering peace, mercy, and a new beginning. As the disciples were transformed from fear to courage, we too are called to become witnesses of His mercy in our daily lives. Let us open our hearts to this divine mercy, trust in God’s love, and share that same compassion with others especially the poor, the forgotten, and those in need. For we are not only receivers of mercy, but also instruments of mercy in the world.

Words of Gratitude

With hearts full of gratitude, we sincerely thank all those who made our Lenten journey and Easter celebrations so prayerful, meaningful, and beautiful:

- Our dedicated staff for their tireless service and coordination
- Deacon John for his faithful ministry and support
- Our OCIA coordinators for guiding and forming our catechumens and candidates
- The decorations committee for creating a sacred and uplifting environment
- Our devoted altar servers for their reverence and assistance at the altar
- All who worked behind the scenes in setting up for Mass
- Our lectors for proclaiming the Word of God so beautifully
- The Knights, especially for organizing the Lenten Fish Fry on Fridays and supporting our community
- Our Eucharistic Ministers for their faithful service
- Our wonderful choir members, especially those who led us in prayer during the JCMA Holy Week services (Monday–Friday at noon) & Easter celebrations.
- All who generously prepared food for Sunday receptions, the Easter Vigil celebration, and for our OCIA gatherings every Thursday

Your love, dedication, and service truly reflect the living presence of Christ in our parish community. May God bless each one of you abundantly.

A Special Word to Our Catechumens and Candidates

We extend our heartfelt congratulations and prayers to all our catechumens and candidates who have entered or are entering the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Welcome to our parish family! May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with His peace, strengthen your faith, and guide you always in His love. We are blessed to journey with you.

“Peace be with you!”



Sunday, April 12; Divine Mercy Sunday; Mass 11:15AM; + Shawn & Patrick Hammack, Req. by Betty Hammack

Wednesday, April 15; Confession 5:15 -5:45PM; Mass 6:00PM; Int. For all the sick and suffering.

Sunday, April 19; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter; Mass 11:15AM; +Pam Matura, Req. by Ray Matura.

Holy Thursday, April 2: Collection \$152 Attendance: 18

Good Friday, April 3; Collection \$70 Attendance: 10

Easter Sunday, April 5: Collection \$763, Landscape \$175 Attendance: 65

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Those who want to kneel to receive Holy Communion, please sit in the front pews.
- The Office will be open on Tuesday and Friday, April 14 & 17
- There is a sign-up sheet for Lawn Mowers in the back of the church. Please sign up to keep our landscape looking nice.
- The beautiful job of landscaping cost \$3000. A big Thank You to those who have already donated to help pay for this project. If you would like to donate put LANDSCAPE in the memo of your check or on a plain envelope and we will gratefully credit your contribution. We have received a total of \$225.
- At St. Matthew the Santo Nino Novena begins on Saturday, April 18 and ends with the celebration on Sunday, April 26 with Mass at 11:15AM at St. Matthew followed by the luncheon.
- The Finance Council will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30PM.
- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join Father Roy and Deacon John for a five week bereavement experience called “Grieving with Great Hope”. Join with others who have suffered loss as we learn together in the love of Christ how to grieve with great hope. Sign up sheet and more information in the vestibule.
- On Saturday, May 9 at 3:00PM Sacred Heart will have a Pampered Chef party. This will be a great time for shopping fun & fellowship and the opportunity to get some basic kitchen utensils for the kitchen. Online orders will also be possible. More information later.
- Keep in mind our rumage sale on June 5 & 6 as you are spring cleaning. Donations & volunteers will be appreciated.
- Those who want to kneel to receive Holy Communion, please sit in the front pew.

April Birthdays: Benjamin Browning, Mary Dillard, Leah Williamson

Please Pray for: Farther Pen’s brother, Shannon Case-Perry, Ash Family, Lisa Green, The Family of Danny Richardson, Roy Enrico, Greg Milhoan; Bill Soulsby, Chase Smith, Shirley Livingston, Carl Mann, Jaycey Pittman, Greg Roush, Stephanie Sexton, Perry Estep, Ryan Park, Sharon Gardner, Ruth Angle, Beth Brannon, Doma Hern, Jean Henderson, Robert Bosworth, Stephanie McCausland, Matilda Dillard, Lawana Smith, Shawn Ross, Ray Matura.