

Second Sunday of Lent  
St. Matthew Catholic Church  
600 Crooks Ave. Ravenswood, WV 26164  
304-273-2175



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

EVERY THURSDAY 6:30pm Initiation Ministry (OCIA)

Sun. March 15 after Mass St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Second Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Matthew's & Sacred Heart's Families,

Greetings on Second Sunday of Lent!

“Prayer Changes the Heart” As we continue our Lenten journey, we are reminded that Lent is not simply about giving something up, it is about allowing God to transform us from within. In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain to pray. On the mountain, His glory is revealed not because He changed, but because the disciples were allowed to see more clearly who He truly is. Prayer does the same for us. It opens our eyes. It softens our hearts. It strengthens us for the crosses we must carry.

Like Abraham, we are invited to walk by faith, even when we do not see the whole path ahead. Like the apostles, we may grow sleepy or distracted in prayer. Yet Lent gently calls us back: “This is my beloved Son... listen to Him.”

If you have struggled with your Lenten resolutions, do not lose heart. Lent is not about perfection; it is about returning again and again to the Lord. Every small effort, every sincere prayer, every act of repentance allows God to reshape our hearts.

I warmly encourage all our parishioners to deepen this season of grace:

- Join us for Stations of the Cross as we walk with Jesus toward Calvary.
- Support and participate in our Fish Fry gatherings, a beautiful time of fellowship and community.
- Please mark your calendars for our Lenten Retreat at Sacred Heart Catholic Mission in Point Pleasant on Saturday, March 14, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. This will be a special time of renewal and prayer together.

May this Lent not only change our habits but truly change our hearts. Through prayer, may the Lord transfigure us, strengthen our faith, and lead us from the Cross to the joy of the Resurrection.

I remain,  
Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Roy



Sunday March 1; Second Sunday of Lent; Mass 11:15AM; + Pam Matura, Req. by Ray Matura

Wednesday, March 4; Confessions 5:15 – 5:45PM; Stations of the Cross 6:00PM, Followed by Mass; Int. For our candidates and catechumens who will enter the church at Easter.

Sunday, March 8; Third Sunday of Lent; Mass 11:15AM; +Dr. Nelson A. & Alice Lally Park, Req. by Caitlyn and Charles Towner.

Feb. 22: Collection \$828; Attendance: 39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to pray for Fr. Pen's brother and his family.
- There will be a table in the back of the church for a Lenten Book Sharing. There will be books for both children and adults to take and share during Lent.
- The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Matthew's will continue every Friday during Lent at 4:00PM through March 27. Stations of the Cross follows at 7:00PM.
- 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.
- St. Agnes Parish and Fr. Szabo have invited St. Matthew and Sacred Heart to their Young Adult Bible Study on March 5th starting at 6:00pm at the Hatfield family distillery. There will be pizza served. The address is 224 Haines Branch Rd, Charleston, WV 25320, and I hope to see you there.
- † Saturday, March 14 at Sacred Heart Mission beginning at 9:00AM and finishing at Noon, we are excited to announce a special one-day Lenten Retreat. Father Vargheese will return to lead the retreat. It is a beautiful opportunity to pause, breathe, pray, reflect, and allow Jesus to renew our mind, body, soul, and spirit. This retreat is for everyone, families, youth, young adults, seniors, those returning to faith, lifelong believers, and anyone longing for healing, peace, restoration, clarity, and spiritual strength. Come with an open heart, and leave with a renewed spirit. It will be grace-filled, uplifting, and unforgettable!

March Birthdays: I do not have anyone listed! If I'm missing someone please let me know!

Please Pray for: 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.