

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

May 10, 2026
Sacred Heart 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

Monday, May 11, 6:30PM Rosary followed by Knights Meeting

A Note from Fr. Roy

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Matthew's & Sacred Heart's Families,
Greetings on SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER!

As we reflect on this Sunday's readings, we are gently invited into the heart of our Christian life a life rooted in love, sustained by grace, and expressed through faithful witness. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments"* (John 14:15). This is not a call to a burdensome duty, but to a loving relationship where obedience flows from the heart. True Christian love is not merely words or feelings; it is lived through fidelity to Christ in our daily lives.

Yet, the Lord does not leave us to rely on our own strength. He promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who dwells within us, guiding, strengthening, and reminding us of His truth. This is the beauty of our Catholic faith: we are never alone. Through the sacraments and the life of the Church, the Spirit continues to sustain us, forming us into a community of believers united in Christ. In the Acts of the Apostles, we see how this faith transforms lives. The proclamation of the Gospel brings healing, unity, and *"great joy"* to the people. This reminds us that our faith is not private but communal. We are called to share in the mission of the Church, bringing Christ's light into the world around us.

St. Peter encourages us to *"always be ready to give an explanation for the hope that is in you"* (1 Peter 3:15). Our witness is not about arguments, but about the authenticity of our lives. When we live with gentleness, compassion, and courage, we reflect Christ Himself specially in moments of difficulty and sacrifice. This Sunday, let us renew our commitment to love Christ more deeply, to trust in the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit, and to be joyful witnesses of the hope we carry within us. May our lives become instruments through which God's peace and joy touch the hearts of others.

As we celebrate this week, we also extend our heartfelt prayers and gratitude to all mothers in our parish. In a special way, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church, who is our model of faith, love, and obedience. Wishing all mothers a very Happy Mother's Day! May God bless you abundantly for your love, sacrifice, and unwavering faith. May Mary, our loving Mother, continue to intercede for you and your families.

I remain,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Roy



Sunday, May 10; Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; Mass 11:15AM; +Anthony & Robert Bekeska, Req. by Theresa Bekeska

Wednesday, May 13; Our Lady of Fatima; Confession 5:15pm – 6:45PM; Mass 6:30PM; Int. For increased devotion to the Rosary.

Sunday, May 17; The Ascension of the Lord; Mass 11:15AM; + Patrick and Sean Harty, Req. by Theresa Bekeska.

April 26: Collection \$539 Attendance: 43

May 3: Collection \$1207 Attendance: 39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Those who want to kneel to receive Holy Communion, please sit in the front pews.
- Online shopping for the Pampered Chef party can be done until May 16 at this site <https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/helpstockthekitchen>
- The Bishops of the United States voted to consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the United States with the hope that our people "recognize the kingship of Christ, perfecting the temporal order with the spirit of the Gospel". The consecration will take place on June 11 during the spring meeting of the Bishops. Bishop Brennan is asking that all parishes in our diocese celebrate a Mass the next day on June 12, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We will have a Mass and adoration at 9:00AM on Friday, June 12 and Mass and Adoration at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart. Special readings and prayers will be said at these masses.
- If you would like to be a candidate to be trained to be a Tribunal Advocate to help with the ministry of the Marriage Tribunal please let Father know. It is an 8 week commitment and the training is done via Zoom.
- 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 \$425.
- The Finance Council meets Tuesday, May 12 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.
- Keep in mind our rumage sale on June 5 & 6 as you are spring cleaning. Donations & volunteers will be appreciated.
- Fr. Higgs invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 11-22, 2026. Highlights include: Florence, La Verna, Assisi, Orvieto, Naples, Isle of Ischia, Sorrento, Rome, and The Vatican with an audience with Pope Leo XIV. The cost of \$6,499 includes flights to and from Charleston WV, breakfasts and dinners, tours, hotels, motor coach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Early bird discount for those who register before May 13th. For the itinerary, more details and the option to register online, go to: <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly> or call Fr. Higgs at 304-685-2367.
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Birthdays: Willie Livingston 5/5, Charles Towner 5/8; David Shook 5/14; Daniel Williamson 5/22.

Please Pray for: Gracie Hanson, Jackie Mollett, 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.