

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

April 19, 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

Parking lot repair hopefully will be done this week. Mass will not be cancelled this week so please park on Crooks Ave. and/or in Father's driveway.

A Note from Fr. Roy

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

The Holy Eucharist, the Mass, is truly the *source and summit* of our Christian life. At every Mass, we are nourished at two sacred tables the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist where Jesus speaks to us and gives Himself to us. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we too often walk through life burdened, distracted, or discouraged. Yet, the Risen Lord comes to meet us right where we are. In the Gospel, the disciples did not recognize Jesus at first. Their sorrow clouded their vision. But when He spoke to them, their hearts began to burn within them. And when He broke the bread, their eyes were opened. This is exactly what happens in every Eucharist: Jesus speaks to our hearts and reveals Himself in the breaking of the bread.

Like St. Peter, who was once fearful but later boldly proclaimed the Risen Christ, we too are called to be renewed and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Our faith is not just something we believe, it is something we live and share. The Good News (*Euangelion*) is simple yet powerful: Jesus Christ is risen, and in Him we find true hope, healing, and salvation. In today's fast-paced world, we often lose our inner peace and direction. But the Lord invites us to slow down, to sit with Him, and to encounter Him personally especially in the Eucharist. He does not come to judge us, but to heal, cleanse, and fill our hearts with His love. When we open ourselves to Him, He transforms our sadness into joy, our confusion into clarity, and our weakness into strength.

Santo Niño Novena Invitation

With joyful hearts, I warmly invite all of you to be part of our Santo Niño Novena, beginning on Saturday, April 18. This is a beautiful opportunity for us as a parish family to come together in prayer, devotion, and thanksgiving, asking the Child Jesus to bless our families and our community. The Novena will conclude with a Closing Mass at 11:15 AM on Sunday, April 26.

Let us come together, just as the disciples gathered, to encounter Jesus more deeply. May this time of prayer renew our faith, fill our hearts with His love, and draw us closer to Him and to one another. "Stay with us, Lord." God bless you all.

I remain,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Roy



Sunday, April 19; Third Sunday of Easter; Mass 11:15AM; +Pam Matura, Req. by Ray Matura.

Wednesday, April 22; Confession 5:15 -5:45PM; Mass 6:00PM; Int. For peace and unity among all Christians.

Sunday, April 26; Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mass 11:15AM; + Fr. Wayne Gibbeaut, Sidney, Cecil & Wilma Gibbeaut, Req. by Betty Hammack Sunda

April 12: Collection \$478, Landscape \$100 Attendance: 28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Those who want to kneel to receive Holy Communion, please sit in the front pews.
- The Solemn Mass for the 100th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling is on Tuesday April 21 at 5:00PM. There will be a reception afterwards in the Great Hall of Wheeling Central Catholic High School so if you want to attend you must let Father know right away. He only has so many reservations.
- There will be a Parish Evangelization Team meeting on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 at St. Matthew.
- 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 \$325.
- The celebration of Santo Niño will be on Sunday, April 26 with Mass at 11:15AM at St. Matthew followed by a covered dish luncheon with some delicious Phillipino dishes and desserts. Bring a covered dish or a dessert and come and enjoy the fun.
- The Finance Council meeting was changed to Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30PM so it did not coincide with the 100th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Wheeling.
- 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: 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.