

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy
Parsons, West Virginia



Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi,

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Parish Website:

www.stsite.com

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the priest to make arrangements. Instructions for both parents are required.

Sponsors from outside the Parish need a letter of eligibility from their Pastors.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made with the Pastor at least six months in advance of the intended date of marriage. Preparation classes with the Pastor are required.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

If you know of anyone who is seriously ill, hospitalized, shut-in, or about to undergo surgery, Please contact the Pastor or the Parish office to let us know

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 p.m., and 30 minutes before all weekday Masses and anytime upon request.

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 3, 2013

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of **October**, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and churches:

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, Sunday 11/20/2013;

Our Lady of Mercy - **NO MASS** in November.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

What is the economic impact of almost 40 years of abortion on demand? In addition to reducing the number of consumers, abortion thereby reduces the number of jobs. Most significantly, abortion denies us the talents and the creativity of 54 million unique human beings. Economist Julian Simon has observed that "in the long run, the most important economic effect of population size and growth is the contribution of additional people to our stock of useful knowledge."

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today we support our family and friends who have served this nation with distinction. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces wherever they serve, no matter the circumstances. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to the first-ever national Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

THANK YOU LADIES

Thanks to all the ladies who supported us by baking and donating such delicious goodies for our bake sale several weeks ago. Our bake sale was a success thanks to your efforts. A special thank you to all of the ladies who have helped with the many funeral luncheons over the past couple of months. Your help setting up, donating and preparing foods, and cleaning up has been invaluable and most appreciated. Thank you!

—The Society of St. Thomas Women.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

We continue our next set of Bible Study classes this week at Our Lady of Mercy. **The study is postponed for 2 weeks at St. Thomas.** Session 10 will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church this Wednesday, November 6th at 6:30 PM. Be sure to cover these lessons before you come to class. We invite anyone who may be interested, to come and join us.

VISITING PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND

Please take note of the Mass schedule. Fr. Grassi is going on vacation over the next two weeks. While he is away, Fr. Michael Beers will be covering the Masses and Confessions on the weekend of November 9th & 10th. Confessions will be at the usual times at both churches.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

November 3 - ASK FATHER CANCELLED for this month.

November 5 - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting **in the St. Thomas Center** at 7:00 PM.

November 10 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following Mass.

November 13 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting in Thomas at 6:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus room.

Contributions for October 27, 2013

St. Thomas: \$1278.55

Our Lady of Mercy: \$650.00

Thomas Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items.

This month we are seeking **canned soups**. In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST. THOMAS CENTER

Preparation is already underway for the 2013 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner for shut-ins and people of the Davis and Thomas area. This year the dinner will be hosted again in the St. Thomas Center. Volunteers, donations of time, talents and gifts will be needed to provide the following: baked sliced turkeys, dressing, and pumpkin pies and bring them to the St. Thomas Center by 9 AM on Thanksgiving morning; donations of money for potatoes, rolls, butter, milk, and Styrofoam containers for the dinner; help to prepare and serve the meals starting at 9:00 AM in the kitchen at St. Thomas Center; help to deliver meals in the Davis-Thomas, Pierce-Benbush area and Pineview apt.; a group of people to help wash dishes and clean up the Center. If you plan on helping with any of the above mentioned items or you have any questions please call Kathy & Pat Kotten (866-6243).

TRUE STORIES FROM WOMEN WHO HAVE HAD AN ABORTION AND NOW REGRET IT

Printed from: Catholic Planet, www.catholicplanet.com ProLife Stories: Abortion

I was 14 when I got pregnant. I wanted to keep it but my family didn't want me having a baby at such a young age when I had my future and career to look forward to. I did it for all the wrong reasons and though I was young and I couldn't support it I shouldn't have done it. I should have given it up for adoption. I wanted my baby to have a life.

A loving family ... clothes, toys, go to a good school, be able to attend college but my family had a "Reputation" to worry about. I cried ... I felt worthless, I felt like I had turned into nothing ..no one. Nothing seemed to be fun to me like before. Hanging with friends, going to the movies .. just doing the typical stuff that teens do just didn't amuse me like it had. I cried for a year ... I was depressed and felt lonely. I still do but I try not to think about it as much.

Having a baby is a gift not a burden. I wish I would have done things alot different than I did. Its one mistake you can't go back and fix. Its the kind of mistake that you will have to live with for the rest of your life.

-- submitted anonymously

I cannot tell you what led me to abortion. Whatever happened before that moment is pointless. What I do remember is every second of every day thereafter. I remember every face I saw that day. I can remember every sound there was to hear. I remember antiseptic smell. I remember the hospital gown. I remember wondering how many other people had worn it before me. I remember the colors in the waiting room. I remember exactly the spot where I parked my car. I remember signing a paper stating I would have a ride home. I remember driving home alone. I remember being the only person crying in the recovery room. I remember the instructions given for "after care". I remember lying to people about where I was that day. I remember picking up my daughter from my Mom's house on my way home. I remember not being able to look at her. I remember walking in my front door. I remember the person I was before that moment.

I wish I had to conjure up these memories. Everyday since that day, without warning, I remember.

I was raised and still try to be a Catholic. I know in my heart that God will forgive me if I ask Him to. I will not ask. I will never forgive myself. My actions are unforgivable.

I have a daughter whom I love more than anything. I have wonderful parents and siblings whom I cherish. I have a good job and a nice home.

What I lost that day is peace of mind. I will never get it back.

I am sure that women have many reasons for having abortions. The circumstances leading to an unwanted pregnancy are trivial. Abortion is an extreme act of selfishness.

Selfishness so powerful I was willing to betray myself.

Selfishness so powerful I was willing to betray my unborn child.

-- submitted anonymously

As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of October, we will pray in reparation for sins, for all those serving in our armed forces, for peace in the Middle East and For the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov. 04 Monday	-	NO MASS
Nov. 05 Tuesday	-	NO MASS
Nov. 06 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	(Fr. will say this Mass on vacation)
Nov. 07 Thursday	-	NO MASS
Nov. 08 FRIDAY	-	NO MASS
Nov. 09 SATURDAY	-	NO MASS
Nov. 09 SATURDAY VIGIL	Roy & Josephine Carr	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 10 SUNDAY	Albert DiBacco	9:00 AM Thomas
Nov. 10 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
11/09	Rita Johnson	Beth Spencer	
11/10	Brittany Snyder & Titi Ferguson	Summer Snyder	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
11/10	Emily & Becca Siler	Lukas Thompson	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	11/03 - 11/09: Joanne Sikarskie & Terry Silk		

PRAYER LINE
If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call Mary Frances Evans - Thomas (463-4413) or Martha Nichols - Davis (259-5370) Paula Siler - Parsons (478-4104) or Cindy Long - Parsons (478-4833)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating in the Knights of Columbus room Thomas, and Social Hall, Parsons.

OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD
Meetings are held the second Sunday of the Month immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall.

SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS WOMEN
Every woman of the parish is a member of the Society. Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month (except Jan., Feb., March)

HOLY COMMUNION: *We welcome to the Holy Mass all who share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While all are welcome here, we cannot extend to all an invitation to receive Holy Communion. This is not for lack of Christian hospitality. Rather, it is the recognition by the Catholic Church that real divisions of faith and practice do sadly exist among Christians. Practicing Catholics who go to Confession whenever needed are invited to receive Holy Communion. Non-Catholic Christians and those Catholics who should not receive Holy Communion (including those married outside the church and those in need of the sacrament of Penance) are asked to pray for a spiritual communion with the Lord Jesus and for the unity of His Church. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion but who would like to receive a blessing are invited to indicate this desire by crossing their arms across their chests as they approach the priest in the Communion procession.*

Let us remember in prayer all of our sick and shut-ins:

Dorothy Breth, Champ Sedmock, Frances Shaga, Vivian Bozic, Solena Massi, Lois Lamont, "Sob" Gennantonio, Martha Kochenderfer, Eleanor James, Earl & Mary Moore, J. Pat and Martha Nichols, Muriel Nestor, Eula Jean & Henry Udovich, Elizabeth Lane, Vincent DiBacco, Judy Gutshall, Dan and Mary Ingram, Mary Johnson, Yvonne Lothes and Mike Michael.

We offer a hearty welcome to all of our visitors! If you would like to make a contribution to our parish, please use the visitor's envelope in the pew.