

# *SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH*

*Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY*

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy  
Parsons, West Virginia



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## **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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2013*

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of **November**, 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

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

—Pope Francis, Communique to the CBCEW (Bishops of Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales), July 17, 2013

## 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).

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Mike Lecias invites you to join him on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan on June. For more details, contact Ms. Vicky Dargo (Group Coordinator): Email: vickydargo@yahoo.com or Phone: 304-575-2806.

## COVERED DISH DINNER TODAY!

A covered dish dinner will be held immediately following the 11 AM Mass at Our lady of Mercy Church today, Sunday, November 17th. All are invited to come.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES



We continue our next set of Bible Study classes this week. (Session 11) will be held at St. Thomas this **Monday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 PM**. Session 12 will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church this Wednesday, Nov. 20 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.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**November 17** - Covered dish dinner immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy.

**November 24** - **Teen Night** with Fr. Grassi at 5 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

**November 28** - **THANKSGIVING** - Dinner at the St. Thomas Center; takeout and deliveries as usual.

**December 01** - **ASK FATHER** immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons.

**December 03** - Society of St. Thomas Women will meet at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference room.

## Contributions for November 10, 2013

**St. Thomas: \$1548.25**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$468.00**

## Thomas Food Pantry

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

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

## A Message by George Carlin:

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways , but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side..

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent..

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

*As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of November, 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Nov. 18 Monday	Isabel Ditota	7:15 AM Thomas
Nov. 19 Tuesday	Margaret Cassell	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 20 Wednesday	Yvonne Lothes	9:00 AM Parsons
Nov. 21 Thursday	Tony Lambruno	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 22 FRIDAY	Betty Swantek	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 23 SATURDAY	Michael Ditota	9:00 AM Parsons
Nov. 23 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Frances DePollo	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
Nov. 24 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
Nov. 24 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Kim Rizzuti & William Burt	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
11/23	Kathy Supak	Nancy Zizunas	
11/24	Brittany & Summer Snyder	Michelle Snyder	Wesley Snyder

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
11/24	Tom Gutshall & Dee Oldaker	Joanne Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	11/17 - 11/23: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco		

**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, "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, 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.**