

# *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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[www.stsite.com](http://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.

***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 24, 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

"Abortion should be listed as a weapon of mass destruction against the voiceless."

— E.A. Bucchianeri

## THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST. THOMAS CENTER

It is almost time for our 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).

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Next Sunday we will be gathering food and monetary donations at the entrance of the Our Lady of Mercy Church. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry.

## TEEN NIGHT!

All teens who have had Confirmation are asked to join Father tonight at 5:00 PM in the Our Lady of Mercy Church Social Hall for "Teen Night." Come and enjoy an evening of fun, games and Catholic chat!

## FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

All the flowers in the sanctuary at Our Lady of Mercy Church are in loving memory of **Kim Rizzuti & William Burt** by their daughter, Lynn Smith.



## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

The Bible Study class in Thomas this week has been postponed. We will continue with (Session 12) next **Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 PM**. Be sure to cover this lesson before you come to class.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**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 - First Sunday of Advent**

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

**December 01** - Knights of Columbus Christmas Party at 5:00 PM in the St. Thomas Center.

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

**December 8/9** - National Night of Prayer for Life beginning at 9 PM Sunday to 1:00 AM Monday at St. Thomas.

**December 11** - K of C monthly meeting at 6:00 PM in the Parsons Social Hall.

## Contributions for November 17, 2013

**St. Thomas: \$1787.00**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$682.45**

## 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.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE DECEMBER 8/9, 2013

It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The National Night of Prayer for Life bridges these two feasts. It honors Our Blessed Mother and prays for Her to establish a Culture of Life, to preserve Liberty, to protect the Faith and to beg Her Son to REVIVE OUR LAND. Tragically, Life, Liberty and Faith are seriously threatened in the United States. Disregard for Life and hostility toward religion have caused terrible harm. Our Lord promises in Holy Scripture: "If my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my presence and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and revive their land" (2 Chronicles 7: 12-22). We must again unite in prayer to re-establish a Culture of Life and true Freedom in America! All are invited to participate!

Join us in UNITY OF PRAYER across the country in our cathedrals, churches, and chapels, highlighting Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. Now more than ever, America needs to invoke the intercession of our Blessed Mother!!

**St. Thomas Aquinas Church — December 8/9, 2013 — 9:00 PM Sunday to 1:00 AM Monday.**

**National Hour of Unity is 12:00 AM to 1:00 AM.**

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR TYPHOON RELIEF IN THE PHILIPPINES

Today our parish will take a special collection in response to the devastating typhoon that struck the Philippines last weekend. Typhoon Haiyan has claimed the lives of thousands of people, and media reports have depicted widespread destruction of entire communities in the path of the super storm. All funds collected by our parish will be forwarded to the diocese, who will combine our offerings with those from other parishes across West Virginia to provide a major contribution to typhoon relief. According to CRS, here is how your gift can make a difference:

- \$8 provides a water kit for a family. This includes 1 jerry can, 1 pail and aqua tabs for water purification.
- \$15 provides an emergency shelter kit. This includes tarps and nails that are combined with local materials to create emergency shelter.
- \$22 provides household living supplies. This includes sleeping mats, three blankets, utensils, plastics, glasses, and a cooking pot.
- \$28 provides hygiene kits. This includes a two-month family supply of soap, laundry detergent, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine sanitary napkins, and towels.

*Note: Dollar amounts cover items only. They do not include costs associated with distribution, training and monitoring.*

If you cannot make a gift during Mass today, you may contribute online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org). Click on the Typhoon Relief Fund icon to participate electronically.

On behalf of those affected by this disaster in the Philippines, thank you for your generous support of today's collection.

## SQUARE DANCE



Bow to your partner and then promenade to the square dance on Friday, November 29th at the St. Thomas Center. A Potluck will begin at 7:00 PM and the dance will follow at 8:00 PM. Bring your favorite food or drink to share. There will be a \$5 cover charge at the door. Beginners welcome.

Come and enjoy an evening of great fun for the whole family.

*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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Nov. 25 Monday	Pauline Staron Sparks	7:15 AM Thomas
Nov. 26 Tuesday	Alice, Joseph & Michael Fortini	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 27 Wednesday	Jim Cassell	9:00 AM Parsons
Nov. 28 Thursday ( <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> )	Leonard Teranto	<b>9:00 AM</b> Thomas
Nov. 29 FRIDAY	Patrick Flanagan	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov. 30 SATURDAY	Jane Obyc	9:00 AM Parsons
Nov. 30 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Jesus & Manette Villamor	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
Dec. 01 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Jack Zur	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
Dec. 01 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
11/30	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Kathy Supak	
12/01	Titi Ferguson & Mary Sagace	John Ferguson	Nathaniel Rader

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
12/01	Emily & Miranda Siler	Jessica Gutshall	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	11/24 - 11/30: Pat Usnik & Chris Rosenau		

**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, Joe Sagace, Jim Willis, Russ Perando, Jo Ann Michael 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.**