

# *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.

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 2014*

### 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 10/19/14;

**Our Lady of Mercy** - 12:30 PM, Sunday 10/12/14

**(St. Thomas** - Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. at 7:45 AM)



### PRO-LIFE CORNER

"The real question today is not when human life begins, but, What is the value of human life? The abortionist who reassembles the arms and legs of a tiny baby to make sure all its parts have been torn from its mother's body can hardly doubt whether it is a human being. The real question for him and for all of us is whether that tiny human life has a God-given right to be protected by the law—the same right we have."

— Ronald Reagan

### COLUMBUS DAY DINNER TODAY!

The Knights of Columbus, Thomas Council 2010, will have their annual Columbus Day dinner at Our Lady of Mercy Church social hall in Parsons today, Sunday, October 12th, 2014 at 5:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$15.00 per person. All Knights and their wives are invited to attend.

**(INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AT 4:30 PM)**



### PASTA FAZOOOL DINNER

Come and enjoy a delicious dinner of "Pasta Fazool," salad, bread and dessert, on Friday, Oct. 24th from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the St. Thomas Center. Cost: only \$6.00. Carry-outs available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to benefit youth activities.

### CORTLAND ACRES BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Our Lady of Mercy Guild is sponsoring the Cortland Acres October birthday party on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 2:00 PM. If you plan on attending please arrive at 1:30 PM to help set-up. All help is greatly appreciated.

### BAKE SALE TODAY!

The Society of St. Thomas Women are having a bake sale today, Sunday, October 12th. They will have a variety of delicious home-made baked goods available after the 9 AM Mass.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend October 18th & 19th for the **Universal Mission collection.**

### EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**October 12** - Knights of Columbus - Columbus Day Dinner at Our Lady of Mercy at 5:00 PM.

**October 21** - Parish Council Meeting in Thomas after 5PM Mass.

**October 24** - Pasta Fazool dinner from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at the St. Thomas Center.

**November 02** - "ASK FATHER" immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons

**November 04** - Society of St. Thomas Women will meet at 7:00 in the Rectory conference room.

**November 09** - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following Mass in the Social Hall.

### Contributions for October 5, 2014

**St. Thomas: \$2471.00**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$748.00**

### BLACKWATER MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items. This month we are seeking **tomato soup**. In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

## CLARITY IN THE VOTING BOOTH

By Hugh Brown

Our choices in the upcoming November 2014 election reveal a clarity that is perhaps more striking than that seen by any previous generation.

The age of living a "comfortable Christian life" is over. We live in a culture that kills several preborn children every 60 seconds and works tirelessly, at every possible moment, to destroy the sanctity of marriage, pervert our children, and undermine the family.

So, what can we do? We know that Scripture tells us we war against "powers and principalities." We war against Satan and his evil spirits that have been unleashed on this age. Fear is an instrument of the devil that is used to intimidate and silence our beliefs. It is used to make people feel uncomfortable about standing up for the truth or risking being ridiculed for their beliefs. But we live in a time when being a Christian requires a sincere and courageous commitment to follow Christ and live our faith without fear. Therefore, we pray, we stand firm, and we know that if Christ is for us, who can be against us?

But there is more we can do; there is more we must do. We also live in a country whose freedoms and greatness were forged by men and women whose anthropology was belief in Jesus Christ, unwavering belief in the greatness and goodness of natural law, and the fundamental belief that serving God and living according to His truths brought God's blessings and peace to this great nation. They sacrificed their comfort, they sacrificed their freedoms, and they sacrificed many of their lives to allow us to enjoy the lives we have today.

We cannot afford to look back 5, 10, or 20 years from now and lament, "I wish I could have done more" to preserve our freedoms, and preserve the goodness and virtue of right thinking and moral beliefs. We have a responsibility that is bigger than ourselves; we have a moral obligation that is as serious today as at any point in human history.

We can have no fear and we must act. You have the power and moral responsibility to vote for men and women who first fear the Lord, and through their deep commitment and love of God, try to avoid offending Him.

When I'm asked if I'm a Democrat or a Republican, I respond as follows:

*"Since 1973, the Democratic Party has facilitated the deaths of over 60,000,000 innocent preborn children through decriminalized surgical and medical abortion. They have embraced every form of killing: surgical abortion, chemical abortion, medical abortion, infanticide, and outright murder. They have embraced perversity and homosexuality as a God-given right, and have demonized timeless moral truth and those who stand for virtue. Their deception is relentless, and many of them shamelessly profess, in the same breath, that they are "Christians."*

I have lamented the death of the Christian Democrat, for it seems that the terms "Christian" and "Democrat" are now antithetical. At the same time, many of us can think of Republicans who are no better than what I have just described.

However, I would also point out, by way of contrast, that there are many brave men and women who fearlessly stand for life; for marriage; and for the defense of the family, our religious liberty, and our other freedoms.

For this election, take on the responsibility to prepare yourself by reading and growing in your understanding of what is at stake. And then support and vote for men and women who authentically embrace life, embrace truth of marriage and the family, and who have not dedicated their lives to promoting murder, other forms of evil, and deception.

The hour is dark, but your light can make a difference.

*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**  
***Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Oct. 13	Monday	Patrick Flanagan	7:15 AM	Thomas
Oct. 14	Tuesday	Leonard Teranto	5:00 PM	Thomas
Oct. 15	Wednesday	Helen Vachon	9:00 AM	Parsons
Oct. 16	Thursday	Rhoda Kotten	5:00 PM	Thomas
Oct. 17	Friday	Mary Korosec	5:00 PM	Thomas
Oct. 18	Saturday	Frances Shaga	9:00 AM	Parsons
Oct. 18	<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Randy Columbo	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
Oct. 19	<b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
Oct. 19	<b>SUNDAY</b>	Dick Sakal	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
10/18	Kathy Supak	Nancy Zizunas	
10/19	Titi Ferguson & Mary Sagace	John Ferguson	Isaac Quattro

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
10/19	Lillian Plumley & Kaylee DiBacco	Lukas Thompson	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	10/12 - 10/18: Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall		

**PRAYER LINE**

**If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call Mary Frances Evans - Thomas (463-4413)  
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. daylight savings time, (6:00 p.m. standard time), alternating in the Knights of Columbus room Thomas, and Social Hall, Parsons. Visit us at: [thomaskofc2010.org](http://thomaskofc2010.org)

**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) in the Rectory Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. **Cookbooks are still available. \$10.00**

**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, Vivian Bozic, "Sob" Gennantonio, Eleanor James, J. Pat Nichols, Earl & Mary Moore, Eula Jean & Henry Udovich, Elizabeth Lane, Judy Gutshall, Vincent DiBacco, Dan and Mary Ingram, Mary Johnson, Joe Sagace, Jim Willis, Russ Perando, Jack Lambruno, Jo Ann Michael, Betty Stewart, Shari Burns and Joan Brofka.

**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.**