

# *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.

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 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

"Two years ago in South Carolina, a pregnant woman who was doing crack cocaine miscarried. She was eventually convicted of murder for killing her baby and is currently doing time. Just think, if she had taken RU-486, the results would have been the same, except that no charges would have been brought against her and she'd be a free woman. Let me see if I understand this: If you kill your baby by accident using an illegal drug, it's murder. But, if you kill the same baby on purpose using a legal drug, it's called an abortion, so it's OK."  
--An anonymous professor at the University of South Carolina

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS). The guiding mission of the AMS is to provide the sacraments—and the re-affirming Word of Christ—to the men and women serving in our armed forces, patients in VA Medical Centers, civilians working for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations. To provide these services they need your help - the AMS receives no federal funding.



### WITH SYMPATHY

Please pray for the soul of **Jack Lambruno** who was buried from our parish church this past week. Please pray for the consolation of his family as well.

### REMINDER TO ALL CCD STUDENTS



All students are expected to attend Adoration, Benediction and Mass on First Friday, Nov. 7th at St. Thomas Church. This will replace your Sunday, November 9th religious education classes. All parents are encouraged to join us.



### ATTENTION TEENS!

All teens beyond Confirmation are invited to join Fr. Grassi for pizza and then bowling following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons today, October 26th.

### CHRISTMAS BASKET RAFFLE

The Society of St. Thomas Women is raffling off a **"HUGE" Christmas basket** with a multiple variety of great gifts (including a \$100 Wal-Mart card!) Be sure to get your \$5 chance today! Chances are also available in Parsons.

### EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**November 02** - NO "ASK FATHER" meeting this month at Our Lady of Mercy.

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

**November 07** - **First Friday** Adoration, Benediction and Mass in Thomas, for CCD children.

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

**November 12** - Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:00 PM in Parsons.

### Contributions for October 19, 2014

**St. Thomas: \$2,561.41**

*Universal Missions: \$290.66*

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$803.00**

*Universal Missions: \$178.00*

### BLACKWATER MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items. This month we are seeking **tomato soup**. Each month we will let you know the items that are most needed.  
(PLEASE NO OUTDATED ITEMS.)

## BABY VICTOR: LAID TO REST AFTER 50 YEARS

By Debi Vinnedge (Continued from last week.)

### **A sickening irony**

When I shared with other pro-life organizations and friends what this holy nun did, each confirmed that it was a profound act of love and should help raise awareness of an atrocity that we, as a nation, have allowed to continue for far too long. "All of these babies deserve respect and recognition," declared Judie Brown, president of American Life League. "With the Gosnell trial exposing the horrors of late-term abortions, we seem to forget those whose screams are never heard audibly, but who nonetheless exist."

Indeed, while even hardened pro-abortion leaders distanced themselves from abortionist Kermit Gosnell's butchering of late-term and newborn babies, millions more babies will never be seen or heard, but are as dead as those whom Gosnell and his staff murdered.

I could not help but wonder if there would ever be so fitting an end for the other aborted babies who are currently used in medical products, known only by labels such as WI-38, MRC-5, HEK-293, and PER C6.3 The nation recoiled in horror over those babies whose spinal cords were snipped by Gosnell after being born alive. Likewise, many of these babies used in vaccine research survived prostaglandin abortions and were then dissected while still alive. Are the ghastly deaths inflicted on these earlier-term children any less significant?

Casually accepting the use of aborted fetal cell lines in medical treatments has led to a despicable sully of our attitude toward the most vulnerable human beings and has legitimized the gross commercialization of babies ripped from their mothers' wombs. We have been lulled into believing that this barbaric and utilitarian practice is somehow the right thing to do, because, alas, we have no choice: We must protect society from infectious disease at all costs, and therefore we must become slaves to the culture of death.

But make no mistake: Using aborted babies as products to help those fortunate children who did not have their lives snuffed out before birth is akin to the most depraved form of cannibalism imaginable. Yet we are asked to accept it for every polite reason. What kind of a civilization have we become when we can find no better way to protect ourselves from disease than by using the remains of murdered children?

Little Victor Marie, pray for us!

Debi Vinnedge is the founder and executive director of Children of God for Life ([www.COGforLife.org](http://www.COGforLife.org); 727-483-9251), an American Life League Associate group. To learn more about ALL's Associate Program, visit [www.all.org/associates](http://www.all.org/associates) or call 540-659-4171.

### **Beyond horrific: How fetal tissue is harvested**

In his talk at a 1994 Human Life International conference in Irvine, California, former abortionist Dr. Bernard Nathanson discussed immunologist Dr. Peter McCullagh's 1987 book, *The Foetus as Transplant Donor: Scientific, Social and Ethical Perspectives*. Dr. McCullagh reveals methods used to harvest human fetal tissue in Sweden, summarized by Dr. Nathanson thus:

[T]hey have been puncturing the sac of a pregnant woman at . . . 14 to 16 weeks, and then they put a clamp on the head of the baby, pull the head down into the neck of the womb, drill a hole into the baby's head, and then put a suction machine into the brain and suck out the brain cells. . . . Now at 21 weeks, what they were doing, or 18 weeks, or 16 weeks, was what are called prostaglandin abortions. They would inject a substance into the womb. The woman would then go into mini-labor and pass this baby. Fifty percent of the time, the baby would be born alive, but that didn't stop them. They would just simply open up the abdomen of the baby with no anesthesia, and take out the liver and kidneys. (Bernard Nathanson, MD, "Harvesting the Fetus," *Vida Humana Internacional*)

In "Cultivation of Poliomyelitis Virus in Tissue Culture," (*Canadian Journal of Medical Sciences* 30 [1952]: 232), authors Joan C. Thicke et al. stated, "Human embryos of two and one-half to five months gestation were obtained from the gynaecological department of the Toronto General Hospital. . . . [I]n many of the embryos the heart was still beating at the time of receipt in the virus laboratory."

In *Vivisection or Science: A Choice to Make* (1991: 99'108), pathologist Pietro Croce, MD, quotes Gonzalo Herranz, professor of histology and general embryology at the University of Navarra in Spain: "The correct way consists in having recourse to Caesarian section or to the removal of the uterus. Only in this way can bacteriological sterility be guaranteed. In either case, then, to obtain embryo cells for culture, a programmed abortion must be adopted, choosing the age of the embryo and dissecting it while still alive to remove tissues to be placed in culture media."

In *Confessions of a Pro-Life Missionary* (1988), Father Paul Marx, founder of Human Life International, quotes Dr. Ian Donald, who described the experiments he witnessed at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden (where cell lines WI-1 through WI-38 and beyond were cultured from aborted babies): "Experiments were being performed on near-term alive aborted babies . . . who were not even afforded the mercy of anesthetic as they writhed and cried in agony, and when their usefulness had expired, they were executed and discarded as garbage."

*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**  
***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Oct. 27	Monday	Eli Botizan	7:15 AM	Thomas
Oct. 28	Tuesday	Frances Shaga	5:00 PM	Thomas
Oct. 29	Wednesday	Zdzislaw Fiutowski	9:00 AM	Parsons
Oct. 30	Thursday	Hildegard Studer	5:00 PM	Thomas
Oct. 31	Friday	Frances Shaga	5:00 PM	Thomas
Nov. 01	<b>First Saturday</b>	Zdzislaw Fiutowski	9:00 AM	Parsons
Nov. 01	<b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	People of the Parish	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
Nov. 02	<b>SUNDAY</b>	Intentions of the Pope	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Thomas</b>
Nov. 02	<b>SUNDAY</b>	Poor Souls in Purgatory	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
11/01	Pat & Kathy Kotten	Kathy Supak	
11/02	Titi Ferguson	Summer Snyder	Nathaniel Rader

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
11/02	Emily Siler & Dee Oldaker	Joanne Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	10/26 - 11/01: Pat Usnik & Christine Rosenau		

**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, Michael Flanagan 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.**