

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,

P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292 —Tel: 304-463-4488

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.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 19, 2016

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass) Sunday 06/19/16;
(Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. at 7:45 AM)

(St. Patrick - Weston - 4:00 PM, Sunday 06/12/16.)
(High Mass)

PRO-LIFE CORNER

The crime of abortion is nearly always a chain sin. A cluster of persons share the guilt: abortionist, assistants, office staff, hospital management, advertisers and responsible politicians – and those who remained passive when they should have spoken or acted or prayed.”

++ Msgr. Vincent Foy ++

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I HAVE A
HERO
I CALL HIM
DAD
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Happy Father's Day!

To honor all the Father's of our Parish, we will have a Father's day breakfast immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas and a picnic immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons at Mill Race Park. All are invited to attend one or both of these special events.

FOOD IS NEEDED!

Just a reminder to give to your local Food Pantry. Donations are down and your help with food and monetary donations is greatly needed. Please bring in your donations anytime during the month and leave them in the back of the church. Thanks to all who have already given so generously!

2016 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

St. Thomas.....**\$6,326.00 pledged**
(Goal: \$9,910.00) 64% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy**\$3,220.00 pledged**
(Goal: \$3,065.00) 105% of goal met.

THANKS TO ALL!

I wish to express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to all the Parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Mercy for all the prayers, thoughts and offers of help during my recent hospitalization. The recovery will be slow but through the power of your prayers I can say a sincere "Thank You." —Pat Kotten

SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

Adoration before our Lord present in the tabernacle fosters adoration before the Lord really and truly present in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament of the altar. **When entering or leaving church please observe silence.** If you want to talk to your fellow parishioners please whisper one line—"I'll meet you in the vestibule or outside."

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

June 19 - Father's Day breakfast after Mass in Thomas and Father's day picnic after Mass in Parsons.

June 26 - Cake immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons to congratulate our graduates.

July 05 - Society of St. Thomas Women will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the Rectory conference room.

July 13 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in Mercy Hall in Parsons.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 12, 2016

St. Thomas: \$2,239.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$931.00

BLACKWATER MINISTRY FOOD PANTRY

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

A FATHER'S DAY STORY

One day, father was doing some work and his son came and asked, "Daddy, may I ask you a question?" Father said, "Yeah sure, what is it?" So his son asked, "Dad, how much do you make an hour?" Father got a bit upset and said, "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?" His son said, "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?" So, father told him that "I make \$100 per hour."

"Oh", the little boy replied, with his head down. Looking up, he said, "Dad, may I please borrow \$50?" The father furiously said, "if the only reason you asked about my pay is so that you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or other nonsense, then march yourself to your room and go to bed. Think why you are being so selfish. I work hard every day and do not like this childish behavior."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think, "Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$50 and he really didn't ask for money very often!" The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door. "Are you asleep, son?" He asked. "No daddy, I'm awake," replied the boy. "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier", said the man. "It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you, Here's the \$50 you asked for".

The little boy sat straight up, smiling "oh thank you dad!" He yelled. Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up notes. The man, seeing that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, then looked up at his father.

"Why do you want money if you already had some?" the father grumbled. "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do," the little boy replied. "Daddy I have \$100 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you". The Father was dumbstruck.

Moral: It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life! We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. If we die tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family & friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our family.

A FATHER'S LOVE

An 80 year old man was sitting on the sofa in his house along with his 45 year's old highly educated son. Suddenly a crow perched on their window. The Father asked his Son, "What is this?" The Son replied "It is a crow". After a few minutes, the Father asked his Son the 2nd time, "What is this?" The Son said "Father, I have just now told you "It's a crow". After a little while, the old Father again asked his Son the 3rd time, "What is this?" At this time some expression of irritation was felt in the Son's tone when he said to his Father with a rebuff. "It's a crow, a crow, a crow". A little after, the Father again asked his Son the 4th time, "What is this?" This time the Son shouted at his Father, "Why do you keep asking me the same question again and again, although I have told you so many times 'IT IS A CROW'. Are you not able to understand this?"

A little later the Father went to his room and came back with an old tattered diary, which he had maintained since his Son was born. On opening a page, he asked his Son to read that page. When the son read it, the following words were written in the diary:-

"Today my little son aged three was sitting with me on the sofa, when a crow was sitting on the window. My Son asked me 23 times what it was, and I replied to him all 23 times that it was a Crow. I hugged him lovingly each time he asked me the same question again and again for 23 times. I did not at all feel irritated I rather felt affection for my innocent child".

While the little child asked him 23 times "What is this", the Father had felt no irritation in replying to the same question all 23 times and when today the Father asked his Son the same question just 4 times, the Son felt irritated and annoyed.

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....237

Total Rosaries for the year.....1,079

Please pray the Rosary remembering reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and For the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for all those serving in our armed forces.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jun 20 Monday	*John H. Johnson	7:15 AM Thomas
Jun 21 Tuesday	Donna Susman	5:00 PM Thomas
Jun 22 Wednesday	V.J. Horowitz	9:00 AM Parsons
Jun 23 Thursday	James Quattro	5:00 PM Thomas
Jun 24 Friday	Joseph Francis	5:00 PM Thomas
Jun 25 Saturday	Eula Jean Udovich	9:00 AM Parsons
Jun 25 SATURDAY VIGIL	Paul Defuria	5:00 PM Thomas
Jun 26 SUNDAY	Rose Nypl	9:00 AM Thomas
Jun 26 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS 06/25 06/26	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Kathy Supak Brittany Cross	READERS Nancy Zizunas Don Woods	ALTAR BOYS Mateo Hinkle
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PARSONS 06/26 Cleaning:	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Kaylee DiBacco & Lillian Plumley 06/19 - 06/25: Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall	READER Fred Sikarskie	ALTAR BOYS Any and all Available!
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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
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 Sunday of the month (except Jan., Feb., March) in the Parish Center after the 9:00 AM Mass. **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:
 Champ Sedmock, "Sob" Gennantonio, Eleanor James, J. Pat Nichols, Mary Moore, Vincent DiBacco, Dan Ingram, Mary Johnson, Joe Sagace, Jim Willis, Russ Perando, Jo Ann Michael, Sherry Burns, Edith DiBacco, Edward Brobst and Frank Hoffner.

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.