

# *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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Parish Website:

[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.

*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 03, 2016*

### THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

**St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass)** Sunday 07/17/16;  
(Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. at 7:45 AM)

**(St. Patrick - Weston - 4:00 PM, Sunday 07/10/16.)**  
**(High Mass)**

### PRO-LIFE CORNER

“America you are beautiful . . . and blessed . . . . The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then America, defend life.”

*++ Pope Saint John Paul II ++*



## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

For the Freedoms that we all enjoy...  
Our Thanks go to the young men and women  
serving in all branches of the military. We salute you!

## GOD BLESS AMERICA!



### CCWVa FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION

Bishop Michael Bransfield has approved a special collection to support recovery efforts related to the historic flooding that has struck 44 counties in West Virginia last week.

Parishes and missions in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are asked to take a special second collection during all Masses on the weekend of July 2-3, 2016.

Proceeds from this collection will be used by Catholic Charities West Virginia to assist with long-term recovery efforts. All funds will be used in West Virginia and distributed through our CCWVa network. For those who wish to make a gift now, donors may contribute online to the CCWVa Disaster Recover Services fund at [www.catholiccharities.org](http://www.catholiccharities.org) which will support recovery efforts from the June floods.

### 2016 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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

Our Lady of Mercy ....**\$3,720.00 pledged**  
*(Goal: \$3,065.00) 121% of goal met.*

### BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

A bible study class on the “Gospel of John” will begin next week on Tuesday, July 12th following the 5:00 PM Mass in Thomas at 5:45 PM and on Wednesday, July 13th following the 9:00 AM Mass in Parsons. All are invited to attend.  
(If interested, please sign up for books)



### EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**July 05** - Society of St. Thomas Women will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the Aquinas Hall.

**July 10** - Second collection for **Communications**.

**July 13** - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in the St. Thomas Center Knights room.

**July 21** - 4th degree Knights meeting in the St. Thomas Center Knights room.

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 26, 2016

**St. Thomas: \$2,106.66**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$977.00**

### 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.)

**The Window**  
By Author Unknown

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour a day to drain the fluids from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed next to the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed would live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the outside world. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake, the man had said. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Lovers walked arm in arm amid flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Unexpectedly, an alien thought entered his head: Why should he have all the pleasure of seeing everything while I never get to see anything? It didn't seem fair. As the thought fermented, the man felt ashamed at first. But as the days passed and he missed seeing more sights, his envy eroded into resentment and soon turned him sour. He began to brood and found himself unable to sleep. He should be by that window - and that thought now controlled his life.

Late one night, as he lay staring at the ceiling, the man by the window began to cough. He was choking on the fluid in his lungs. The other man watched in the dimly lit room as the struggling man by the window groped for the button to call for help. Listening from across the room, he never moved, never pushed his own button which would have brought the nurse running. In less than five minutes, the coughing and choking stopped, along with the sound of breathing. Now, there was only silence--deathly silence.

The following morning, the day the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths. When she found the lifeless body of the man by the window, she was saddened and called the hospital attendant to take it away--no words, no fuss. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it all himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall.

**PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED**

*Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....310*

*Total Rosaries for the year.....1,389*

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**  
**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jul 04 Monday	Mary Christine DiBacco	9:00 AM Thomas
Jul 05 Tuesday	-	<b>No Mass</b>
Jul 06 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory ( <i>Fr. will take this Mass with him.</i> )	<b>No Mass</b>
Jul 07 Thursday	Doris M. Silk	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 08 Friday	Mike Scott	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 09 Saturday	Henry Udovich	9:00 AM Parsons
<b>Jul 09 SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Rev. John H. Fahey	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
<b>Jul 10 SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
<b>Jul 10 SUNDAY</b>	Miles Kochenderfer	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
07/09	Rita Johnson	Nancy Zizunas	
07/10	Mary Sagace	Michelle Snyder	Wesley Snyder

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
07/10	Dee Oldaker & Ariona Plumley	Joanne Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	07/03 - 07/09: 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 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, Sherry Burns, Edward Brobst, Frank Hoffner, Darlene Sedmock and Pat Kotten.

**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.**