

# ***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.sttsite.com](http://www.sttsite.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.

***15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 10, 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

"To say that an action is intrinsically illicit is to say that, when committed, it is always evil. There is no circumstance that could ever render the act morally good, or even morally neutral. Abortion is such an intrinsically evil act."

++ Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN (CCC) - 2ND COLLECTION TODAY

CCC funding of the social media campaign enabled impressive and unparalleled results during the six days of the pope's visit: • 2,462 published posts • Five exclusive hashtags created with Twitter • Tens of millions of social media post views • 1.65 million video views (that's 20,000 per hour!)

This means that the millions of people who couldn't travel to the cities the pope visited were still able to participate in real time. These efforts would not be possible without your support! Your contributions to the CCC Collection continue the work of communicating the Gospel around the world. The reach of the CCC is truly immeasurable, and we invite you to become a part of it. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc) to learn how your support makes a difference and shares the light of Christ with all.

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

### A QUOTE FROM BLESSED JACINTA MARTO — A SEER AT FATIMA

*"Fashions that will greatly offend Our Lord will appear. People who serve God should not follow fashions. The Church has no fashions. Our Lord is always the same."*

### BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

A bible study class on the "Gospel of John" will begin this 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 10** - Second collection for **Communications**.

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

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

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 03, 2016

**St. Thomas: \$3,708.48**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$879.00**

### 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.)

## **TINKER BELL SEEMS TO HAVE INVADED THE MINDSET OF MODERN MAN.**

FATHER DWIGHT LONGENECKER

Do you remember that episode in *Peter Pan* when Tinker Bell is about to perish and all the children in the audience are asked to clap their hands if they believe in fairies? Their clapping makes Tinker Bell come back to life.

Tinker Bell seems to have invaded the mindset of modern man. That is to say, too many people think that if you believe something it makes it so, and if you do not believe something that makes it so. How often have you heard people say, "Well, I don't believe in Hell." Then they go on living like the devil — imagining that just not believing in Hell makes Hell go away. Likewise a good number of religious people think that just by believing a particular doctrine makes it so. This is not belief. It is wishful thinking.

This form of relativism is sometimes expressed as "If that belief works for you, then that's good. It doesn't work for me." This is not faith. It is utilitarianism. A person chooses a belief according to how useful it is.

Most non-Catholic Christians treat the Church as simply a useful, manmade institution. They do not stop to think what might be the true Church, because they don't think such a thing exists. Instead churches are like fast food franchises. You choose which one works for you and you can "have it your way."

An increasing number of Catholics operate the same way. They choose the items of Church belief and practice they like best, and reject what they don't like. St Benedict named four types of monks, and these he called the "gyrovagues". He writes in the Rule:

They are never stable throughout their own lives, but wanderers through diverse regions, receiving hospitality in the monastic cells of others...Always roving and never settling, they follow their own wills, enslaved by the attractions of gluttony.

He calls these church shoppers gluttons! No wonder we call them "Cafeteria Catholics". Like diners at a buffet they sniff out what they like and don't like and take a little bit of this and a little bit of that.

The reason St. Benedict links this kind of Christianity with gluttony is because the church shoppers are driven by pleasure. Cafeteria Catholics choose what they like and reject what doesn't suit them, never realizing that in doing so they are undermining the very Catholicism they profess.

If you choose to believe in something just because it attracts you or because you think it is useful, then you are living in Never Never Land with Tinkerbell. We don't believe Catholicism because we find it useful or attractive; we believe Catholicism because it's true.

Catholicism is solid and real. It is based on the life, teaching, passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ — a real historical figure who was God in human form. He founded the Catholic Church by giving his apostles his own divine authority on earth. That Catholic Church is a real, historical institution. It has laws and property and prelates and priests and people. Each element of the Catholic Church is part human and part divine. The Body of Christ is incarnate today in a real and solid way within the structures and teachings and people and sacraments of this Church.

It is not fairyland. It is not a fantasy. It is not something that happens to be true if you happen to choose to believe in it. The Catholic Church does not exist because you clap your hands.

When Catholics fall into the ways of the world and pick and choose what elements of the Church they think is true and reject other parts they really, in a profound way, cease to be Catholics because by doing so they are saying, "This is not a revealed religion. This is, after all, simply a man made rule of a man made institution. I can therefore do what I like."

What the Catholic Church needs now more than ever are good, solid, supernaturally inspired, joyful, dynamic and energetic Catholics. What we need are Catholics who are empowered by the supernatural vision of the Church of Christ alive in the world as an objective reality — not something that exists only if you happen to like it.

### **PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED**

*Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....505*

*Total Rosaries for the year.....1,894*

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**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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| Jul 11 Monday                | Mike Scott           | 7:15 AM Thomas          |
| Jul 12 Tuesday               | *Don Woods           | 5:00 PM Thomas          |
| Jul 13 Wednesday             | Eula Jean Udovich    | 9:00 AM Parsons         |
| Jul 14 Thursday              | Diane Ulch           | 5:00 PM Thomas          |
| Jul 15 Friday                | Donna Susman         | 5:00 PM Thomas          |
| Jul 16 Saturday              | Rev. John H. Fahey   | 9:00 AM Parsons         |
| <b>Jul 16 SATURDAY VIGIL</b> | Paul DeFuria         | <b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>   |
| <b>Jul 17 SUNDAY</b>         | James Quattro        | <b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>   |
| <b>Jul 17 SUNDAY</b>         | People of the Parish | <b>11:00 AM Parsons</b> |

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| <b>THOMAS</b> | <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b> | <b>READERS</b> | <b>ALTAR BOYS</b> |
| 07/16         | Kathy & Pat Kotten             | Kathy Supak    |                   |
| 07/17         | Titi Ferguson                  | John Ferguson  | Isaac Quattro     |

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| <b>PARSONS</b>   | <b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>               | <b>READER</b>      | <b>ALTAR BOYS</b>      |
| 07/17            | Lillian Plumley & Becca Siler                | Betty Jane DiBacco | Any and all Available! |
| <b>Cleaning:</b> | 07/10 - 07/16: Joanne Sikarskie & Terry Silk |                    |                        |

**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.**