

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.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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 24, 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

"God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1:26) in each one." ++ Pope Benedict XVI

2016 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our annual parish picnic on Sunday, August 21st at 1:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Park! We will begin with our usual procession in honor of Our Blessed Mother and her feast of the Assumption. Then we will have a delicious variety of foods with the Knights of Columbus providing their signature hamburgers, hotdogs, etc. and beverages for all. Then the real fun begins with some very exciting games!!! You won't want to miss this annual event! Bring the whole family to enjoy a day to remember!

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.

AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER

If anyone would like to go see the show on Thursday, July 28, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church. The cost will be approximately \$22.00 dependent upon the size of our group. We will meet at 7PM at the theater.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Come to our weekly Bible study class on the "Gospel of John" this Tuesday, July 19th following the 5:00 PM Mass in Thomas at 5:45 PM and on Wednesday, July 20th following the 9:00 AM Mass in Parsons. All are invited to attend.



EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- July 28** - American Mountain Theater in Elkins for the variety show.
- Aug 10** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in the St. Thomas Center.
- Aug 15** - **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- Aug 18** - Fourth Degree Knights meeting at 7:00 PM in Parsons.
- Aug 21** - Parish Picnic at the Knights of Columbus Park beginning at 1:00 PM.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY 17, 2016

St. Thomas: \$1,414.01

Our Lady of Mercy: \$797.00

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.)

ST ANTHONY'S WISDOM AND OURS

FATHER GEORGE W. RUTLER

The first Christians knew well the degrading course of systemic moral corruption.

Saint Anthony, was an Augustinian canon in Portugal who joined the new Franciscan order in 1220, having been moved by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been beheaded by Muslims in Morocco. The year before, during the Fifth Crusade, Saint Francis of Assisi narrowly escaped execution when he preached the Gospel to Egyptian Muslims who had killed about five thousand Christians a few days before in Damietta. Anthony went to Morocco but became gravely ill, worked his way home via Sicily, and spent the rest of his 36 years preaching a combination of loving patience and mercy with bold insistence on Christ's truth and stern reproof of lax clerics.

This is to be remembered when many voices today equate doctrinal orthodoxy with "rigidity" and portray the moral demands of Christ as distant ideals, if not impractical encumbrances. Saint Anthony preached against the fanatical Albigensian heretics in southern France whose misunderstanding of creation denigrated marriage and family life while promoting abortion, sodomy and assisted suicide. They considered themselves more "spiritual" than Catholic "doctors of the law" and took Pharisaic pride in boasting that they were not Pharisees. Bold St. Anthony was not an "Albigensian-phobe," and reasonable people now are not phobic when they tell the truth about mental illness dressed as "transgenderism," borders open to illegal immigrants excused as hospitality, and denial of religious freedom adjudicated as social pragmatism.



The first Christians knew well the degrading course of systemic moral corruption (c.f.: 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1 Timothy 1:8-11). They would not have been surprised at how the Canadian High Court has modified certain strictures against bestiality, the government of Massachusetts no longer identifies femaleness and maleness as biological categories, people weep when a gorilla is shot to save the life of a human child, and a student in a major university is given a light slap on the wrist for violating a young woman while being complimented for his athletic ability. But they would have been astonished at the politically correct reluctance to identify the religious motivation of terrorists who massacre people. In 1951, General Douglas MacArthur said, "History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse, or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

A cartoon some years back showed a Lilliputian looking at Gulliver and saying, "Either he's very big or we are very small." In the instance of Christ, it is not either/or: he is very big, and we are very small. But we need not remain small if by a spiritual awakening we "attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....340

Total Rosaries for the year.....2,234

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
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jul 25 Monday	James & Grace Florini	7:15 AM Thomas
Jul 26 Tuesday	*Pat Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 27 Wednesday	Paul Defuria	9:00 AM Parsons
Jul 28 Thursday	*Matthew & Tracey Hickey	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 29 Friday	Phillip Wilson	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 30 Saturday	Vina Nolin	9:00 AM Parsons
Jul 30 SATURDAY VIGIL	Deceased Members of the Staron & Saboites Families	5:00 PM Thomas
Jul 31 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
Jul 31 SUNDAY	Edward F. Silk	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
07/30	Kathy Supak	Nancy Zizunas	
07/31	Betty Woods	Diane Rader	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
07/31	Ariona Plumley & Emily Siler	Fred Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	07/24 - 07/30: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco		

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, 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.