

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.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 31, 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!



Feeding the Community

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Catholic Charities, located in Elkins, is in desperate need of volunteers to pick up food from Wal-Mart on one Wednesday per month between 9:00—9:30 AM and deliver it to the Food Pantry. Total time for this kind act would be 1 1/2 hours. If you would like to help please contact Dee Oldaker at 304-636-4875.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE RUN ONE LIFE, ONE ROSE

Since May 1, 2013, three Silver Roses have been making their way across North America, from Canada to the United States to Mexico. The silver rose exemplifies the Knights of Columbus' devotion to Our Lady and their commitment to the Culture of Life. Our parish will receive the rose on Saturday, August 13th and "run" the rose to Elkins on Sunday. We will also pray the Rosary before the weekend Masses in both St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Mercy Churches.



ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The flowers at the altar and in front of the Blessed Mother in St. Thomas Aquinas are donated in loving memory of the Staron and Saboites families by Barbara and Carol Saboites.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Come to our weekly Bible study class on the "Gospel of John" this Tuesday, August 2nd following the 5:00 PM Mass in Thomas at 5:45 PM and on Thursday, August 4th at 10:00 AM in Parsons. All are invited to attend.



EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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 24, 2016

St. Thomas: \$2,274.56

Our Lady of Mercy: \$762.00

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.)

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By Author Unknown

A story is told about a soldier who was finally coming home after having fought in Vietnam. He called his parents from San Francisco.

"Mom and Dad, I'm coming home, but I've a favor to ask. I have a friend I'd like to bring home with me."

"Sure," they replied, "we'd love to meet him."

"There's something you should know the son continued, "he was hurt pretty badly in the fighting. He stepped on a land mine and lost an arm and a leg. He has nowhere else to go, and I want him to come live with us."

"I'm sorry to hear that, son. Maybe we can help him find somewhere to live."

"No, Mom and Dad, I want him to live with us."

"Son," said the father, "you don't know what you're asking. Someone with such a handicap would be a terrible burden on us. We have our own lives to live, and we can't let something like this interfere with our lives. I think you should just come home and forget about this guy. He'll find a way to live on his own."



At that point, the son hung up the phone. The parents heard nothing more from him. A few days later, however, they received a call from the San Francisco police. Their son had died after falling from a building, they were told. The police believed it was suicide. The grief-stricken parents flew to San Francisco and were taken to the city morgue to identify the body of their son. They recognized him, but to their horror they also discovered something they didn't know, their son had only one arm and one leg.

The parents in this story are like many of us. We find it easy to love those who are good-looking or fun to have around, but we don't like people who inconvenience us or make us feel uncomfortable. We would rather stay away from people who aren't as healthy, beautiful, or smart as we are. Thankfully, there's someone who won't treat us that way. Someone who loves us with an unconditional love that welcomes us into the forever family, regardless of how messed up we are.

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
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 01 Monday	*James & Elizabeth Florini	7:15 AM Thomas
Aug 02 Tuesday	Adam Barb	5:00 PM Thomas
Aug 03 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	8:30 AM Parsons
Aug 04 Thursday	Sadie Caldron	5:00 PM Thomas
Aug 05 First Friday	Frances Shaga	1:00 PM Cor. Ac.
Aug 05 First Friday	ADORATION & BENEDICTION	5:00 PM Parsons
Aug 05 First Friday	Henry Udovich	6:00 PM Parsons
Aug 06 First Saturday	Eula Jean Udovich	9:00 AM Parsons
Aug 06 SATURDAY VIGIL	Diane Ulch	5:00 PM Thomas
Aug 07 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
Aug 07 SUNDAY	Frances & Arlie Mason	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS 08/06 08/07	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Kathy & Pat Kotten Mary Sagace	READERS Kathy Supak Michelle Snyder	ALTAR BOYS Wesley Snyder
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PARSONS 08/07 Cleaning:	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS Dee Oldaker & Lillian Plumley 07/31 - 08/06: Pat Usnik & Christine Rosenau	READER Tom Gutshall	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, 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.