

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Divine Mercy Sunday

Apr. 09 Monday	Margaret Maciulla	7:15 AM Thomas
Apr. 10 Tuesday	Earl Moore	5:00 PM Thomas
Apr. 11 Wednesday	*Eduardo & Amedeo Da Pra	9:00 AM Parsons
Apr. 12 Thursday	Lucille Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
Apr. 13 Friday	People of the Parish	5:00 PM Thomas
Apr. 14 Saturday	Mary Buckley	9:00 AM Parsons
Apr. 14 SATURDAY VIGIL	Adam Barb	5:00 PM Thomas
Apr. 15 SUNDAY	Hank Quattro	9:00 AM Thomas
Apr. 15 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
04/14	Rita Johnson	Kathy Supak	Any available
04/15	Brittany Cross	Diane Rader	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
04/15	Lillian Plumley & Becca Siler	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 04/08: - 04/14: Pat Usnik & Debbie Scarberry

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513 Â FREE. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237, Â FREE (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of April, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
 St. Thomas - 7:30 AM,
 (Low Mass) Sunday 04/08/18
 Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM,
 (Low Mass) Sunday 04/15/18.

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)

Let us remember in prayer all of our sick and shut-ins:

Champ Sedmock, "Sob" Gennantonio, Eleanor James, J. Pat Nichols, Vincent DiBacco, Mary Johnson, Joanne Michael, Leo Pase Jr., Charles Bennett, Scott Hinkle, Jean Sagace, Stan and Darlene Sedmock and Martha Wolf.

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 08, 2018



St. Thomas Aquinas Thomas, West Virginia



Our Lady of Mercy Parsons, West Virginia

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH
Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi, P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292 Tel: 304-463-4488 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 - 4:50 p.m., and 30 minutes before all weekday Masses and anytime upon request.

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.*

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY



The Plenary Indulgence associated with this feast consists in the reception of Holy Communion in the state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday and prayers for the intentions of the holy Father as well as sacramental confession within 8 days of the feast, (The Holy Father has said that any time during Lent is sufficient,) and no attachment to sin. We will celebrate this feast today, April 8th at Our Lady of Mercy beginning with our 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a potluck dinner and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:00 PM (The Hour of Mercy).

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the ladies who supported the Women’s Guild by donating ingredients and giving up their time on Good Friday to help make pies. We also appreciate all of you who bought our pies and gave money donations. Our pie fundraiser was a success again this year with a total of 90 pies made and sold!!!!

THE EASTER SEASON!

The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one “great Sunday.” These above all others are the days for the singing of ALLELUIA. The days of the Easter octave from the “early hours: of this “great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His Resurrection.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- Apr. 08 - Divine Mercy Sunday and COVERED DISH DINNER.
- Apr. 11 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 PM in Thomas.
- Apr. 15 - OLM Women’s Guild meeting after the 11 AM Mass.
- Apr. 24 - Parish Council meeting following Tuesday Mass in Parsons.
- May 06 - “ASK FATHER” after 11 AM Mass in Parsons.
- May 13 - Mother’s Day & First Holy Communion.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

“The suction machine was turned on, causing tremendous pain. I was frightened, it hurt so much. I wanted to scream. I wanted it to stop. I suddenly knew there was a baby inside. They were killing my baby!

— Michaelene Jenkins

PALM COLLECTION

If you have any old palms you would like to dispose of please bring them to the back of the church and place them in the receptacle. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 01, 2018

St. Thomas: \$7,488.30

Holy Land: \$253.00

Education of Seminarians: \$504.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$880.00

Holy Land: \$155.00

Education of Seminarians: \$293.00

FOOD PANTRY

BLACKWATER MINISTERIAL FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is in need of valued food items. This month we are seeking rice & tuna. If you would like to make a monetary donation make checks out to Blackwater Food Pantry and send to St. Thomas Church, P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292

WHAT IS THE MISSING PIECE IN YOUR LIFE?

Ever wondered about the life of a priest? Want to be a part of growing more priestly vocations for our diocese? Come out to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and hear from a priest about why he loves being a priest of Jesus Christ. On Sunday, April 15th, at 2PM at different locations throughout the diocese, there will be a holy hour and reflection on the priesthood. Come out and bring your families to pray for vocations at one of the following 8 locations and learn about what you can do to help increase vocations! Most of all, pray for more vocations!

1. Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville - Fr. Aloysius Boh
2. St. John University Parish in Morgantown - Fr. Carlos Melocoton
3. St. Joseph the Worker in Weirton - Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, Vocation Director
4. St. Vincent in Wheeling - Msgr. Paul Hudock
5. Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston - Fr. Brian Crenwelge
6. St. Joseph in Huntington - Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer
7. St. Brendan in Elkins - Fr. Chapin Engler
8. St. Francis in Parkersburg - Fr. John Rice

PRICELESS VALUE THE WORLD DOES NOT SEE

By Lori Hatcher - FEBRUARY 02, 2018

My grandmother suffered from dementia.

During the last year of her life, she couldn’t leave her bed, didn’t recognize any of us, wore a diaper, and had to be fed every meal she ate. Some people said her life was worthless and non-productive—saying it was a waste of resources, space, and energy to care for her.

Every Monday afternoon, for two years, I’d pack up my two little girls and their schoolbooks and drive an hour to visit her. Sometimes my grandmother would be asleep. Other times, she wouldn’t acknowledge me. She never remembered we’d been there. “An entire afternoon and several gallons of gas wasted,” some would say. “Her life isn’t worth living.”

But my girls and I continued to visit. We spooned pudding, ice cream, and scrambled eggs into my grandmother’s mouth. We kissed her, talked to her, and held her hand. I brushed her soft grey hair and rubbed lotion on her feet. We sat by her bed, called the nurse when her diaper needed changing, and pretended we were having a two-sided conversation.

I’m sure my grandmother suffered in ways we’ll never know, because she couldn’t tell us. But her suffering wasn’t purposeless, nor was her existence. While her life may not have been pain-free or productive from her—or the world’s—perspective, it accomplished a lot from mine. My granny’s suffering wasn’t wasted. It was invested.

Every time I made the long drive to visit my grandmother, cared for her, and loved her more than I loved myself, my schedule, and my convenience, I was becoming a better person. Caring for my grandmother made me more compassionate, more appreciative, gentler, more unselfish, and humbler.

Dying to my flesh that sometimes wanted to be anywhere but walking through the doors of that nursing home taught me courage, loyalty, commitment, and love. It taught me that we don’t abandon our loved ones when they can no longer care for themselves, that family sticks together no matter what, and that we serve each other at all times, even when it’s neither convenient nor fun.

And those little girls whom I dragged along at the expense of their school lessons? They were learning the same lessons that I was. Someday, they’ll be taking care of me. I pray they will have learned the lessons well.

There is an excellent organization called the Pro-Life Healthcare Alliance. The organization promotes and develops concrete pro-life healthcare alternatives for those facing the grave consequences of healthcare rationing and unethical practices, especially those at risk of euthanasia and assisted suicide.

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....287

Total Rosaries for the year.....14,194

(since May 2016)

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.