

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

Apr. 30 Monday	Joseph & Mary Deegan	7:15 AM Thomas
May 01 Tuesday	Most Abandoned Priest	7:15 AM Thomas
May 02 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. will take this Mass with him)	**No Mass
May 03 Thursday	People of the Parish	5:00 PM Thomas
May 04 First Friday	Joe Sagace	1:00 PM Cort. Acres
May 04 First Friday	<b>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	5:00 PM Thomas
May 04 First Friday	Patty (Sagace) Helmick	6:00 PM Thomas
May 05 First Saturday	Stefanie Krumm	9:00 AM Parsons
May 05 SATURDAY VIGIL	Adam Barb	5:00 PM Thomas
May 06 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
May 06 SUNDAY	Merry Lowe	11:00 AM Parsons

### THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/05	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Beth Spencer	Any available
05/06	Titi Ferguson	John Ferguson	Isaac Quattro

### PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/06	Lillian Plumley & Dee Oldaker	Tom Gutshall	Any available

Cleaning: 04/29: - 05/05: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco

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](http://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 05/13/18  
 Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM,  
 (Low Mass) Sunday 05/20/18.

### 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., 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 29, 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](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 - 4:50 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.*

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

To honor our heavenly Mother we will have the May crowning at the beginning of both Masses. Immediately following Mass, the Knights of Columbus will have Breakfast/Brunch in the St. Thomas Center and in the Our Lady of Mercy Social Hall to mark this very special day. Everyone is invited to attend.

## MOTHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Please submit the names of living & deceased mothers that you would like included on the altar on Mother's Day. As a way to remember our living mothers, cards can be found in the back of both churches for only \$2.

## DIAPER DRIVE



A diaper drive begins on Mother's Day, May 13th and collecting until Father's Day, June 17th for the Pregnancy Care Center in Thomas. Diaper sizes 1, 2, and 3 along with wipes are desperately needed. A box will be placed in the back of both churches. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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!!!

- May 01 - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting at 7 PM in the St. Thomas Center.
- May 06 - "ASK FATHER" after 11 AM Mass in Parsons.
- May 08 - Parish Council meeting in Parsons after 5:00 PM Mass.
- May 09 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7 PM in Parsons.
- May 13 - Mother's Day & First Holy Communion.
- May 20 - OLM Women's Guild meeting after the 11 AM Mass.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

I wish I never would have done it. And given the chance to go back, I wouldn't even consider it. We made the choice to have sex, we should have dealt with the consequences. I was always pro-choice. And I always said if I was in that position, I would never choose to have an abortion. It is something that will haunt me until the day I die.

### 2018 CSA

St. Thomas.....\$50 pledged  
(Goal: \$11,715) 0% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy...\$930 pledged  
(Goal: \$4,395) 21% of goal met.

## PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....200  
Total Rosaries for the year.....14,394  
(since May 2016)

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL 22, 2018

St. Thomas: \$2,933.01

Our Lady of Mercy: \$711.00

## FOOD PANTRY

**BLACKWATER MINISTERIAL FOOD PANTRY:** The Food Pantry is in need of valued food items. This month we are seeking cereal. 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

## ARE YOU A VICTIM OF SELF-PITY? (Part III)

By Donald F. Miller C.S.S.R

### How SelfPity Wrecks One's Life

There is no important relationship in human life that is not in some way upset and ruined through self-pity. Consider how it affects the two most important relationships, namely, relationship to God, and relationship to one's family.

***Selfpity ruins one's relationship to God. The reason is simple; it is because self-pity inevitably leads to sin, and sin makes one who was destined to be a friend of God His enemy.***

Make no mistake about it: there is a great degree of self-pity behind every mortal sin that is ever committed by a human being. All three features of self-pity are present there. 1) a concentration of the mind on the terrible suffering that will be involved in keeping a serious law of God; 2) failure to think of all the good things God has given and promised, that can be enjoyed without sin; 3) resentment against God and His Church for having made a certain law, and sometimes against God's priests for preaching God's law.

The sinner may not say so in words; indeed, he may say the very opposite in words, but the fact is that he so resents a law of God that he is willing to crucify Jesus Christ the Son of God by breaking that law. Here are examples of how self-pity leads to sin.

The man and woman who have entered an invalid marriage, one that is the beginning of a life of habitual sin, first filled their hearts with selfpity before they took their fatal step. 'We have a right, they said, 'to this happiness. God, with all His power and authority, has no right to deny us this. If we don't live with each other as if married, life will be too lonely, miserable, intolerable. And the longer they live in their bad marriage, the more they pity themselves at the thought of giving up their sins. They pity themselves, not Jesus Christ, hanging, bleeding, suffering, dying on a cross for just such sin, and dying in vain for them when they are not given up by the sinner.

So it is with every serious sin-contraception, abortion, fornication, hatred, stealing, etc. First there is the build-up of self-pity, which blinds the mind to the rights and laws of the Creator, to the promised joys of heaven, to the pleading love of Jesus Christ on the cross; then follows the sin or the habit of sin. Maybe it's because sinners pity themselves so much on earth that it is said they will, if hardened in sin till death, curse themselves forever in hell

***Selfpity ruins one's relationship to one's family.***

In every unhappy home; there will be at least one person who is a victim of self-pity. It may be the wife, who, when she learns by experience the full meaning of what she contracted for when she got married, decides that it is too much, it is unjust, and in self-pity refuses to accept God's will for a good wife. It may be the husband, who, when the emotional love of courtship and early marriage has cooled off, starts pitying himself to the extent that he seeks escape from his duties as a husband and father.

Sometimes, too, one partner to a marriage falls into self-pity because the other partner turned out to be less than perfect, or guilty of great neglect of duty and even of many sins. Such a one forgets the words uttered in the marriage ceremony, 'I take you, for better, for worse. These words were meant to ward off self-pity. They were like saying: 'If things turn out worse than I expected in this marriage, indeed, if they turn out as bad as they can possibly be, I'll accept it all for the love of God, and I'll still save my soul, and try to save my partner's soul.

However, homes continue to be wrecked:

Because a husband pities himself for having to bother with children and to spend evenings with his wife, and takes to the tavern and late hours with the 'boys, and coming home half drunk.

Because a wife pities herself for not being married to a richer or more successful man and makes things miserable for her husband because he does not rise to the heights of success.

Because both husband and wife pity themselves for the awful burden they must carry in bearing and rearing children, or for the terrible sacrifice involved in practicing continence at various times when this is the only way of avoiding sin. It is not the children nor the continence that wrecks marriages; it is the self-pity into which the married let themselves fall in conjunction with these things. (Next week: Remedies for self-pity.)