

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 07 Monday	Lillian Moore	7:15 AM Thomas
May 08 Tuesday	Pauline & Frank Sedo	5:00 PM Parsons
May 09 Wednesday	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Parsons
May 10 Thursday	Most Abandoned Bishops	5:00 PM Thomas
May 11 Friday	Mary Ann Weaver	7:15 AM Thomas
May 12 Saturday	-	*No Mass
May 12 SATURDAY VIGIL	Frank Hoffner	5:00 PM Thomas
May 13 SUNDAY	Ned Killeen	9:00 AM Thomas
May 13 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/12	Rita Johnson	Kathy Supak	Any available
05/13	Betty Woods	Don Woods	Mateo Hinkle

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/13	Addie Buckley & Becca Siler	Joanne Sikarskie	Any available

Cleaning: 05/06: - 05/12: 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 May, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 06, 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.*

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 will be held on Mother's Day, May 13th to 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 church. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council will meet this Tuesday, May 8th immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy church social hall in Parsons. All council members are asked to please attend.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- 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 love my baby more than anything in this world, even though I wasn't brave enough to keep it...

#ABORT73

2018 CSA

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

Our Lady of Mercy...\$960 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 29, 2018

St. Thomas: \$1,581.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$835.00

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 IV)

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

Remedies for Self-Pity

We offer these remedies for self-pity, without which this spiritual disease can never be cured. The first is humble and cheerful submission to God's will. This means being able to say to oneself: 'God is my Maker.

He made me for Himself, which means for perfect happiness. He has a right to command me, and to do with me what He will. He could make my life a thousand times more difficult than it is, in view of the fact that He has heaven waiting for me at the end. I want His will, not my own will, no matter how much it may hurt or how much it may cost me at times. I shall never complain of anything that is God's will for me.

The second is confident dependence on God's helping grace. This means being able to say: 'Jesus Christ warned me that I would have to bear crosses in following Him, but He also promised me divine and miraculous help to carry them cheerfully if only I would pray for it. In every temptation to pity myself because of the crosses that come my way, I'll turn more eagerly to prayer, to the Mass, to the sacraments, through which I know I'll receive the grace to do God's will and carry the crosses that He sends.

The third is personal devotion to the passion and death of Jesus Christ and His Immaculate Mother as the Mother of Sorrows. All the sufferings of ordinary human beings, even those of martyrs who are tortured for their love of God, are small in comparison with those of Christ and His Mother. This is because no ordinary mortal man has the capacity for suffering that Christ had, nor even that which was given to His Mother.

The one thing to be remembered in order to escape self-pity is that the sufferings of Christ and His sinless Mother were willingly accepted for every human being in the world. How little are one's own in comparison! How can anyone wish to add to those sufferings by committing the least sin out of self-pity?

Over the past couple of weeks we have learned what self-pity is. Now we will learn what self-pity is not.

What Self-Pity Is Not: In speaking of self-pity as a bad trait of character, one must not give the impression that there is anything wrong with pity itself. Pity is a great virtue, but it is that virtue by which one has compassion on the sorrows and sufferings of others. Rightly acquired and cultivated, the virtue of pity leads to the works of mercy, such as feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving homes to orphans, etc. From this it is clear that self-pity is a contradiction; it turns something that by its nature is meant to concern itself with the sufferings of others inward upon oneself alone.

It is not self-pity to possess a realistic knowledge of the fact that this world is, as Catholics call it in the 'Hail, Holy Queen, a vale of tear's, an exile, a place of trial, where there are bound to be sufferings, some coming mysteriously from the hand of God, and some having to be chosen freely as the price of loyalty to God's laws. Anybody can say like Job, without succumbing to selfpity, that 'man, born of woman, is filled with many miseries, (Job, 14:1) so long as he can also say like Job, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth, and in the last day I shall rise out of the earth and I shall be clothed again with my skin, and in my flesh I shall see my God. (Job, 19:25) Self-pity sees only the miseries of self, nothing of the hope that takes the sting from them.

Nor is it self-pity to grieve spontaneously and deeply at times when one suffers some great loss or especially difficult trial. One who has lost all power of inclination to weep in the face of tragedy, involving oneself or others, is no longer a complete human being. A good son or daughter who weeps at the death of a beloved mother or father is not to be accused of selfpity. However, there are individuals who do not permit time and submission to God's will to heal their griefs, but instead permit them to become a habit of self-pity.

Finally, it should be clear that this study deals with the kind of self-pity that is curable, not with that which is associated with psychotic states or diseased conditions of the mind called melancholia. The horrible depressions, worries, fears and self-accusations that the mentally distressed suffer need special professional treatment. However, it can also be said that failure to deal sternly with self-pity in oneself in its early stages often contributes to later mental breakdowns.