

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

May 14 Monday	Most Abandoned Mothers	7:15 AM Thomas
May 15 Tuesday	Jane Ruch	5:00 PM Thomas
May 16 Wednesday	Katie Curran	9:00 AM Parsons
May 17 Thursday	Patricia Beveridge	5:00 PM Thomas
May 18 Friday	Rolland Gravelle	5:00 PM Thomas
May 19 Saturday	Audrey Meara	9:00 AM Parsons
May 19 SATURDAY VIGIL	*Sunny Farotto	5:00 PM Thomas
May 20 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
May 20 SUNDAY	Mike Priestes	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/19	Kathy Supak	Beth Spencer	Any available
05/20	Brittany Cross	Diane Rader	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
05/20	Kaylee DiBacco & Lillian Plumley	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 05/13: - 05/19: Joanne Sikarskie & Terry Silk

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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 13, 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.*



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.

DIAPER DRIVE



Our diaper drive begins today, 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Please remove all flowers and any decorative items from on top of or around the grave stones at Mount Calvary Cemetery in preparation for spring grounds upkeep. Thank you!

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- May 13 - Mother's Day & First Holy Communion.
- May 20 - OLM Women's Guild meeting after the 11 AM Mass.
- May 28 - MEMORIAL DAY MASS - 9:00 AM at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

No gift to your mother,
Can ever equal her
gift to you ~ LIFE!

2018 CSA

St. Thomas.....\$1,540 pledged
(Goal: \$11,715) 13% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy \$1,550 pledged
(Goal: \$4,395) 35% of goal met.

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....584
Total Rosaries for the year.....14,978
(since May 2016)

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 06, 2018

St. Thomas: \$3,183.16

Our Lady of Mercy: \$837.00

FOOD PANTRY

BLACKWATER MINISTERIAL

FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is in need of valued food items. This month we are seeking sloppy joe mix. 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



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We congratulate our First Communicant, Tyler Ricottilli, on his reception of Our Blessed Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. This is an extraordinary day for him and for our parish. Please be sure to tell him how happy you are for him.

Congratulations Tyler!!!

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACLE

Unlike other approved apparitions, Our Lady chose 28-year-old Alphonse Ratisbonne, a French Jew who had a strong hatred of the Catholic Church and it's teaching. Rather than selecting the young innocents of past visits and speaking and leaving messages, she selected Alphonse, converting him immediately and through the many miracles his conversion had, the Church recognized that Alphonse's conversion was indeed miraculous.

On January 20, 1842 Alphonse met a friend (Baron de Bussieres) and the friend asked him to accompany him and wait in the church of St. Andrea Delle Fratte, where he was to arrange some matters with the priest in the sacristy. Alphonse reluctantly went with him, all the while making violent criticisms of the Church and mocking Catholic practices.

Ratisbonne did not accompany his friend into the sacristy. He wandered through the church admiring the beautiful marbles and various works of art. As he stood before a side altar dedicated to St. Michael the Archangel, Our Lady suddenly appeared to him.

In Ratisbonne's own words: "I was scarcely in the church when a total confusion came over me. When I looked up, it seemed to me that the entire church had been swallowed up in shadow, except one chapel. It was as though all the light was concentrated in that single place. I looked over towards this chapel whence so much light shone, and above the altar was a living figure, tall, majestic, beautiful and full of mercy. It was the most holy Virgin Mary, resembling her figure on the Miraculous Medal. At this sight I fell on my knees right where I stood. Unable to look up because of the blinding light, I fixed my glance on her hands, and in them I could read the expresion of mercy and pardon. In the presence of the Most Blessed Virgin, even though she did not speak a word to me, I understood the frightful situation I was in because of my sins, and at the same time the beauty of the Catholic Faith.

Standing over the altar, Our Lady appeared wearing a crown and a simple long white tunic with a jeweled belt around her waist and blue-green mantle draped over her left shoulder. She gazed at him affably; her hands were open spreading rays of graces. Her bearing was quite regal, not just because of the crown she was wearing. Rather, her height and elegance gave the impression of a great lady, fully conscious of her own dignity. She transmitted both grandeur and mercy in an atmosphere of great peace. Alphonse Ratisbonne saw this figure and understood that he was before an apparition of the Mother of God. He knelt down before her and converted and eventually became a priest in the Catholic Faith.


HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

The following is a list of all the Mothers being honored today in our masses in observance of Mother's day, (in no particular order):

Frances J. Zimmer, Cindy Ruggieri, Terri-Jo Ramia, Clara Liberatore, Angelina Grassi, Stephanie Grassi, Lavina Bonn, Michelle Ruggieri, Cheryl Ruggieri, Paoella DeCesare DiBacco, Marie DiBacco Silvester, Ann Devoer DiBacco, Alice Roberts DiBacco, Mary Ross DiBacco, Ellen Ponikvar DiBacco, Edith Ross DiBacco, Anita DiBacco Flanigan, Ann Marie DiBacco Katz, Aggie DiBacco Miller, Martellen DiBacco Caroroni, Mary Mac Ingram, Holly Hinkle, Barbara Hinkle, Andrea Olson, Stephanie Bennett, Meredith Magness, Mari Jo Fink, Kelly Anne Sigley, Kris Jones, Dora Lee Quattro,  Marianne Lambert, Lucy Quattro, Adeline Quattro, Juanita Quattro, Carol Helmick, Aleta Snyder, Tabitha Snyder, Cheryl Greene, Lydia (DeLauder) Everly, Anita Helmick, Catherine Thompson, Thelma Everson, Olga Hawrot, Janet Anders, Genevieve Halapy, Nancy Armstrong, Virginia Lohr, Nina Miller, Elizabeth Hoffner, Christine Ponikvar, Leann Ponikvar, Mary Ann Ponikvar, Sherry Davisson, Cortney Gilmore, Alice C. Snyder, Maria Puderbaugh, Marguerite Keller, Mae Keller, Anna Close, Josephine Rowan, Helen Murphy, Ann Moore, Emma Cianfaglione, Alie Poling, Betty Ann Lambas, Evelyn Carr, E. Gennantonio, Mary Lambruno, Darla Gennantonio, Ann McVicker, Josephine Lamont, Elizabeth (Sob) Gennantonio, Mary Barbara Scott, Mary Antonia Scott, Antonia Paulauskas, Jeannette Lambert, Sarah Scott Paugh, Beth Scott, Pamela Scott, Kay Carr, Betty Morvay, Thelma Sweas, Janet Kammerer, Katherine Victor, Joanne Weant, Terri Morvay, Paula Maas, Katie Morvay, Gertrude Fink, Ella Marks, Opal Walker, Mary Fink, Bobbie Quattro, Kris Jones, Angela Kuss, Dana Quattro, Kara Gross, Shanna Walker, Laura Cunningham, Nakeiah Streets, Michelle Snyder, Amanda Simmons, Brittney Cross, Lucille Watring, Charlene Helmick, Teresa Fenstermacher, Carol Helmick, Edith DiBacco, Virginia Flanagan, Mariea Lomanto, Rosalind Eichelberger, Carmela Eichelberger, Mary Lou Brammer, Helen Gross, Donna Walker, Diane Rader, Dorothy Baker, Claudette Sherman, Karen Gamache, Anne Gamache, Theresa L. Cook, Marie "DiBacco" Silvester, Nuda Hinkle, Thelma Tingler, Allyson Hott, Meredith Baker, Courtney Shafer, Natalie Bava, Josephine Carr, Eva Evans, Joann Evans, Virginia Lansberry, Patty Hoffner, Nicole Shaffer, Christy Johnson, Jenny Johnson, Stephanie Ailey, Diana DiBacco, Connie DeLauder, Julie Kucer, Jennifer Lanthaler, Lily Kucer, Blodwyn Hock, Dagmar Lanthaler, Ibbly Killeen, Ella Ferguson, Virginia Ferruso Wilson, Kathy Kotten, Lucille Kotten, Hildegard Studer, Jenny Yeager, Mary E. Lambruno, Julia Balassone, Anna Phillips Shaffer, Mary Jane Ponikvar, Florence Waltz Phillips, Sally Touchette, Annette Kiger, Kelly Lambruno, Joyce Lambruno, Nena Lambruno, Anna Hoffner, Anna Presutti, Diana DiBacco, Michelle Moore, Gina Travis,

Cynthia Molz, Kathy Hoffner, Rita Johnson, Lindsay Lipscomb, Debbie Williams, Mary Ann Ponikvar, Anna Presutti, Anna Hoffner, Diana DiBacco, Theresa White, Cherie Putlovic, Teresa Smith-Arnold, Lina Arnold, Loreta Liegiene, Rosina "Rose" Drenski, Elma D. Nelson, Jean Blanchette, Margaret C. Carroll-Arnold, Roseanna V. Ellsworth-Carroll, and Bessie Agnes Canan-Arnold.

Evelyn George, Ann Guire, Debbie Keefe, Melanie Bennett, Mary Sharp, Donna Guire, Sondra Guire, Gretchen Cleavenger, Sylvia Rosenau, BreAnne Marsh, Joey George, LeAnne George, Frances Usnik, Frances Debevits, Rose Usnik, Jean Martz, Kathy Usnik, Marsha Usnik, Sue Silk, Cindy Gray, Christy Simmons, Rachel Silk, Christine Silk, Debbie Silk, Vanessa Girvan, Mary Gray, Erin Smyre, Joan Magas, Doris Silk, Leecy Flanagan, Paula Currance, Levy Flanagan, Nora Rennix, Rose Nolin, Helen Silk, Rita Shea, Martha Nichols, Kathy Nichols, Betty DiBacco, Nora Nichols, Mary Gasser, Ann DiBacco, Evelyn Barr, Hilda Strawderman, Gail Strawderman, Pearl Strawderman, Kathy DiBacco, Madonna DiBacco, Chrissy DiBacco, Sarah DiBacco, Anna DiBacco, Summer Jones, Rhonda Adkins, Betty Adkins, Linda Helmick, Tina McWilliams, Katie DiBacco, Barbara Sedmock,

Judy Fairbanks, Emma DeVore, Leah Marco, Mary Matlick,  Lyndsay Hart, Minnie McDonald, Lois Matlick, Dana Mahanes, Bernadine McDonald, Jamie Plumley, Angelia McDonald, Betty Rummel, Judy Gutshall, Susie Gutshall, Harriet Nestor, Hazel Greaser, Sandy Summerfield, Dani Lambruno, Nancy Nester, Elsie Greaser, Genevieve Rowan, Lessie Nester, Anna Savage, Muriel Nestor, Nancy M. Nester, Yvonne Lothes, Betty Oldaker, Regina Oldaker, Tiffany Oldaker, Christi Mantheiy, Dee Oldaker, Elizabeth Daye, Alice DiBacco, Katherine Hamrick, Monna Hedrick, Frances Mason, Lela Long, Alice Dye, Tammy Lloyd, Kelci Johnson, Melinda Siler, Karen Long, Judy Phillips, Cindy Long, Paula Siler, Alice Vandevender, Wanda Siler and Grace Phillips.

