

MASSES FOR THE WEEK Pentecost Sunday

May 21 Monday	Diana DiBacco	7:15 AM Thomas
May 22 Tuesday	Edwin Kaczmarek	5:00 PM Thomas
May 23 Wednesday	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Parsons
May 24 Thursday	Sam Gelfond	5:00 PM Thomas
May 25 Friday	*Chris & Nicole Shaffer	5:00 PM Thomas
May 26 Saturday	Rev. Edwin F. Cupp	9:00 AM Parsons
May 26 SATURDAY VIGIL	*Dianne Baker	5:00 PM Thomas
May 27 SUNDAY	Moore & Fortini Families	9:00 AM Thomas
May 27 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
05/26	Rita Johnson	Nancy Zizunas	Any available
05/27	Katelyn Simmons	Matt Hinkle	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
05/27	Dee Oldaker & Ariona Plumley	Kathy DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 05/20: - 05/26: Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall

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. 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, (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cinnati, 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 20, 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.

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.*



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.

THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

The ladies of the parish would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the delicious breakfast they prepared. The time and care that was taken in making everything so perfect was greatly appreciated. You truly made it a very special, enjoyable Mother's day for all.

DIAPER DRIVE

Our diaper drive continues 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 is placed in the back of church to put the diapers in. Thank you for your generosity.

CEMETERY SPECIAL COLLECTION

There will be a second collection on Memorial Day weekend, May 26 - 27, for the Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fund. Donations will be used to defray the maintenance costs at the cemetery.
Special envelopes will be provided.
(Please make checks payable to: Mt. Calvary Cemetery Fund.)

FORMED.ORG - CHECK IT OUT!

FORMED pick of the month: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Journey Through Scripture. The Bible and the Virgin Mary is a dynamic twelve-part video series that beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- May 20 - OLM Women's Guild meeting after the 11 AM Mass.
- May 28 - MEMORIAL DAY MASS - 9:00 AM at Mt. Calvary Cemetery.
- June 03 - "ASK FATHER" immediately following 11 AM Mass.
- June 05 - Society of St. Thomas women's meeting, 7 PM rectory conference room.
- June 13 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7PM in Thomas.
- June 17 - Father's day breakfast in Thomas and picnic at Mill Race Park in Parsons.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Words are important. It is common, when people approach this subject, to look for the meaning of the word 'euthanasia' and to recall that its translation means 'good death.'

This should be ignored and rejected, as it has absolutely no validity in the contemporary scene. Euthanasia is not a 'good death.' Euthanasia is when the doctor kills the patient."

- J.C Willke, M.D.

2018 CSA

St. Thomas.....\$2,720 pledged
(Goal: \$11,715) 23% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy.....\$2,750 pledged
(Goal: \$4,395) 63% of goal met.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 13, 2018

St. Thomas: \$1,401.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$904.00

FOOD PANTRY

BLACKWATER MINISTERIAL FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is in need of valued food items. This month we are seeking sloppy joe mix. In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

A CATHOLIC TEENAGER'S Guide to Modesty

BY SETH HAKES (A 15 year old boy)

"Do whatever you want. Be what you want to be! Look the way you want." Hasn't every teenager heard this repeated over and over again. We have been told to follow our every whim. We have been told to do anything we want - to eat, to play sports, to video game the weekend away - without any or very little restraint. It is as if teenagers have no need to practice the virtue of moderation. It is as if temptations are not a concern for teenagers. It is as if being young frees us from occasions of sin, as if a teenager is not in danger of mortal sin. I find this especially true in regard to the way teenagers are expected to dress. Well, this teenager doesn't agree.

Fashion Models for a Catholic Teenager

As a 15-year-old boy, I was struck by Saint Jacinta's (age 9) prophecy about fashions to come that "will greatly offend God." Though she died in 1919, her nearly 100-year-old prophecies clearly point to today's times. If Our Lady came herself to warn us, through Jacinta, about fashions to come, then I think it's pretty important we listen.

People no longer dress to reflect human dignity. Catholics, concretely, have forgotten that we are sacred temples. A baptized soul, and especially a soul in the state of grace, has more incentive to dress modestly. We can't just dress for ourselves. We need to dress keeping in mind others, and, ultimately, God. The saints understood this and every saint dressed appropriately. Saint Padre Pio is quoted as saying, "May the fashions of the world not be the model for our attire, but rather the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints."

Does a Teenager Not Suffer the Effects of Original Sin?

Saint Jacinta's prophecies are more important than ever. American culture does not promote innocence and purity. To the contrary, it promotes the lifestyle of impurity that eventually leads to contraception and abortion. There is a reason why Adam and Eve covered themselves after Original Sin. From then on, sin was in play. They no longer had the innocence they possessed before Original Sin. It's rather strange that we advocate to dress as if we are the modern-day Adam and Eve before they sinned. We should have the humility to realize that we also have Original Sin, even teenagers. When society tells us that it's alright to expose our bodies, when our bad friends encourage us to take our shirts off in public, when they tell us that wearing something immodest is "hot," all this is trying to tell a teenager that he or she should not feel embarrassed to be dressed improperly in public and that it's "cool" to dress like everyone else. We are being bullied to think immodesty is normal and modesty is abnormal. How can a world that claims to tolerate everybody be so intolerant of those who want to practice modesty and purity?

Again this teenager doesn't agree.

Teenagers are conceived in Original Sin just like everybody else. We feel the temptations of impurity, maybe even more than many adults. My generation is hypersexualized. According to a 2013 study, a shocking 96% of 16-year-olds have seen pornography. In another study, the CDC reported that "Americans ages 15 to 24 years old accounted for nearly two-thirds of chlamydia diagnoses and half of gonorrhea diagnoses." That's about 1.2 million of my generation alone with STDs. Sin is not only deadly for the soul but unhealthy for the body. Virtue, especially modesty and purity, elevates the dignity of human nature.

Common Sense: Avoiding Sin and the Occasion of Sin

When dealing with modesty, we need to use a lot of common sense. If we let our common sense be guided by good morals, it will be easier to gauge what leads others to sin or when we are an occasion of sin. According to the studies cited above, most teenagers lack sensual restraint; more than ever we should dress in a way that does not entice them into sin.

The great Saint John Chrysostom compares being dressed immodestly in public to the snares of the devil. He wrote, "You carry your snare everywhere and spread your nets in all places. You allege that you never invited others to sin. You did not indeed, by your words, but you have done so by your dress and your deportment."(continued next week.)