

MASSES FOR THE WEEK The Most Holy Trinity

May 28 Monday	All Deceased Souls	9:00 AM Thomas
May 29 Tuesday	*Chris & Christy Johnson	5:00 PM Thomas
May 30 Wednesday	Diane Ulch & Imelda Stevenson	9:00 AM Parsons
May 31 Thursday	Donnie Johnson	5:00 PM Thomas
June 01 First Friday	Joe Sagace	1:00 PM Cort. Acres
June 01 First Friday	ADORATION & BENEDICTION	5:00 PM Parsons
June 01 First Friday	Kate Curran	6:00 PM Parsons
June 02 First Saturday	Dick Sakal	9:00 AM Parsons
June 02 SATURDAY VIGIL	Marguerite Zizunas	5:00 PM Thomas
June 03 SUNDAY	Diane Ulch & Imelda Stevenson	9:00 AM Thomas
June 03 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
06/02	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Beth Spencer	Any available
06/03	Mary Sagace	Michelle Snyder	Drew Simmons

PARSONS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
06/03	Becca Siler & Kaylee DiBacco	Fred Sikarskie	Any available

Cleaning: 05/27: - 06/02: 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. 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 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 June, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass) Sunday 06/10/18
Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, (Low Mass) Sunday 06/17/18.

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 MOST HOLY TRINITY, May 27, 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.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



Freedom comes at the cost of many lives. On this Memorial Day we remember and thank all of those fallen heroes that died fighting for our country. There will be a second collection today, 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).

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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We offer our accolades to all of our graduates and we offer our prayers and gratitude to God for this milestone in their lives. Please join us for cake after the 11 AM Mass in Parsons for this very special occasion.

ANNUAL 2010 CORPORATION MEETING

All Knights of Columbus members are reminded of this important meeting scheduled for June 3rd at 2:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus community park in Thomas.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- 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

Nothing has devastated our culture more than abortion. Everyone, even without participating directly, has been affected by this tragedy. More than 80 million parents, 160 million grandparents, and countless relatives have lost a child through abortion. It has broken families and ended relationships. But, perhaps its most devastating legacy has been the number of women and men it has estranged from Christ, from the Church and from themselves.

++ James Aloysius Cardinal Hickey †

2018 CSA

St. Thomas.....\$2,870 pledged
(Goal: \$11,715) 24% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy.....\$3,550 pledged
(Goal: \$4,395) 81% of goal met.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY 20, 2018

St. Thomas: \$1297.72
Peters' Pence: \$351.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$634.00
Peters' Pence: \$192.00

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)

(continued from last week)...

Dressing Modestly to Reflect the Best Version of Yourself

When I was about seven, I liked dressing up like the heros I admired. A lot of boys today wear the jerseys of their favorite athlete. By dressing up like the people they admire, they feel like they can become like them. That's why it never made sense to me why some adults dress like teenagers, or why some professionals dress like they are not. It makes sense for adults to dress like adults, girls, like girls, boys, like boys, firemen, like firemen, soldiers, like soldiers, and, doctors, like doctors.

California State University psychology professor Abraham Rutchick argues that formal clothing "changes the basic way we see the world." Whether eating, walking, conversing, or facing temptation, the way we dress affects ourselves and others. Matthew Hutson and Tori Rodriguez, on a Scientific American article based on several studies, wrote, "What you wear can influence your thinking and negotiating skills, and even hormone levels and heart rate." They argue that the best versions of ourselves come out when we "dress up" instead of looking informal.

Dressing Modestly to Reflect Virtue and Dignity

Clothes reflect your most valued possession, your virtue. This is more important than a graduate degree or having a successful money market account. Contrary to the slogans of the world, modest clothing doesn't undermine the dignity of man. It leads to chastity. According to Saint Padre Pio, chastity is "a virtue which ennoble our nature and makes it similar to that of the Angels."

The way many choose to dress today reflects not virtue, but vices like laziness, dirtiness, sensuality, vulgarity and anger. A person with gang tattoos wants to portray his capacity to be violent with others. Ripped and dirty clothing makes a person look like a zombie, or simply a lazy person who forgot to change clothes for weeks. Why not use clothing to reflect virtues that portray the height of human dignity like honor, respect, trustworthiness, friendliness, courage, uprightness, purity, humility and generosity.

Dressing Modestly for God

And what about Holy Mass? If we came to Mass reminding ourselves of Jesus' sacrifice for us, dying on the cross, shouldn't we treat Mass as a very special event? I attended a TFP Call to Chivalry Camp in the summer of 2017. All us teenagers wore a suit and tie for mass. We looked sharp and it made Mass feel really important, which it is. Every teenager should have clothing reserved for special events, especially Mass. For reference, here is the dress code Saint Padre Pio posted outside his parish:

The Church is the house of God.

It is forbidden for men to enter with bare arms or in shorts. It is forbidden for women to enter in trousers, without a veil on their head, in short clothing, low necklines, sleeveless or immodest dresses.

A Teenager's Basic Guidelines for Dressing Modestly

The reasons why a teenager should dress modestly seem very straightforward to me. We should do it to please God, to practice virtue and to avoid sin. If you are a teenager or know of someone who is, and wants to dress modestly, you can start by observing these simple guidelines:

- Boys and girls should avoid clothing that excessively reveals body parts, especially in a way that puts a friend in the occasion of sin.
- Dress according to your age, profession, and activity.
- Dress to elevate your dignity, not lower it.
- Dress to reflect your good aspirations, especially the virtues you want to practice.
- Dress to show the best version of yourself.
- Dress to make a good impression on others.
- Wear something nice for Church. Mass is a special event. Dress like you are going to one.
- Encourage your friends to dress modestly. Stay away from friends who are dressed in a way that is an occasion of sin.
- **Above all, dress to please God instead of your friends.**