

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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| June 04 Monday | Joseph & Mary Deegan | 7:15 AM Thomas |
| June 05 Tuesday | Lena Bednarz | 5:00 PM Thomas |
| June 06 Wednesday | Poor Souls in Purgatory | 9:00 AM Parsons |
| June 07 Thursday | Andrew DiBacco | 5:00 PM Thomas |
| June 08 Friday | Fr. Charles Carroll | 5:00 PM Thomas |
| June 09 Saturday | Jacob, John & Anthony DeBevits | 9:00 AM Parsons |
| June 09 SATURDAY VIGIL | Roland Gravelle | 5:00 PM Thomas |
| June 10 SUNDAY | *John & Rita Johnson | 9:00 AM Thomas |
| June 10 SUNDAY | People of the Parish | 11:00 AM Parsons |

THOMAS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u> | <u>READERS</u> | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> |
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| 06/09 | Rita Johnson | Kathy Supak | Any available |
| 06/10 | Titi Ferguson | John Ferguson | Isaac Quattro |

PARSONS

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| 06/10 | Addie Buckley & Dee Oldaker | Tom Gutshall | Any available |

Cleaning: 06/03: - 06/: 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. 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 BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST, June 03, 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.

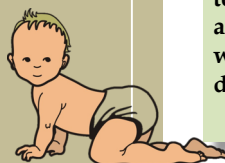
HOLY COMMUNION: *We welcome to the Holy Mass all who share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While all are welcome here, we cannot extend to all an invitation to receive Holy Communion. This is not for lack of Christian hospitality. Rather, it is the recognition by the Catholic Church that real divisions 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.*

FATHER'S DAY MASS INTENTIONS

Father's Day Cards are available for only \$2.00 at both St. Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Churches for those who would like to have your living and deceased fathers remembered at the Father's Day Masses.

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.



IS YOUR HEART BURNING FOR JESUS?



Come and join us for Adoration and Benediction on Friday, June 8th at 4:00 PM at the St. Thomas Church for the feast of the Sacred heart of Jesus. The Heart of Jesus never ceases to love us in heaven. He sanctifies us through the Sacraments. These are inexhaustible fountains of grace and holiness which have their source in the boundless ocean of His Most Sacred Heart.

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!!!

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

"One dark day in January of 1973, SATAN donned judicial robes! Robes flowing, gavel in hand, he swept onto the floor of the United States Supreme Court. He presided over the most atrocious travesty of justice that ever took place, and he declared - we now have the 'right' to murder the most innocent, in what should be the safest place in the universe for them! And since then, tens of millions of babes have been assassinated in their own mothers' wombs! The darkness indeed grows deeper."

++ Fr. Corapi ++

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 27, 2018

St. Thomas: \$2,443.30
Mt. Calvary Cemetery: \$2,474.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$1,058.50

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.

MODERN EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES

As Catholics, we believe that the bread and wine used in the Mass become the body and blood of Christ. It's a bold claim, especially considering it still looks, feels, smells and tastes just like bread and wine. Theology and scripture put aside, some of the most compelling pieces of evidence are when the Eucharist has quite literally changed into Jesus' body and blood. It's happened throughout history but as we can often be sceptical of events that happened long ago here we have 3 of 5 Eucharist miracles, all of which happened in the last 30 years!

1. The Parish of Saint Martin of Tours in Tixtla, 21 October 2006

During a Mass in a parish retreat, a host that was about to be distributed was effusing a reddish substance. The diocese decided to conduct extensive scientific study of the host to discern its cause, origin and ensure there was no hoax being played. The study took several years but its results were eventually published in 2013. The reddish substance analysed in the host was indeed blood in which there was DNA and hemoglobins of human origin. Two studies conducted by eminent forensic experts using different methods both showed that blood came from inside the host; this showed that it wasn't possible that the blood was placed on the host from an outside source. The blood type was AB positive, the same type as found in other Eucharistic miracles and the Holy Shroud of Turin. A microscopic analysis of the blood in 2010 showed that since 2006 much of the blood visible had coagulated (as expected) but that underlying internal layers contained the presence of fresh blood which showed that the Eucharist was still bleeding. The human tissue found in the host was living, evidenced by intact white and red blood cells and active macrophages. The immunohistochemical studies revealed that the tissue found corresponds to the muscle of the heart mentioned in Buenos Aires, the Myocardium. All in all, the study proved beyond a doubt that the occurrence was not of natural origin and went further by linking this miracle to the others that happen around the world.

2. The Marian Shrine of Finca Betania in Cúa, 8 December 1991

The priest had just divided the big host into four parts and consumed one of those pieces, as is normal in the Mass. When he placed the remaining pieces back on the paten he noticed that one of the pieces now had a red spot and from it a red substance was coming out, similar to the manner in which blood escapes from a wound, the numerous pilgrims who were there immediately verified the blood did not come from the priest. The host continues to produce fresh blood and the then-Bishop of Los Teques requested a series of studies to test the Eucharist's miraculous appearance. The host was analysed by 500 commissions of the World Health Organization and it was confirmed that the blood of the priest did not match that of the Eucharist. The studies, like before, showed that the blood came from inside the host and matched that of other Eucharistic miracles, it again being AB positive and from a living heart. It is possible to go and see the miraculous host all days of the year at any hour in the convent of the Augustinian Recollects Nuns of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Los Teques.

3. The parish church of Saint Anthony of Sokółka, 12 October 2008

A consecrated host accidentally fell to the ground during Mass and, when the priest noticed it, he believed it was dirty and so placed it in a vasculum (a small container filled with water) to dissolve it and get rid of a dirty host in the proper manner. Later, when it was brought out again, although it was partially dissolved it was still there and what was thought to be 'dirt' at a passing glance was in fact what looked like a blood clot. Intense study followed and two scientists of global fame and specialists in pathological anatomy were called in to lead the investigation, Professor Maria Elżbieta Sobaniec-Lotowska and Professor Stanisław Sulkowski. These two scientists studied the 'blood clot' independent of each other and made use of the most modern optical microscopes and the transmission electronic microscope. To further ensure no bias in the study, Professor Sulkowski was not informed that the sample which he was examining came from a host. Despite this, both scientists reached the same conclusion: the sample examined was neither a clot, nor blood... it was a human cardiac muscle tissue (heart tissue) and was still alive. The details of the heart's condition are the same as those we've mentioned earlier, but the most incredible thing about this study was that, due to the advanced nature of the equipment they used, they were able to observe that the cardiac tissue was joined to the consecrated host in an inseparable manner. There is no scientific explanation for this; they penetrated each other, as if a fragment of 'bread' had suddenly transformed itself into 'body'. It is not possible to manipulate an event of this type. No one, absolutely no one, would have been able to do it. "Even the scientists of NASA, who have at their disposal the most modern analytical techniques, would not be able to artificially recreate such a thing" affirmed Professor Sobaniec-Lotowska.