

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 11 Monday	Lillian Moore	7:15 AM Thomas
June 12 Tuesday	Rosina Grimaldi	5:00 PM Thomas
June 13 Wednesday	Mercy & Joe Gummerson	9:00 AM Parsons
June 14 Thursday	*Nancy Anderson	5:00 PM Thomas
June 15 Friday	Connie Finnerty	5:00 PM Thomas
June 16 Saturday	Max L. McDonald	9:00 AM Parsons
June 16 SATURDAY VIGIL	People of the Parish	5:00 PM Thomas
June 17 SUNDAY	All Living & Deceased Fathers	9:00 AM Thomas
June 17 SUNDAY	All Living & Deceased Fathers	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
06/16	Kathy Supak	Beth Spencer	Any available
06/17	Betty Woods	Don Woods	Mateo Hinkle

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
06/17	Lillian & Ariona Plumley	Joanne Sikarskie	Any available

Cleaning: 06/10: - 06/16: 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. 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.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, June 10, 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.

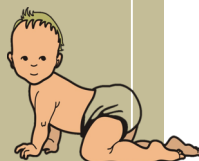
HOLY COMMUNION: *We welcome to the Holy Mass all who share our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. While all are welcome here, we cannot extend to all an invitation to receive Holy Communion. This is not for lack of Christian hospitality. Rather, it is the recognition by the Catholic Church that real divisions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



FATHER'S DAY IS NEXT WEEKEND!

To honor all the Father's of our Parish, we will have a Father's day breakfast immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas and a picnic immediately after the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons at Mill Race Park. All are invited to attend one or both of these special events.

CONSECRATION OF THE PARISH

This weekend June 9th and 10th we will consecrate both St. Thomas Aquinas and Our Lady of Mercy Parishes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration will take place during the close of Mass.

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks374
Total Rosaries for the year.....15,352
(since May 2016)

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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.

June 28 – 4th Degree Knights meeting.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

- Jane Roe of Roe v Wade never actually had an abortion. Her daughter, now in her 40's, was given up for adoption and is living a happy life. Roe, real name Norma McCorvey, is now an outspoken pro-life activist who admitted that much of the Roe v Wade case was based on lies.

- Less than .5% of women who have abortions became pregnant because of rape.

- Sex selective abortion has led to a missing 100 million women in the world.

- Over half of abortions are performed on women under the age of 25.

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 JUNE 03, 2018

St. Thomas: \$3,382.07

Our Lady of Mercy: \$722.00

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.

THINGS MY MOTHER USED TO SAY

My mom's birthday was yesterday and Father's Day is on Sunday and I was reflecting on the words of "wisdom" parents "share" with their kids. I suppose that all parents get to a point with their kids where they will just say anything to appease or pacify or make them stop doing what they're doing. Thinking back on my own childhood, I know my parents had a handful of one-liners that I thought were meant for pacification, but when I reflect on them, the things they used to say were actually good. And surprisingly true. Allow me to share.

1. **Offer it up (As in, offer this [suffering of some kind] up to God):** I imagine that every good Catholic parent can be heard saying this to his or her kids, and my parents were no exception. As a child I used to think it was an easy thing for my mom or dad to say when I'd scraped a knee or stubbed a toe, and I couldn't understand a God who wanted me to suffer so that I could "offer it up" to him. But as an adult I realize there's so much more to it. For Catholic Christians, suffering isn't just something to be avoided at all costs. Not only is it part of the human condition and completely unavoidable, but it can also be redemptive, a gift to us – a share, albeit a small one, in the pain that Christ suffered. The catechism refers to suffering in its section on the Sacrament of the Sick. It states, "By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus." (CCC 1521) This, as I have come to understand, is uniformly true – all suffering, of any kind, can be transformed in Christ to help the world, help your neighbor, and also to help yourself to get to heaven. Now THAT is pretty cool.

2. **It's always good to have good friends:** This little ditty was usually said in response to questions or in conversations surrounding boyfriends/girlfriends/dating. It would usually go something like this: Me: Mom, I like this guy but I don't know if he likes me. Mom: Well it's always good to have good friends. The saying drove me (and my siblings) up the wall half the time, but I have come to believe that it is genuinely true.. Because as it turns out I have a disposition that falls on the nervous side of the spectrum. When it came to dating relationships in my 20's I was anxiety-ridden and guys would not often make the "cut" for a second date. I'd all but given up in my early 20's as I figured there'd be no way for me to get to know someone, at least not with the way the dating scene and I were getting along at that point. I did meet someone. And through a miraculous series of events, we had to stay friends for several months before he could ask me out on a date. Those months turned out to be foundational for us, a way for us to get to know each other without the pressure of the one-on-one dating scene. We established a solid friendship then, but were also blessed to make several other solid friendships during that time as well, friendships that have richly blessed our married life. So as it turns out, it IS always good to have good friends.

3. **This will hurt me more than it does you:** This is a tough one because it was said before a discipline of some kind and I never believed it at the time. Now I work at a college with 80+ young people in their late teens and early twenties, and I can say with certainty that discipline often does "hurt" the discipliner more than the offender, if only for the fact that the discipliner has to weigh the actions, stew about the consequences, and then actually administer the discipline. It's hard. It's a drag. It's being the bad guy when all you want to be is the good guy, most especially when it's with the people you love most in the world, like your kids. But it's one of those things that is necessary for the offender and that you hope will shape him or her into a good, virtuous, God-fearing, responsible person. What's more important than that?

4. **You'll thank me for it someday:** Oh, that darned violin. I hated practicing. I only moderately liked playing – mostly because the violin was a hard and unforgiving mistress. But it was something all of us kids did, learn to play an instrument (or several). And I did it too. We all play the piano, guitar or violin or a mixture of the three, with other instruments thrown in as well. My brother is a music teacher; my sister is studying music at university. We were sometimes called the Canadian VonTrapp family because we would "tour" the local nursing homes and Church lady get-togethers and put on little shows. In truth, although there were times I swore I wouldn't be, I am thankful to my parents for the talents I have because of their perseverance. I grew up thinking that everyone learned musical instruments, that it was no big deal, and that everyone could play music the way we could, but that's simply not true. Having now met enough people who long to be able to play the violin, I understand what a talent it is and I'm grateful, just as my mom said I would be. However did she know? (by: Sarah Gould)