

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 18 Monday	Matthew "Loupie" Lambruno	7:15 AM Thomas
June 19 Tuesday	*John Johnson	5:00 PM Thomas
June 20 Wednesday	Frances & Arley Mason	9:00 AM Parsons
June 21 Thursday	Joseph & Mary Deegan	5:00 PM Thomas
June 22 Friday	Edward R. Ambrose	5:00 PM Thomas
June 23 Saturday	V.J. Horowitz	9:00 AM Parsons
June 23 SATURDAY VIGIL	*Chris Shaffer	5:00 PM Thomas
June 24 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
June 24 SUNDAY	Judy Phillips	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
06/23	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Nancy Zizunas	Any available
06/24	Brittany Cross	Diane Rader	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
06/24	Kaylee DiBacco & Becca Siler	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 06/17: - 06/23: 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 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, Ed Kepner 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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, June 17, 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.*

Happy Father's Day!



*Dad,
In your eyes
I've seen God's love,
In your words
I've heard His wisdom,
through your life
I've found His grace.*

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.

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Alabaster Theatre is looking forward to presenting PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN at St. Thomas Aquinas Center on Wednesday, July 4 at 7:00 pm. Alabaster is a private non profit Christ centered performing arts ministry based in Greensburg, PA. They have performed at Catholic schools and parishes across the region, as well as public schools, prisons, nursing homes and theatres. This event is free to the public.

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

**A truly rich man.....
is one whose children.....
run into his arms.....
when his arms are empty.**



2018 CSA

St. Thomas.....\$4,251 pledged
(Goal: \$11,715) 36% of goal met.

Our Lady of Mercy.....\$3,650 pledged
(Goal: \$4,395) 83% of goal met.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE 10, 2018

St. Thomas: \$1,606.08

Our Lady of Mercy: \$1,189.00

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.

HUSBANDS DAY (By: Jennifer Roback Morse)

Fathers Day is a day for honoring fathers. But I would like to take a step back and honor men as husbands. In our enlightened, liberated era, we have a tendency to overlook men as husbands, since the father is so often not the husband of the mother. But without some kind of connection between the man and the woman, there is quite literally, no child. I'd like to make the case that the most important thing fathers can do for their children is to love their mother. And likewise, among the many things mothers do for their children, one of the most important is that mothers love their children's father. As with so many things, our family learned this from our experience with disturbed children. We encountered a gifted therapist named Nancy Thomas who taught us that attachment disordered children need a strong mother figure to whom they can attach. These children don't really believe that anyone can take care of them, that the universe is fundamentally a hostile place, and that they must take care of themselves. If the child perceives any weakness in the mother, the child cannot entrust himself to her. It was my husband who first went to Nancy's workshop and came back filled with excitement. "You have to be sure of yourself. You can't let the kids bug you. You have to stay cheerful, even when they are trying to wear you down, because they think it is funny to wear you down. And my job," my husband said to me, "is to support you. I have to build you up in their eyes, so they will respect you. If they can't respect you, they can't heal." Truthfully, I had no idea what he was talking about. But it sounded good, so I tried being more decisive with the kids. Even more important than the impact on our kids, was the change in our marriage. My husband made every effort to back me up. He responded to any hints of disrespect from the kids. And, incidentally, he understood that I sometimes needed a break from the daily-ness of dealing with kids. He became much more willing to honor my requests for rest, especially when I made those requests without whining. Through all these things, his being a better husband made me a better mother. I knew we were making progress, when my son's school bus driver told me, "I hear you are the queen of Primrose Avenue." My son had told her I was the Queen of Primrose Avenue. He had heard his father call me that. Well, I don't know about you, but I can overlook a lot of dirty socks on the floor for a guy who calls me "queen." And, by the way, it really did help our kids' development to see us show one another that kind of respect and appreciation. The feminist movement introduced an unbelievable amount of tension into the relationships between men and women. Feminism gave us women permission to nag and criticize our husbands, which most women can do just fine without any special permission. The legacy of the feminist movement has been to turn the home, which should be the place of cooperation, into a sphere of competition between men and women. And ironically, feminism, which was supposed to be about getting beyond stereotypes, supported the most negative of stereotypes about men. I have my own pet theory about the stereotype of men dragging their feet about getting married. The socio-biologists claim that men want to invest their seed in as many women as possible, and therefore do not want marriage. I think this is only a dim shadow of the whole truth. The whole truth must include this great fact about men: They are capable of heroic loyalty. When men finally do marry, they are capable of committing themselves to the care of their wives and children. Many men spend a lifetime working at jobs they don't like very much, for the love of their families. When men marry, they take it very seriously. It is women who initiate most divorces. It is divorced men who commit suicide at twice the rate as married men, while divorce has little impact on the suicide propensities of women. Most men, with an insignificant number of exceptions, are capable of this heroic loyalty. We women can call this out of our men. When women marry, we get things that we want and value. We get the opportunity to become mothers. We get a home, our nest for our little ones. What do men get? They get the right to throw themselves on a live grenade for the protection of their families. Or, as St. Paul suggested to the Ephesians, husbands get the right to be crucified. Most men, with an insignificant number of exceptions, are capable of this heroic loyalty. We women can call this out of our men. We don't achieve this by nagging. We certainly don't achieve it by competing with them over who makes the most money, or by keeping score with them on who does the most household chores. We need to build them up, as St. Paul says. Watch them sit up straighter and taller when we appreciate and admire them. We need to build up our marriages because our children suffer from broken relationships or non-relationships. We now know that father absence inflicts a wound on children that social science can measure, but only partially fathom. We are finding that even the children conceived by artificial means long for a relationship with their fathers. So if we are going to honor fathers, we women have to honor our husbands, as husbands. And sometimes, just sometimes, we will find that they will honor and build us up as well.