

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 05 Monday	-	-
Nov 06 Tuesday	-	-
Nov 07 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	<i>(Fr. will offer while away)</i>
Nov 08 Thursday	-	-
Nov 09 Friday	-	-
Nov 10 Saturday	-	-
Nov 10 SATURDAY VIGIL	Roy & Josephine Carr	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov 11 SUNDAY	Frank Okolish	9:00 AM Thomas
Nov 11 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
11/10	Rita Johnson	Kathy Supak	Any available
11/11	Brittany Cross	Diane Rader	Drew Simmons

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
11/11	Lillian Plumley & Becca Siler	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 11/04 - 11/11: Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of November, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
St. Thomas - 7:30 AM,
 (Low Mass) **NO MASS 11/11/18;**
Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM,
 (Only when requested in advance.)

PRAYER LINE

If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call
Mary Frances Evans - Thomas (463-4413)
Susie Gutshall - Parsons (478-3217)
Or Cindy Long - Parsons (478-4833)

Let us remember in prayer all of our sick and shut-ins:

Champ Sedmock, "Sob" Gennantonio, Eleanor James, Vincent DiBacco, Mary Johnson, Joanne Michael, Leo Pase Jr., Scott Hinkle, Jean Sagace, Darlene Sedmock, Ed Kepner, Loretta DiMaio, Martha Wolf & Jimmy Quattro.

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 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.

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 04, 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.*

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST. THOMAS CENTER

Preparation is already underway for the 2018 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner for shut-ins and people of the Davis and Thomas area. This year the dinner will be hosted again in the St. Thomas Center. Volunteers, donations of time, talents and gifts will be needed to provide the following: baked sliced turkeys, Stovetop stuffing, pumpkin pies and bring them to the St. Thomas Center by 9 AM on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22; donations of money for green beans, butter, and gravy for the dinner; help to prepare and serve the meals starting at 9:30 AM in the kitchen at St. Thomas Center; help to deliver meals in the Davis-Thomas, Pierce-Benbush area and Pineview apt.; a group of people to help wash dishes and clean up the Center. If you plan on helping with any of the above mentioned items or you have any questions please call Kathy & Pat Kotten (866-6243).

SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Archbishop William E. Lori, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of Nov. 10-11 in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred across the country. Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services and will provide pastoral support and rebuilding assistance to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please remember in prayer those who have lost their lives as a result of the storms and flooding, as well as all those who are injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, access to food and water and to those who remain without electricity or are stranded.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- Nov 04 – 2nd collection today for Archdiocese for Military Services.
- Nov 04 – “ASK FATHER” immediately following Mass in Parsons.
- Nov 06 – Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting at 7 PM in the second floor conference room of the St. Thomas Center.
- Nov 11 – Our Lady of Mercy Women’s Guild meeting after Mass.
- Nov 14 – Knights of Columbus meeting at 6 PM.
- Nov 18 – Confirmation Class with Fr. Grassi at 4 PM.



VISITING PRIEST NEXT WEEKEND

Rev. Fr. Matthew Schneider, L.C. will be covering for Fr. Grassi next weekend and he will be available for confessions at the regular times.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays after the 5 PM Mass in Thomas in reparation for the sins of the Clergy who have scandalized the Faithful and disgraced the Church. We will do this until our Bishop is appointed.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR October 28, 2018

St. Thomas: \$1,533.08

Our Lady of Mercy: \$806.00

FOOD PANTRY

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

TC BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

“Backpack Buddies” is a hunger prevention/nutrition program in which local children will receive healthy, kid friendly foods every weekend throughout the school year. Families are struggling in our area with over 120 children applying for this program. Unfortunately we won’t be able to serve everyone, but we’d like to include as many children as possible (based on their need). Please consider sponsoring a child or donating to this program. \$150 will provide weekend food for a child for the rest of the school year, and \$75 will provide weekend food for a child for half of the school year. Any cash donation will be helpful and will go exclusively to purchase food or hygiene items.

Checks can be made payable to the Tucker County Family Resource Network.

PURGATORY, A SECOND CHANCE?

BY: Susan Tassone

Purgatory is not where people go for a “second chance.” It’s only for those whom God has destined for heaven and for those who die in the state of grace. The catechism of the Catholic church teaches us: “Death is the end of man’s earthly pilgrimage, of the time of grace and mercy which God offers him so as to work out his earthly life in keeping with the divine plan and to decide his ultimate destiny” (n. 1013).

And: “Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or reflecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith” (n. 1021).

It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. –Hebrews 9:27

OVERCOMING SELF-CENTEREDNESS

By: Susan Tassone

“Purgatory says that God does not regard this failure as final. He does not come to us and say, ‘You’ve failed me completely. Enough! I am through with you!’ Rather He comes to help us complete the work we’ve left undone... “Purgatory is not a chamber of horrors. It is a place where shallowness and selfishness are overcome. It is a time of spiritual growth and maturing.. It infallibly leads to the Beatific Vision of God.... “If he were to put people in heaven selfish, unprepared, and spiritually immature, it could not really be heaven for them.. It is in full giving of self that one receives the fullness of God’s love” --Father Michael J. Taylor, S.J., Scripture scholar, author.

“If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” –Matthew 19:21

ENRAPTURED IN EXSTASY

By: Susan Tassone

“St. Catherine of Siena one day was enraptured in ecstasy and saw the mysteries of God the Most High. Once the vision ended, she realized that she was still living here on earth. She became inconsolable. She sobbed in desolation: ‘I thought I was in Heaven forever, yet I find myself to be still here below!’ Beloved souls in purgatory, you see God, yet you are still in prison. Poor souls, poor souls? I hear you exclaim: ‘Oh Father, Oh, Father!’ and then I see you suffering anguish” –St., Louis Guanella, founder of the Pious Union of St. Joseph in 1924.

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.

--1 Corinthians 2:9

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....454
Total Rosaries for the year.....18,618
(since May 2016)

Please pray the Rosary remembering reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for all those serving in our armed forces.