

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Nov 19 Monday	Michael & Isabel DiTota	7:15 AM Thomas
Nov 20 Tuesday	Lucy Quattro	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov 21 Wednesday	Diane Ulch & Imelda Stevenson	9:00 AM Parsons
<b>Nov 22 Thursday (Thanksgiving)</b>	Nellie Uchic	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
Nov 23 Friday	Rhoda Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
Nov 24 Saturday	Joseph Fratino	9:00 AM Parsons
<b>Nov 24 SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Frank Hoffner	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
<b>Nov 25 SUNDAY</b>	Fr. Charles Carroll	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
<b>Nov 25 SUNDAY</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

**THOMAS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
11/24	Rita Johnson	Kathy Supak	Any available
11/25	Kaitlyn Simmons	Beth Spencer	Mateo Hinkle

**PARSONS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
11/25	Kaylee DiBacco & Ariona Plumley	Fred Sikarskie	Any available

Cleaning: 11/18 - 11/24: 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](http://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 November, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:  
**St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass) 12/09/18;**  
**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, Ed Kepner, Loretta DiMaio, Martha Wolf, Karen Renzelli & 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.**

**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, November 18, 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](http://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 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. Donations of pumpkin pies and cool whip are still needed. Please bring food donations to the St. Thomas Center by 9 AM on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 22. Help is always needed 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).

## THE DARLENE SEDMOCK CHURCH PROJECT FUNDRAISER

The Society of St. Thomas Women will be raffling off three prizes this holiday season in honor and memory of Darlene Sedmock.

First Prize: A beautiful Christmas Quilt.

Second Prize: Christmas Basket with a \$50 gift card.

Third Prize: \$50 gift card.

Chances are \$5 each with 3 chances to win. Proceeds will benefit church projects. Tickets also available in Parsons.

## DISCOVER THE SAINTS

Go to Formed.org and "Discover the Saints!" Listen to an audio on St. John Paul the Great. Discover the five great loves of Pope Saint John Paul II as Jason Evert, renowned Catholic speaker and author, shares remarkable stories about this saint's life from those who knew him, including bishops, students whom he taught, and Swiss Guards who interacted with him daily. Jason presents a wealth of insights about this holy man who promoted devotion to Divine Mercy and Marian consecration, helped defeat communism in Europe, wrote the Theology of the Body, and embraced young people like no other.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

Nov 18 - Confirmation Class with Fr. Grassi at 4 PM in Parsons.

Nov 22 & 25 - No Religious Education classes due to Thanksgiving.

Dec 02 - "ASK FATHER" immediately following the 11 AM Mass.

Dec 04 - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting at 6 PM in the rectory conference room.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

"At the end of another university speech, I chatted with a pro-abortion student who, unlike most of her friends, was at least willing to dialogue. She told me she was gay. I said to her, "I'm not going to debate homosexuality with you, but let me put to you a proposition. Let us suppose for a moment that a gay gene was found and could be detected in unborn children. I do not believe this to be plausible or possible, but for the sake of argument, let us pretend. Then let us suppose that many people decided to abort their baby if it had such a gene and was gay. Would that be choice, would that be acceptable?" A long, long pause. Then tears came into her eyes and she backed away, Perhaps, God willing, we are changing some people some of the time. No shame in that at all." - Michael Coren

## ATTENTION

Fr. Grassi will meet with all of the Confirmation students today, Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM in Parsons at Our Lady of Mercy church.

## CONTRIBUTIONS FOR October 11, 2018

St. Thomas: \$2,109.65

Disaster Relief: \$401.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$706.00

Disaster Relief: \$290.00

## 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

## ALL TORMENTS ON EARTH

(By Susan Tassone)

*For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. - Psalm 84:10*

"It would be preferable to suffer all the possible torments of earth until Judgment Day than to pass one day in purgatory" -St. Cyril of Alexandria

**Reflection:** The holy souls are concerned about their loved ones' salvation. They reach out to help those who are still on earth. Parents know the spiritual needs of their children, friends know how to support you on your journey, religious know the needs of their religious family. All these souls are moved by tremendous resolve for us to become holy on earth and avoid the workshop of purgatory. Their prayers help us to recognize sin and understand its ugliness. The holy souls teach us that we must always strive for heaven. Today, work at developing a deeper appreciation for these great intercessors.

## PURGATORY IS REAL

*"Bear fruits that befit repentance." -Luke 3:8*

"The Fatima Seer, Lucia, asked the Blessed Mother about their friend, Amelia, who died between the ages of 18 and 20. Our Lady's answer was startling. 'She will be in purgatory until the end of the world.' It was later learned that Amelia died in circumstances involving immoral behavior. Only God knows why she would be in purgatory until the end of the world. To be in purgatory. She must have been sincerely sorry for her sins when she died; however, she probably did not have sufficient time to make satisfaction for all the temporal punishment due to these sins. This is a powerful reminder to practice the virtues of a Christian life and do penance now while we have the chance, so that when we die we may go quickly to heaven" -Father Andrew Apostoli, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, author.

**Reflection:** Make the Five First Saturdays (confession within eight days preceding or following the first Saturday, receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary, spend fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary) in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady promises graces necessary for salvation. Ask Our Lady to include all family generations! Pray the Fatima Prayer: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especial those in most need of your mercy."

## SUFFER GRATEFULLY

*"For thou are God of the lowly, helper of the oppressed, upholder of the weak, protector of the forlorn, savior of those without hope." -Judith 9:11*

"One of the many purposes of suffering in this life is to atone for the temporary, earthly effects of our sins. So instead of kicking and screaming when life's inevitable suffering and sacrifices come your way, embrace them and offer them to expiate your sins (or those of loved ones). Offer even small frustrations to God for atonement, like getting cut off in traffic, or dealing with a grouchy toddler..One easy way to do this is to make a Morning Offering. Then God can use everything that happens for your spiritual benefit - Misty Mealey, convert from atheism, author.

**Reflection:** Begin or renew the habit of saying the Morning Offering daily.

*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, the reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.*

## PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

*Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....150*

*Total Rosaries since May 2016.....18,768*

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.