

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany Of The Lord

Jan 07 Monday	*Christy Johnson	7:15 AM Thomas
Jan 08 Tuesday	*Rita & John Johnson	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 09 Wednesday	Nancy Tynan	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan 10 Thursday	*Naomi Hickey	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 11 Friday	Paul DiBacco	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 12 Saturday	*Virginia Hickey	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan 12 SATURDAY VIGIL	Sr. Francesca DiBacco	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 13 SUNDAY	Don Woods	9:00 AM Thomas
Jan 13 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
01/12	Rita Johnson	Beth Spencer	Any available
01/13	Brittany Cross	Matt Hinkle	Isaac & Aaron Quattro

PARSONS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
01/13	Dee Oldaker & Ariona Plumley	Joanne Sikarskie	Any available

Cleaning: 01/06 - 01/12: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco

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 January, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass) 01/13/18;
Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, (01/20/19 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, & 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Jan. 06, 2019



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.

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.*

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.



THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

The Christmas season extends from the vigil of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 13th, 2019. The Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth and early manifestations. Christmas is the feast that sings of the gift of life. The birth of a child moves us and causes tenderness. Contemplating the baby Jesus in the manger, how can we not think of the newborns who are not welcomed and are rejected? This Christmas Season, let us open our minds and hearts to welcome the Messiah, who comes at this sacred moment to save us from sin and deliver us from the darkness of evil.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

Please mark your calendars for the next confirmation class with Father on Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 PM in Parsons.

COVERED DISH DINNER

We will have our Epiphany covered dish dinner today, Sunday, January 6th immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

THE 46th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The March for Life is an annual pilgrimage of prayer and public witness to protest the 1973 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize abortion. As Catholics, we believe that all life is sacred. Participating in the March for life is an opportunity to be advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves and to help our government understand why we believe life is so sacred. Please come join us and take a stand for LIFE! We will be taking a car (or cars) to the metro stop in Vienna, VA., and then we will take the train into D.C. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to join this life saving event, Saturday, January 19th, 2018.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- Jan. 06 - Epiphany pot luck dinner at Our Lady of Mercy church immediately following Mass.
- Jan. 09 - Knights of Columbus meeting in Parsons at 6 PM.
- Jan. 13 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following the 11 AM Mass.

Happy New Year!



What are your pro-life resolutions for 2019?

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 DECEMBER 30, 2018

St. Thomas: \$4,533.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$601.00

FOOD PANTRY

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

2018: OUR PARISH IN BRIEF!

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISMS: Clayton Eric Cross.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Edward Ralph Kepner, Tyler James Ricottilli, Ernest Ralph Gabler & Frederick Herz.

CONFIRMATION: Ernest Ralph Gabler

MARRIAGES: John Charles Cronin to Elise Marie Maloney, Ryan Patrick Norris to Katherine Grace Teems, David William Ferguson to Cynthia Ann Demo.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Communal Anointing at Cortland Acres in March and November.

OTHER SPIRITUAL EVENTS:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Monthly Latin Masses at St. Thomas & Our Lady of Mercy; 45th Annual March for Life; Blessing of throats; Rosary to the Interior: For the Purification of the Church, Lenten Services at Thomas and Parsons; Visiting confessors during Lent; Lenten Day of Reflection for Men; Best Lent Ever Program; Children's Stations of the Cross; Sunday Rosary in Parsons; Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions; Parish Rosary Program; May crowning at both Thomas & Parsons; "Ask Father" in Parsons; Consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Consecration of the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; 24 hour Adoration and penitential Mass of reparation for the priest scandals; Knights of Columbus Rosary of Reparation; public square Rosary; Ladies Day of Reflection with Nashville Dominican Sisters; Youth First Friday event; Best Advent Ever Program; 29th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life; Novena for Vocations; Stations of the Cross every Friday in reparation for the sins of the Clergy; Performance by St. Thomas Choir & Midnight Mass at St. Thomas.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

Epiphany pot luck dinner at Our Lady of Mercy; Mardi Gras pot luck dinner in Parsons; Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry at Thomas & Parsons; Knights of Columbus 40 cans of food for Lent; Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild Easter pie fundraiser; Diaper Drive; Mother's day breakfast at Thomas and Parsons; Father's day breakfast in Thomas and picnic in Parsons; Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P.; Teen girls over-night trip to Hershey Park; Knights of Columbus food booth at Mountaineer days; Knights of Columbus gun raffle; Knights of Columbus raffle for 2 WVU Football Season Tickets; Bethlehem Christian Families; Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run; Boys youth group event at Monkey Business; Annual Parish picnic; Knights of Columbus Football Frenzy Fundraiser; Knights of Columbus "Columbus Day" social and dinner; Cortland Acres birthday parties sponsored by Society of St. Thomas Women and Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild; Girls' youth group sleepover; Community Thanksgiving dinner at St. Thomas Center; Society of St. Thomas Women's quilt and Christmas Basket Raffle; Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle; Knights of Columbus Christmas party; Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild Christmas Card writing Event; Women's Guild Christmas party; Christmas covered dish dinner at Our Lady of Mercy; Confirmation sledding event.

STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS/CHANGES:

ST. THOMAS CHURCH - Floors waxed.

CENTER - Plumbing and urinal installation, soffit repairs on Center dormer, new kitchen with new cabinets and counter tops, waxed floors, and paved parking lot.

RECTORY - No changes.

OUR LADY OF MERCY - repainted walls and new flooring in convent.

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....318
Total Rosaries for the year.....19,693
(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.