

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan 21 Monday	*Rose Marie Fratino	7:15 AM Thomas
Jan 22 Tuesday	Diane Ulch & Imelda Stevenson	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 23 Wednesday	Clare Sullivan	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan 24 Thursday	Thomas B. Peters	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 25 Friday	*Keara Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 26 Saturday	Gunter Franz	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan 26 SATURDAY VIGIL	Robert Studer	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan 27 SUNDAY	Joseph & Mary Deegan	9:00 AM Thomas
Jan 27 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
01/26	Rita Johnson	Nancy Zizunas	Any available
01/27	Kaitlyn Simmons	John Ferguson	Drew Simmons

PARSONS

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR SERVERS
01/27	Addie Buckley & Lillian Plumley	Kathy DiBacco	Any available

Cleaning: 01/20 - 01/26: Joanne Sikarskie & Terry Silk

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of February, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, (Low Mass) 02/10/18;
Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, (01/17/19 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.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, January 20, 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.



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.*

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.

OUR PATRONAL FEAST DAY

January 28th is the feast day of St. Thomas Aquinas, our patron. This falls on a Monday, however since it is our patronal feast we are permitted to move it to the closest Sunday which is January 27th, next Sunday. We are going to celebrate this by offering the weekend Masses in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas. The music will also reflect our patron. To celebrate this feast we will have adoration at St. Thomas Church at 8 AM with benediction before the 9 AM Mass and after Mass we will have a light social with pastries and coffee and juice. Please plan to participate in the adoration and the social following Mass. It will also be an opportunity to welcome our new organist, Jonathan Mann.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who helped take down the decorations. It was wonderful that so many people stayed after Mass to help take down, pack away and clean up the mess that was made. It is proof that "many hands make light work". May the Lord reward all of you for your generous service.

MASS INTENTIONS

Would you like to have a Mass said for a deceased loved one or family member? Now is the time to get your Mass intentions in for 2019. Please call the parish office or you can drop your intentions in the mail or collection baskets.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- Jan. 27 - 2nd collection - Church in Latin America.
- Jan. 27 - St. Thomas Aquinas celebration (see above).
- Feb. 03 - Feast of St. Blaise, blessing of throats after all Masses.
- Feb. 03 - "ASK FATHER" immediately following Mass in Parsons.
- Feb. 13 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 6 PM in Thomas.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"What if the 6 o'clock news told you ten jumbo jets went down, each with 360 passengers; 3,600 people perished. Now what if that became so common that this event would happen every day for the rest of your life? Does that sound preposterous? That's how many babies are killed every day in America due to surgical abortion."

— Stephenson County Right To Life

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 January 13, 2019

St. Thomas: \$994.08

Our Lady of Mercy: \$700.00

FOOD PANTRY

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

New Pro-Abortion Strategy --

Encourage Women To Shout Happily About Their Abortions ???

This new strategy founded in desperation is mystifying to almost everyone on both sides of the abortion issue.

Abortion is a highly personal experience in which a woman, usually emotionally stressed by a pregnancy she fears, seeks out an abortionist and is willing to pay him or her to kill her unborn baby.

After the abortion most of the time she will not advertise the abortion and will not return to her job with boxes of donuts and cupcakes celebrating the event.

Since the pro-life movement has made abortion a public issue through marches, demonstrations, media ads, etc., the implication in most people's minds is that there is something very wrong with the act of abortion.

The early arguments embraced by the pro-abortion leadership started out by saying that abortion will prevent women's death or injury from "back alley abortion." In time the message morphed into "it's my body - it's my choice."

When that didn't swell the ranks of people publicly accepting abortion, they tried a softer message "we want abortion to be safe, legal and rare." That argument disappeared quickly when the number of abortions began to drop and so did the profits in the abortion centers.

Now they are spinning a new strategy. Let's tell women that their natural maternal feelings are only the result of guilt from religious teachings and that women should celebrate their abortion experience. Perhaps some may try to sell it as a right of passage from adolescence to adulthood.

The pro-abortion community may actually reap the opposite of what they seek. Women may revolt at being told they should be happy about their abortion.

Some experts think this last approach may totally backfire and that women have had enough of being told how they should feel and what they should say about their abortions.

Since *Roe v. Wade*, innumerable women have sought healing from their abortion experience by visiting crisis pregnancy counselors, clergy, doctors, family members, Project Rachel and friends.
(*Choose Life*, 2018, issue 3.)

Sugar coating abortion will not work!

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Dutch Doctor May Face Criminal Charges For Euthanizing Elderly Woman Against Her Wishes While Relatives Held Her Down

The case involved a woman in her seventies, who was placed in a care home after her dementia became so advanced that her husband could no longer cope with care at home. She was distressed and frightened, and after a few weeks, the doctor at the home determined that she was suffering unbearably. He concluded that she was not mentally competent, but that an earlier statement in her will that she wanted euthanasia "when I myself find it the right time"; justified killing her.

The story was greeted with horror around the world, as it emerged that the doctor drugged the victim's coffee, and had her family hold her down as she tried to fight off the lethal injection. Despite the woman not being mentally competent to consent to being killed. The initial review panel cleared the doctor of all charges. Now, the Dutch medical complaints board has formally reprimanded the unnamed doctor - the first case in which a practitioner has been formally censured since the Netherlands made it legal for doctors to kill patients at their request in 2002.

The board found that the doctor should have discussed the fact that a sedative was put in her coffee - which did not happen - and only carried out the euthanasia if she agreed. (*Excerpts form LifeNews*)

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks.....183
Total Rosaries for the year.....19,876
(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.