

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, October 06, 2019



St. Thomas Aquinas - Thomas, West Virginia



Our Lady of Mercy - Parsons, West Virginia

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

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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. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, and 30 minutes before all 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.*

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A Ladies Day of Reflection will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019 at the St. Thomas Center BEGINNING at 9:00 AM. The day will include Adoration, Benediction, Mass and Confessions will be available with visiting priests. The day should end at about 4:00 PM. The retreat will be run by the Nashville Dominican Sisters. All are strongly encouraged to attend. Breakfast snacks, Lunch and other snacks provided.

SIGN UP SHEET IN THE BACK OF BOTH CHURCHES.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Miranda & Cedric Grace on their marriage that took place Saturday. We wish them a lifetime of joy and happiness!



QUILT RAFFLE and BASKET RAFFLE

The Society of St. Thomas Women is selling chances on a beautiful, blue quilt with a seascape theme made by Sandra Kendall. Suggested donation of \$5 per ticket.

The ladies are also having their annual Christmas Basket Raffle! The basket will include multiple Christmas gifts and a \$100 walmart gift card. Suggested donation of \$5 per ticket.

The drawings will be held on Sunday, December 15th after the 9am Mass in Thomas. Please see one of the ladies after Mass to get your tickets.

ATTENTION KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual Columbus Day dinner at Our Lady of Mercy Church social hall in Parsons next Sunday, October 13th, beginning with the installation of officers at 4:30, social hour at 5:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm. The cost of the meal is \$15 per person. Our guest speaker will be Deacon Dave.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

- Oct. 06 - ASK FATHER after the 11am Mass
- Oct. 06 - OLM Women's Guild meeting after Mass today.
- Oct. 09 - 4th Degree K of C meeting at 6pm followed by regular meeting at 6:30 in Thomas
- Oct. 13 - Columbus day dinner at Our Lady of Mercy Church
- Oct. 20 - 2nd Collection for the Universal World Mission

PRO-LIFE CORNER

I AM AGAINST RAPE EXCEPT
IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AM AGAINST CHILD MOLESTATION
EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AM AGAINST SLAVERY EXCEPT
IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

I AM AGAINST KILLING BABIES IN THE WOMB
EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE FIRST THREE STATEMENTS
ARE LUDICROUS, THEN THE FOURTH
STATEMENT MUST BE ALSO.

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PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please consider joining us for a
Rosary of reparation on
SATURDAY, October 12th
at noon in Parsons at the
Courthouse square.



CONTRIBUTIONS FOR September 29, 2019

St. Thomas: \$2,730.00

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: \$494.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$1,080.00

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: \$218.00

FOOD PANTRY

BLACKWATER MINISTERIAL FOOD PANTRY: The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items. This month we are seeking ravioli/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.

Pregnancy Cements Pro-life Position (June 11, 2011 Real Life Stories)

Being pro-life was easy for Danielle Bradley. Both her mother and her father, the pastor of their church, are vocally and actively pro-life. She had always told anyone considering abortion that it was the wrong choice to make. "I would tell them 'no, don't ever get an abortion. If I ever got pregnant, I would never get an abortion,'" Danielle said.

On August 25, 2010, everything changed when Danielle found out she was pregnant and was given the opportunity to live up to that advice. She had to make a choice and discovered it was harder than she expected. Despite her pro-life upbringing she found herself tempted to consider abortion, but in the end the words of her father helped her make the right choice. "In the back of my mind I kept hearing my father," she said. "He speaks proudly on this, and he said 'Only God takes life.'"

Danielle said her first thought when she found out she was pregnant was that she had to have an abortion. She had even gone as far as calling several abortion clinics for information. Several people told her she would have to drop out of school and work extra jobs if she kept her child. Danielle also feared how her pregnancy would affect her parents.

"I am a pastor's daughter; how is this going to look, me going to church and I'm pregnant? My dad is really into the community, so how are they going to look at him? I can't embarrass my parents," Danielle said. Danielle spent a week debating her choice and her future. She knew that raising a child as a single parent wouldn't be easy. She was busy with classes at Oakland University and with a job. She would encounter some disapproving looks and some unkind comments as well.

In the end, however, she kept coming back to her father's words and decided her child's life was ultimately in God's hands, not her own. Danielle knew keeping her child was the right decision, but she said telling her parents was still her biggest fear of all. When the time to tell them came, her parents were disappointed but were also proud of her life-affirming decision.

"When I told my parents, they were mad, but they showed me love and compassion from the day they found out," she said.

Danielle gave birth to her son Corey on April 30. She said she'll still have to work hard to support Corey, but she has had help and will continue attending classes at Oakland University.

Her message to other women in her situation is that while an unexpected pregnancy may provide many challenges, a mother can be strong enough to meet those challenges and do what's best for her unborn child. She said there are also plenty of resources available to help.

"You can do it. I'm in school full-time, I have two jobs," she said. "I'm a pastor's daughter, and I'm doing it. I'm going to do this, if I have to do this by myself." Thankfully, Danielle is not alone.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Many of you are aware of the great devastation Hurricane Dorian inflicted on the Bahamas. The human death toll is currently around 50, but more than 1,000 people are still missing and at least 70,000 have been left homeless. Many residents have lost everything, including their tourism industry, and are in desperate need of humanitarian assistance. Our country has the resources to handle devastating natural disasters, but a small country like the Bahamas does not.

A second collection for Catholic Relief Services will be taken up on the weekend of October 12-13, 2019 for the purpose of providing assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters in the Bahamas

PARISH ROSARIES PRAYED

Total Rosaries for 2 weeks: 244

Total Rosaries since may 2016: 23,588

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct. 07 Monday	Patty Peters	7:15am Thomas
Oct. 08 Tuesday	Alicia & Patrick Nolan	5:00pm Thomas
Oct. 09 Wednesday	Diane Ulch & Imelda Stevenson	9:00am Parsons
Oct. 10 Thursday	Joseph & Mary Deegan	5:00pm Thomas
Oct. 11 Friday	Cherie Arnold Putlovis	6:30am Thomas
Oct. 12 Saturday	*Jeanie Ledden	9:00am Parsons
Oct. 12 SATURDAY VIGIL	People of the Parish	5:00pm Thomas
Oct. 13 SUNDAY	Clara Panepinto	9:00am Thomas
Oct. 13 SUNDAY	Mike & Joe Michael	11:00am Parsons

THOMAS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
10/12	Donna Walker	Kathy Supak	Any available!
10/13	Katlyn Simmons	Diane Rader	Isaac Quattro

PARSONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</u>	<u>READERS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
10/13	Dee Oldaker & Addie Buckley	Tom Gutshall	Any available

Cleaning: 10/06 - 10/12: 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; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. 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 October, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and church:
St. Thomas - 7:30am, (Low Mass) 10/13/19
Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30pm, 10/20/19 only when requested in advance

If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call
Mary Frances Evans (304) 463-4413
Susie Gutshall (304) 478-3217
Or Cindy Long (304) 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, Jean Sagace, Ed Kepner,
Donna Mason, Elaine Watson, Paula
Siler & 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.**