

SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy
Parsons, West Virginia



Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi,
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Parish Website:
www.stsite.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 – 4:30 p.m., and 30 minutes before all weekday Masses and anytime upon request.

The Baptism of the Lord, January 13, 2013

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

During the month of **January**, the Tridentine Mass will be offered at the following times and churches:

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, Sunday 01/20/2013;

Our Lady of Mercy - No Mass this month 01/13/13.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you.
Before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the
nations I appointed you."*

God's words spoken to Jeremiah ought to cause this nation to stop and reflect on who and what our policy of legalized abortion is destroying.

THE 40TH 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, Friday, January 25th, 2013.

VISITING PRIEST THIS WEEKEND

We would like to welcome Fr. Cruz From Martinsburg. He will be joining us this weekend, January 12th & 13th while Fr. Grassi is on vacation. Fr. Cruz will be available for confessions one hour before the Saturday evening Mass in Thomas and before and after the Sunday morning Masses as time permits.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING CANCELLED

The Women's Guild meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled. The meeting has been rescheduled for next Sunday, January 20th immediately after Mass.

WINTER SOCIAL AND DINNER

The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will have a winter social and dinner on Sunday, January 20th at Our Lady of Mercy social hall beginning at 3:00 PM.

FREE POINSETTIAS!

Please feel free to take a poinsettia home with you today **after the Sunday morning Masses** at both St. Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy churches.

WITH SYMPATHY

We pray for the soul of Barbara "Bobbie" Colabrese who died on January 4th and was buried from our parish on Monday, January 7th. May she rest in peace and may her family be consoled.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

January 20 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting after the 11 AM Mass in Parsons.

January 20 - Knights of Columbus Winter social and dinner beginning at 3:00 PM in Parsons.

January 25 - 40th Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

February 03 - "ASK FATHER" immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy.

Contributions for January 6, 2012

St. Thomas: \$2,074.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$617.25

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items.

This month we are seeking **seashell macaroni**. In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

2012: OUR PARISH IN BRIEF!

Reception of Sacraments:

BAPTISMS: Lauren Marie Nickel, Lillyan Marie Plumley, Ariona Nicole Plumley, Sydney Paige Plumley, Morgan Grace Simmons, J. Robert Lemon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Kaylee DiBacco, Adrianna Jones, Lillyan Plumley, Hayden Ponikvar, Isaac Quattro, Jack Stalker, Ruby Stalker, Vera Stalker, Harold "Rocky" Spencer & J. Robert Lemon.

CONFIRMATION: Harold "Rocky" Spencer & J. Robert Lemon

MARRIAGES: None

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

Other Spiritual Events:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Monthly Latin Masses at St. Thomas & Our Lady of Mercy; Blessing of throats; Lenten Services at Thomas and Parsons; Ecumenical Lenten worship service at St. Thomas; Visiting confessor during Lent & Advent; Children's Stations of the Cross; A Family Spiritual Journey (St. Maria Goretti book); showing of Maria Goretti movie; Knights of Columbus Forty Days of Prayer for Life; Sunday Rosary in Parsons; showing of "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima" movie for Parsons CCD classes; Divine Mercy Devotions; First Communion in Thomas and May crowning at both Thomas & Parsons; "Ask Father" in Parsons; Teen Night classes with Father; Confirmation classes with Father; Consecration of the parish to the Sacred Heart; Consecration of the parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; High Latin Mass followed by a procession; "Diocese of Tuticorin" mission appeal; public square rosary; Youth First Friday event; Blessing of the new Rectory; teen pilgrimage to Rome; "Food for the Poor" mission appeal; 23rd Annual National Night of Prayer for Life; Children's Christmas program and dinner in Thomas; Children's Christmas Pageant followed by Christmas Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Mercy; Performance by St. Thomas Choir & Midnight Mass at St. Thomas.

Social Events:

Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.; Epiphany pot luck dinner at Our Lady of Mercy; Model Train Display for youth; Valentines Dinner/Dance; CCD Pro-Life Project in Parsons; CCD community baby shower for pro-life project; Mardi Gras pot luck dinner in Parsons; Rosary fundraising event by the youth; Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry at Thomas & Parsons; Prayerful Pro-Life protest at In Vitro Fertilization clinic; Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild Easter pie fundraiser; OLM wine & cheese party; Knights of Columbus breakfast outing for Columbus day; Mother's day breakfast at Thomas and Parsons; Father's day breakfast at Thomas & Picnic at Parsons; Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P.; Youth trip to Kennywood; 2 Quilt Raffles; 3 Big Bucks Bingo events; Teen Bake Sale; OLM chicken burn fundraiser; Doily raffle; Kindle fire raffle; Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run; Pasta Fazool dinner at Thomas by 4th degree Knights of Columbus; OLM women's social night at Duke's steak house; Annual Parish picnic; teen yard sale; new Rectory open house; Society of St. Thomas Women breakfast 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; Community Thanksgiving dinner at St. Thomas Center; Knights of Columbus 50/50 raffle; Knights of Columbus Christmas party; Women's Guild Christmas party and Christmas caroling at Cortland Acres by St. Thomas choir.

Structural Improvements/Changes:

St. Thomas Church - Insulation was installed in the ceiling of the church; new vestibule and ramp added to the side of the church and new glass door installed; new blower unit for the organ.

Center - Underground electrical service was installed. Upgrade to interior electrical wiring and lighting. Insulation installed in the attic.

Rectory - New Rectory completed with attached garage; breezeway connecting the rectory to the church. Landscaping with fountain and stone walkway.

Our Lady of Mercy - Air conditioning installed in church; Monstrance gold plated; new air conditioning unit for the residence; new electrical panel and circuit breakers and added outlets in the social hall; new garage door opener installed.

As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of January, we will pray In reparation for sins, for all those serving in our armed forces, for peace in the Middle East and For the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
The Baptism of the Lord

Jan. 14 Monday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 15 Tuesday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 16 Wednesday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 17 Thursday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 18 Friday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 19 Saturday	-	NO MASS
Jan. 19 SATURDAY VIGIL	Eleanor Golladay	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan. 20 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
Jan. 20 SUNDAY	Mary Buckley	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
01/19	Kathy Supak	Nancy Zizunas	
01/20	Titi Ferguson & Mary Sagace	John Ferguson	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
01/20	Joanne Sikarskie & Dee Oldaker	Fred Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	01/13 - 01/19: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco		

PRAYER LINE
If you would like to place someone on our prayer line call Mary Frances Evans - Thomas (463-4413) or Martha Nichols - Davis (259-5370) Paula Siler - Parsons (478-4104) or Cindy Long - Parsons (478-4833)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Monthly meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., alternating in the Knights of Columbus room Thomas, and Social Hall, Parsons.
OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD
 Meetings are held the second Sunday of the Month immediately after Mass in the Parish Hall.
SOCIETY OF ST. THOMAS WOMEN
 Every woman of the parish is a member of the Society. Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month (except Jan., Feb., March)

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.*

Let us remember in prayer all of our sick and shut-ins:
 Dorothy Breth, Theresa Cook, Helen Wilson, Champ Sedmock, Frances Shaga, Vivian Bozic, Solena Massi, Lois Lamont, "Sob" Gennantonio, Martha Kochenderfer, Eleanor James, Mary Watkins, Earl & Mary Moore, Betty Swantek, J. Pat and Martha Nichols, Muriel Nestor, Eula Jean & Henry Udovich, Tony Lambruno, Elizabeth Lane, Vincent DiBacco, Judy Gutshall, Dan and Mary Ingram, Mary Johnson and Sherry Burns.

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.