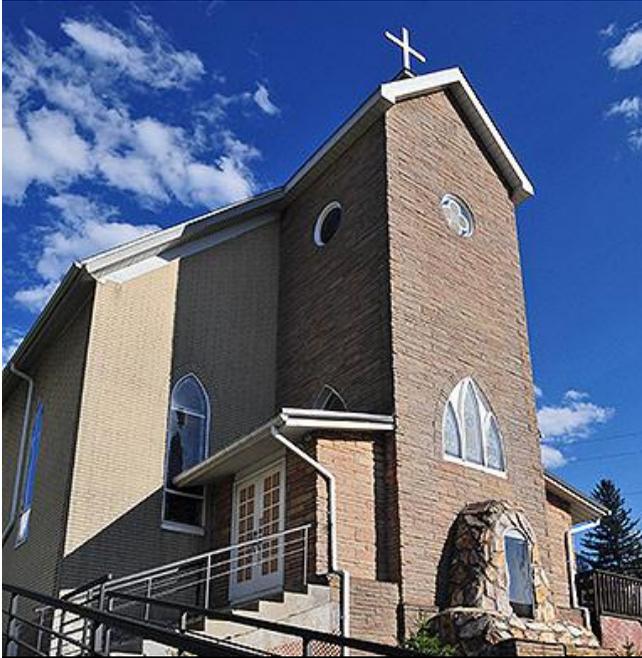


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy
Parsons, West Virginia



Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi,

P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292 —Tel: 304-463-4488

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.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 20, 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

Is it time for you to get involved in the pro-life movement as we enter the 40th year of abortion on demand? Father Frank Pavone offers some suggestions:

"If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized in our society, those who are oppressed and have no one to speak for them?"

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS

All Confirmation students will meet with Fr. Grassi next Sunday, Jan. 27th from 5—7 PM in Parsons.

COME JOIN US FOR 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, this Friday, January 25th, 2013.



(For those who cannot attend, but want to join in prayer, the Rosary will be prayed at noon at Our Lady of Mercy.)

WINTER SOCIAL AND DINNER TODAY!

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

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend for the Latin American/Home Missions. Please give generously.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING TODAY

A Women's Guild meeting will be held today Sunday, January 20th immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.

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.

January 27 - Confirmation class with Fr. Grassi at 5:00 PM in the Our Lady of Mercy Church social hall.

Contributions for January 13, 2012

St. Thomas: \$1,794.25

Our Lady of Mercy: \$719.63

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.



FILL A BOTTLE, SAVE A LIFE!

In conjunction with the Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 20, 2013, the Knights of Columbus will begin a Baby Bottle Fundraising Campaign that will last four weeks, ending on the First Sunday of Lent, February 17, 2013. Baby bottles will be provided near the church entrance for you to pick up. Simply fill your bottles with coins, bills, or a simple check then return to the basket in your Church. Your donations will help support our local Pregnancy Care Center. Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.



THE 40TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The number 40 is the "prime" biblical number of probation and trial.

The year 2013 will mark the 40th anniversary of the bloodiest, most inhuman, most corrupt court decision that the world has ever known.

And while there's no doubt that abortion is an abomination in the eyes of God, the question remains: What is God going to do about it?

Throughout the scriptures, we read of God declaring various "trial" periods of 40 days or 40 years, with the fate of mankind often hanging in the balance.

If we pay attention and change our evil ways, life goes on, often better than ever. If not ... there is the prospect (more like a promise) of divine judgment (and subsequent chastisement).

The fact is: Due to Roe vs. Wade (and its gruesome aftermath) we're collectively guilty of some FIFTY MILLION innocent deaths, in the United States, alone!

Some maintain these "Wrath of God" types of things were "strictly" relegated to Old Testament times, and that in this age of superabundant grace ... courtesy of our Divine Savior, Jesus Christ ... the only thing we need be concerned with is our own personal Judgment Day.

I say: ***Take a good look at what happened to Jerusalem in 70 AD (New Testament times) exactly 40 years from the day Jesus pronounced its coming destruction. Then, take careful stock of what's going on in today's world ... where the economy, the political system, the fate of nations, the state of human morality ... and virtually everything else we used to take for granted ... is hanging by a virtual thread.***

So, here's a call for widespread repentance and reparations ... not just by the Catholic faithful ... but by all men of goodwill, everywhere.

The Judgment clock is ticking ... and unlike the widely popular but phony "2012" Mayan calendar fiasco ... this 2013 Day of Divine Judgment might just come to pass.

Unless ... like the ancient Assyrians ... we choose to heed Jonah's prophetic words*... wake up ... and change our evil ways.

**Jonah 3:1-10 And the word of the Lord came to Jonas the second time saying: Arise, and go to Niniveh, the great city: and preach in it the preaching that I bid thee. And Jonas arose, and went to Niniveh, according to the word of the Lord: now Niniveh was a great city of three days' journey. And Jonas began to enter into the city one day's journey: and he cried and said: Yet forty days and Niniveh shall be destroyed. And the men of Niniveh believed in God: and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least. And the word came to the king of Niniveh: and he rose up out of his throne, and cast away his robe from him, and was clothed in sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published in Niniveh, from the mouth of the king and of his princes, saying: Let neither men nor beasts, oxen, nor sheep taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water. And let men and beasts be covered with sackcloth, and cry to the Lord with all their strength, and let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the iniquity that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn, and forgive: and will turn away from his fierce anger, and we shall not perish? And God saw their works, that they were turned from their evil way: and God had mercy with regard to the evil which he had said that he would do to them, and he did it not.*

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
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 21 Monday	Leonard Teranto	7:15 AM Thomas
Jan. 22 Tuesday	Patrick Flanagan	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan. 23 Wednesday	Ben & Lela Long	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan. 24 Thursday	Margaret Cassell	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan. 25 Friday	Genny Yeager	7:00 AM Thomas
Jan. 26 Saturday	Joan Crosetti	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan. 26 SATURDAY VIGIL	Barbara Colabrese	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan. 27 SUNDAY	Robert Studer	9:00 AM Thomas
Jan. 27 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
01/26	Rita Johnson	Kathy Supak	
01/27	Betty woods & Summer Snyder	Don Woods	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
01/27	Becca & Emily Siler	Tom Gutshall	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	01/20 - 01/26: Pat Usnik & Christine Rosenau		

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.