

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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 27, 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

There is a new blood test from Sequenom, a San Diego-based testing company, that allows the mother to know earlier in her pregnancy (perhaps as soon as ten weeks) that her child may have Down syndrome. This noninvasive test will endanger many more unborn children with Down Syndrome, the majority of whom are aborted based on existing technology as are 935 of those prenatally diagnosed with potential "birth defects."

2ND COLLECTION TODAY

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

A FAMILY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

This year in preparation for Lent we would like to have families consider reading "St. John Bosco." (St. John Bosco was known as the "village entertainer." He took a special interest in organizing the "rough" young boys of the town, he showed them tricks and played sports games with them, but he would always take a little time to teach them some catechism lessons and lead them in prayer. He became their hero. Later St. John Bosco joined the seminary and started a very successful school for boys. He also started a new community and seminary known as the Salesian Society.) Once the reading is finished, we will show the movie after Easter. For those of you who would like to make this spiritual journey, please sign your name on the sheet in the back of the church so we know how many books to order.

PARSONS FOOD PANTRY

The Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild is teaming up with the CCD classes to help our local food pantry. Beginning next Sunday, Feb. 3rd, two children will gather food and monetary donations at the entrance of the church. We will continue gathering donations in this fashion on the **first Sunday of each month** with a reminder in the bulletin the Sunday before.



Thank you for your generosity.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Parsons Presbyterian Church will have a blood drive this Thursday on Jan. 31st from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. Please come, donate your blood and "share the gift of life."

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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

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

February 6 - **NOTE DATE CHANGE** - Knights of Columbus meeting at 6:00 PM in Thomas (4th Degree follows).

February 10 - **Mardi Gras** after the 11:00 AM Mass in Parsons.

February 13 - **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Contributions for January 20, 2012

St. Thomas: \$2,140.01

Our Lady of Mercy: \$759.00

Thomas 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.

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

**All are reminded that First Friday will begin with Mass at Cortland Acres at 1:00 PM, Adoration at 5:00 PM followed by Benediction and Mass at 6:00 PM at St. Thomas Church in Thomas.

**A First Saturday Mass will be held at 9:00 AM in Parsons at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

WARNING SIGNS OF A MARRIAGE CRISIS

Healthy marriages require time, attention, energy, and vigilance. It is not realistic to think that you can have a super marriage without effort on your part. It pays to be observant, to ask questions when you do not understand something, and to notice changes in behavior, tone of voice, and attitude. There are ten danger signals described by www.keeppyourmarriage.com that can help you head off trouble in your marriage before problems become more serious.

1. Your spouse acts upset but says "Nothing's wrong" when you ask, yet you are sure there is more to it.
2. You ask your spouse about something and get a listless, barely audible, "Okay, that's fine," but the tone does not sound sincere.
3. Your spouse is unusually anxious or agitated when you walk in unexpectedly while he or she is on the computer.
4. You observe that your spouse is being secretive about cell phone calls or text messages.
5. Your spouse has a significant change in moods, enjoyment of life, socialization patterns, or grooming/appearance.
6. You realize your spouse is developing a pattern of trying to avoid going to bed with you at the same time you do and sleeping in the same bed with you.
7. You realize you do not know who your spouse really is any more.
8. Your relationship feels stale and dull. If this stage continues, both you and your spouse could be more susceptible to the lure of an affair.
9. You find yourself co-existing in the same house with your spouse but never really connecting.
10. You realize your sense of fun and joy has been replaced by resignation and complacency.

If you have noticed any of these signs, it might be time to have a heart-to-heart with your spouse or seek out some help to put your marriage back on track. (Next week: Why Date Nights Matter.)



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
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jan. 28 Monday	Diana DiBacco	7:15 AM Thomas
Jan. 29 Tuesday	Orlando Massi	5:00 PM Thomas
Jan. 30 Wednesday	Judy Biancalana	9:00 AM Parsons
Jan. 31 Thursday	Stella Botizan	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 01 First Friday	Helen Grance	1:00 PM C.Across
Feb. 01 First Friday	ADORATION & BENEDICTION	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 01 First Friday	William DePollo	6:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 02 First Saturday	Leah Marco	9:00 AM Parsons
Feb. 02 SATURDAY VIGIL	Anton Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
Feb. 03 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
Feb. 03 SUNDAY	Clifford, Anna & Robert Foster	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
02/02	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Nancy Zizunas	
02/03	Brittany Snyder & Titi Ferguson	Summer Snyder	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
02/03	Fred Sikarskie & Cindy Long	Joanne Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	01/27 - 02/02: Joanne Sikarskie & Terry Silk		

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, Nancy Nester, Terry Silk 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.