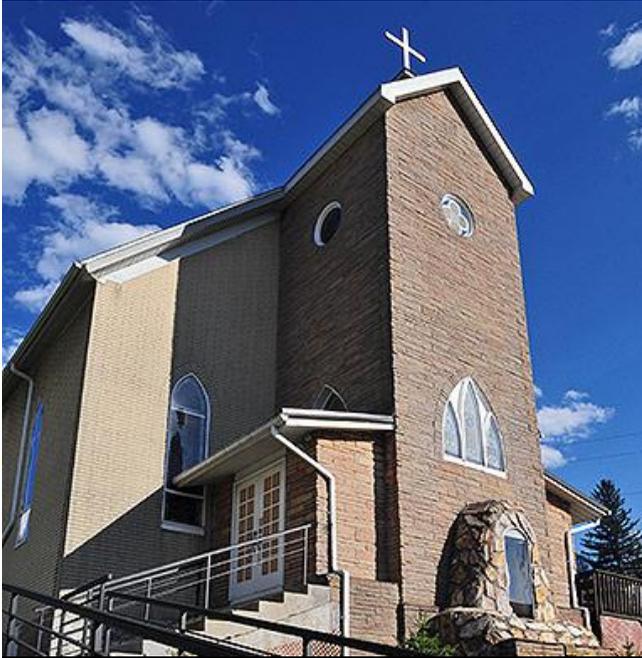


# *SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH*

*Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY*

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy  
Parsons, West Virginia



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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 – 4:30 p.m., and 30 minutes before all weekday Masses and anytime upon request.

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, March 31, 2013*

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

**St. Thomas** - 7:30 AM, Sunday 04/21/2013;

**Our Lady of Mercy** - 12:30 PM, Sunday 04/14/13.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

On this day when we celebrate Jesus' victory over death through sacrifice, we should be inspired to sacrifice even more to guarantee the right to life from the moment of conception to natural death.

## CHRIST IS RISEN!!!

A HEARTFELT THANKS GO OUT TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED CLEAN, DECORATE AND PREPARE FOR THE Easter Triduum. A special thank you to the St. Thomas choir and the Our Lady of Mercy choir for their beautiful music.

All of your help and talents are greatly appreciated in making our Easter celebrations special.

**May you and your families have a blessed Easter!!!**

## THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus requested that the Feast of Divine Mercy be preceded by a novena (beginning on Good Friday) consisting of the recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and the prayer for the day. (If you no longer have a copy of the Divine Mercy Novena you may pick one up at the back of the church.) The Plenary Indulgence associated with this feast consists in the reception of Holy Communion in the state of grace on Divine Mercy Sunday and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father as well as sacramental confession within 8 days of the feast, (The Holy Father has said that any time during Lent is sufficient.) The result is the complete remission of sins and punishment due to sin. We will celebrate this feast on April 7th at Our Lady of Mercy beginning with our 11:00 AM Mass, followed by a potluck dinner in the social hall and concluding with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3:00 PM (The Hour of Mercy). Plan your schedule to attend! \*\* (If anyone has any "Ask Father" questions you may ask them during the potluck.)

## ATTENTION TEENS!

Come to "Teen Fun Night" this Monday, April 1st, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Our Lady of Mercy Church social hall. Enjoy an evening of games, pizza, and a movie! Can't wait to see you there!!!

## EASTER SUNDAY — SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this Easter weekend is for the Education of Seminarians. Please show your support for these men who have accepted their call from God.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**April 2** - Society of St. Thomas Women will meet at 7:00 PM in the St. Thomas social hall.

**April 7 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** and covered dish dinner at Our Lady of Mercy following the 11 AM Mass.

**April 10** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in Parsons.

**April 14** - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons.

**April 18** - Knights of Columbus 4th degree meeting at 7 PM in the St. Thomas Center.

## Contributions for March 24, 2013

**St. Thomas**: \$2,096.08

**Our Lady of Mercy**: \$562.00

## Thomas Food Pantry

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

This month we are seeking **canned peas**.

In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

## THE EASTER SEASON

The fifty days from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday." These above all others are the days for the singing of ALLELUIA. The days of the Easter octave from the "early hours: of this "great Sunday," with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His Resurrection.



### FIRST FRIDAY

First Friday services will begin with Mass **(and the "anointing of the sick")** at Cortland Acres at 1:00 PM. Adoration will be at 5:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of Mercy church.

### EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter flowers at St. Thomas Aquinas are in loving memory of Edward F. & Doris M. Silk, Robert Greaser, Kim Rizzuti, William Burt, Jack Evans, Sadie Caldron, Ron & Kameron Fortney, Joan Snyder, Frank Finch, Avona & Pratt Families, and the parents and grandparents of Jim & Katie Morvay.

## WESTON VICARIATE C.A.M.P

If you are looking for a camp for your Catholic child, the Weston Vicariate C.A.M.P offers an opportunity for a Catholic camp experience at the beautiful campgrounds of camp Tygart in Huttonsville, WV. Scheduled for the week of June 9 - 15, 2013, it is open for children ages 7 - 15. The cost is \$100 per child, and \$85.00 for each additional child, (scholarships are available). For more info call: Shanna Parlock, Director 304-940-1359, sparlock113@hotmail.com

## Living as an "Easter Person"

*Last Updated Aug 2012 - By Lorene Hanley Duquin*

Whenever you experience something that is life-changing, energizing, transforming, or joyful, you catch a glimpse of what it means to be an "Easter person."

Easter Sunday celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus. The word "resurrection" means "to stand up again." Jesus "stood up again" on Easter when he emerged from the tomb. It is one of the great paradoxes of life. What seemed to be over was just the beginning. What seemed to be a terrible tragedy was transformed into the greatest miracle of all time.

As "Easter people" we know that goodness can overcome evil. We understand that even in the darkest moments of our lives, there is a promise of new life, new hope, new energy, new possibilities. We know that God can transform everything into something good – no matter how painful, boring, or difficult things may seem. We can be renewed, re-energized, recreated.

During this special time of year we have a chance to focus on what resurrection means in our lives. How will you experience resurrection in your life during this Easter season? How will you live as an "Easter person"?

Will you let go of bad habits, judgmental attitudes, or negative outlooks?

Will you let go of anger or resentment toward someone who hurt you?

Will you ask for forgiveness from someone you have hurt?

Will you reach out to someone who needs a kind word or a helping hand?

Will you set aside time to work on your spiritual life?

Will you stand up for something that is important?

Will you say no to something that is wrong?

Will you try to cultivate a sense of gratitude for all of the good things in your life?

If your answers to any of these questions is yes, then you understand the power and the promise of being an "Easter person."

*As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of April, 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**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

April 01 Monday	Jake Jorishie	7:15 AM Thomas
April 02 Tuesday	Eva Obyc	5:00 PM Thomas
April 03 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	9:00 AM Parsons
April 04 Thursday	-	<b>No Mass</b>
April 05 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	Helen Grance	<b>1:00 PM Cort. Acr.</b>
April 05 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	<b>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	<b>5:00 PM Parsons</b>
April 05 <b>FIRST FRIDAY</b>	Stella Botizan	<b>6:00 PM Parsons</b>
April 06 <b>FIRST SATURDAY</b>	Clifford, Anna and Robert Foster	<b>9:00 AM Parsons</b>
April 06 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Marguerite Zizunas	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
April 07 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Leta Rader	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
April 07 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b> 04/06 04/07	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b> Kathy Supak Betty Woods & Summer Snyder	<b>READERS</b> Nancy Zizunas Don Woods	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>  Nathaniel Rader
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<b>PARSONS</b> 04/07 <b>Cleaning:</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b> Tom Gutshall & Cindy Long 03/31 - 04/06: Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall	<b>READER</b> Jessica Gutshall	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b> Any and all Available!
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**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, 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, Mike Michael 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.**