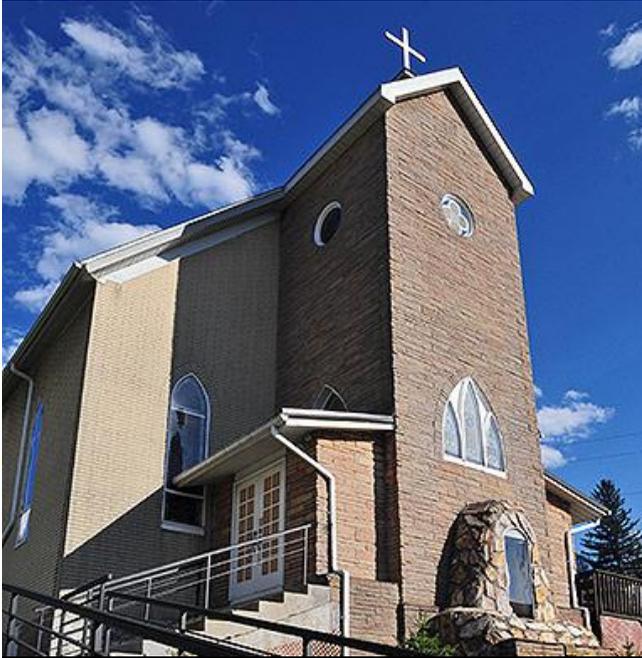


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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.

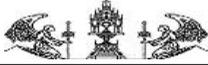
Sunday of Divine Mercy, April 07, 2013

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

Although embryonic stem cells may receive the majority of media attention, the reality is that adult stem cells have moved far ahead in providing patient benefits. The morally unobjectionable adult stem cells have benefitted patients with damaged hearts, grown new windpipes to replace these damaged by disease, and supplied patients with blood transfusions grown from their own stem cells.

David Prentice, Ph.D NRL Online, 12/05\12

THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY

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 today, 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).

******(If anyone has any "Ask Father" questions you may ask them during the potluck dinner.)

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). Some activities include: Religious education, Worship services, swimming, backpacking, camping, fishing, canoeing, zip line, arts & crafts, volleyball, soccer and special activities.

For more info call: Shanna Parlock, Director 304-940-1359,
sparlock113@hotmail.com

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

April 07 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & 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 14 - "St. John Bosco" movie. (More info above.)

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

April 21 - Confirmation class with Father from 5 - 7 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

May 05 - "ASK FATHER" immediately after the 11 AM Mass in Parsons.

May 05 - "BIG BUCKS BINGO" at the St. Thomas Center.

May 07 - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting at 7 PM in Parsons at Our Lady of Mercy.

Contributions for March 31, 2013

St. Thomas: \$1,647.27

**Holy Land: \$268.00 *Education of Seminarians: \$367.15*

Our Lady of Mercy: \$960.25

**Holy Land: \$170.00 *Education of Seminarians: \$398.00*

Thomas Food Pantry

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

This month we are seeking **butter beans**.

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.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Next week we will be showing the movie of St. John Bosco. The first showing will be in Thomas on Saturday, April 13th immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass. The second showing will be in Parsons on Sunday, April 14th immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass. Sandwiches, popcorn and drinks will be provided.

BIG BUCKS BINGO

Sunday, May 5, 2012 at the St. Thomas Center in Thomas. Doors open at 1:00 PM games start at 3:00 PM. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. If you would like to purchase a ticket for a \$30 donation, please see one of the Knights at either church.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD!

Thank you to all the ladies who supported us by selling pies, donating ingredients and especially giving up your time on Good Friday to help make the pies. We also appreciate all of you who bought our pies and gave money donations. Our pie fundraiser was a HUGE success with a total of 61 pies made and sold!!!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

It's that time of year once again, Memorial day weekend is quickly approaching. To properly trim and clean around cemetery stones, all flowers must be removed by April 30th. Thank you.

THANK YOU!

The Knights of Columbus express their appreciation to all those who helped with the Lenten fish fry dinners and especially to all who supported this labor of love by faithfully buying the fish dinners! The funds generated support the youth programs.

A DIVINE MERCY MIRACLE

Mr Lelis was working as a security guard at Sun Grocery Store in Toril, Davao in the Philippines. There, he was attacked by three men. He was taken to a hospital. His attackers were apprehended and jailed.

Mr Lelis told his wife about the attack and how it was odd that as the first attacker went to kill him, he began to scream and ran, and so another went to do the same and reacted the same way. Again it happened with a third man.

The three men were taken to the Toril Municipal Jail. Confused and wanting to know why the attackers wanted to kill her husband, Lelis' wife went to visit them the following day.

The first prisoner told her: "When I struck your husband, he fell to the ground. His wallet from his pocket dropped down and opened. I bent and was about to stab him with my dagger, but two blinding flashes of light from the picture of the opened wallet suddenly struck my eyes. I ran away shouting. I was in pain."

The second man told the same story: "I tried to stab him, but before I could do so, that picture radiated a strong blinding light to my eyes and I ran away in pain".

The third man relayed the same incident asking Lelis' wife whether the picture had an amulet behind it. The picture in the wallet was the Divine Mercy Image with the chaplet printed on the back of it. The prisoners described the light coming from the Heart of Jesus in the Image.

*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
Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 08 Monday	Mary Cassell	7:15 AM Thomas
April 09 Tuesday	Etta Martin	5:00 PM Thomas
April 10 Wednesday	John E. Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
April 11 Thursday	Sadie Caldron	5:00 PM Thomas
April 12 Friday	Lucille Kotten	5:00 PM Thomas
April 13 Saturday	Eddie & Ada Kimble	9:00 AM Parsons
April 13 SATURDAY VIGIL	Sara Massi	5:00 PM Thomas
April 14 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
April 14 SUNDAY	Mary Buckley	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
04/13	Rita Johnson	Beth Spencer	
04/14	Brittany Snyder & Titi Ferguson	Summer Snyder	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
04/14	Fred Sikarskie & Dee Oldaker	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	04/07 - 04/13: 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, 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.