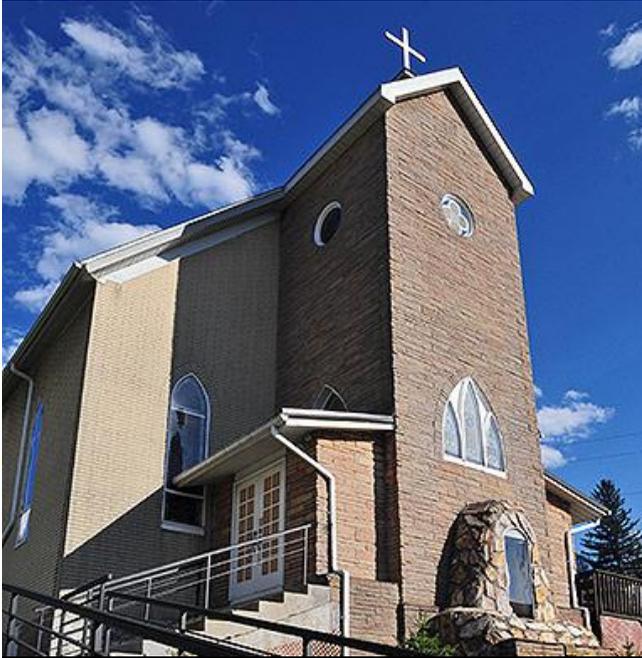


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21, 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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

To properly trim and clean around cemetery stones, all flowers must be removed by April 30th. Thank you.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"It is a sad day in America when the president of the United States endorses sex-selection abortion by opposing the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act... Sex-selection abortion is cruel, it's discriminatory and it's legal. It is violence against women. Most people in government are unaware that it is part of a deliberate plan of population control. This is the real war on women."
Rep Chris Smith of New Jersey.

DISCOVER FOSTER PARENTING!

Foster Parents are people just like you. You don't need to have a lot of money, you don't need to live in a big house, you can be single or married, you don't need to have kids of your own and you don't need a degree in social work. Most people have a lot of questions. We understand that. Give us a call today. We're here 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and we'd love to talk to you about the challenges and rewards of becoming a foster parent!

National Youth Advocate Program 1-877-692-7226



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, back-packing, 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 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 05 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons.

May 07 - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting at 7 PM in the rectory conference room.

May 12 - Mother's Day breakfast at both St. Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy.

May 12 - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and May procession.**

May 21 - **Parish Council Meeting** immediately following the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Thomas.

Contributions for April 14, 2013

St. Thomas: \$2041.25

Our Lady of Mercy: \$683.00

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.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today our diocese will take up the Peters' Pence collection which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters.

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.

SILENCE IN THE CHURCH

Adoration before our Lord present in the tabernacle fosters adoration before the Lord really and truly present in the Most Holy and Blessed Sacrament of the altar. When entering or leaving church please observe silence. If you want to talk to your fellow parishioners please whisper one line—"I'll meet you in the vestibule or outside."

CONFIRMATION CLASS WITH FATHER

All confirmation students are reminded that they have a class with Father today, April 21st from 5 - 7 PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Parsons. Pizza will be provided.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS!

Thanks to all the churches who helped the Knights of Columbus with the Baby Bottle Fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center. A total of \$3,150.89 was raised for the Pregnancy Center fund from eleven churches. On behalf of the newborn babies benefiting from these funds, we thank the members of Our Lady of Mercy for their total contribution of \$569.05 and we thank St. Thomas Aquinas for their total contribution of \$311.02. Thank you and God bless you for your prayers and loving sacrifices for life.

—*Knights of Columbus 2010*

2013 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

Lord, you know all things, especially our love for you.

We humbly ask you to send the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts

So that love will shine forth as we strive to grow in our faith and to serve one another.

Help us to be generous in sharing our gifts, especially through the Catholic sharing Appeal,

As we assist the Church of West Virginia in its mission to "feed your sheep and tend your lambs."

Graciously hear our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Year after year the Catholic Sharing Appeal offers funds to a variety of ministries, services, and programs throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The diocese cannot subsidize all the necessary programs alone; therefore, all parishes and missions are asked to help by raising funds through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. We realize that everyone's financial situation is different, and we encourage you to discuss the CSA with your family and prayerfully reflect upon the graces God has given you. I know that through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response.

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 22 Monday	Leonard Teranto	7:15 AM Thomas
April 23 Tuesday	Patrick Flanagan	5:00 PM Thomas
April 24 Wednesday	Ben & Lela Long	9:00 AM Parsons
April 25 Thursday	*Sharon Good	5:00 PM Thomas
April 26 Friday	Elizabeth Howard	5:00 PM Thomas
April 27 Saturday	John E. Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
April 27 SATURDAY VIGIL	James Louk	5:00 PM Thomas
April 28 SUNDAY	Dr. Joseph Guido	9:00 AM Thomas
April 28 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
04/27	Rita Johnson	Beth Spencer	
04/28	Brittany & Summer Snyder	Michelle Snyder	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
04/28	Joanne Sikarskie & Tom Gutshall	Fred Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	04/21 - 04/27: 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, 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.