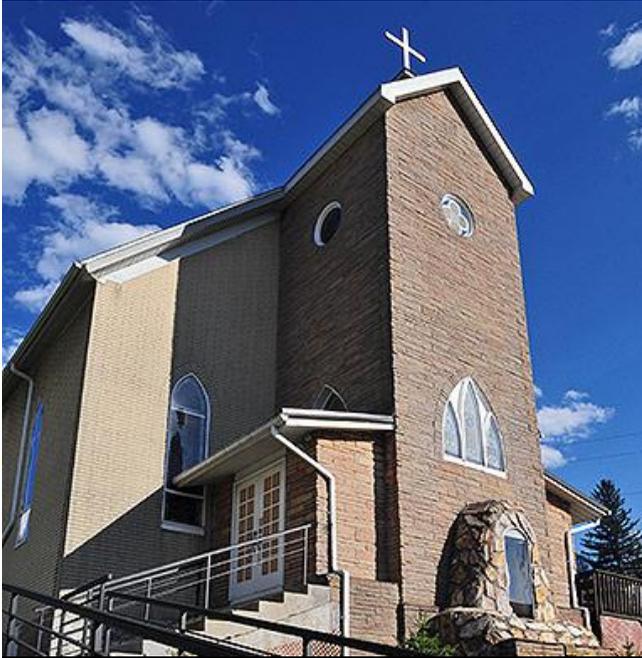


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

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.

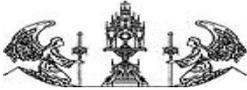
Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 28, 2013

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, Sunday 05/19/2013;

Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, Sunday 05/12/13.



PRO-LIFE CORNER

"The scientific and medical evidence is clear. Technology, imaging, and clinical neonatology enable us to know much more about fetal life than ever before. We now understand the fetus to be a developing, moving, interacting member of the human family who feels pain as we do." Dr. Colleen Malloy in testimony before a House hearing on banning abortions in D.C. after 20 weeks when the unborn child can feel pain.

\$500



\$250

Come to 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 or you may purchase a ticket at the door.

Mother's Day Cards

Mother's day cards have arrived and are available at the back of both St. Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy churches. Pick up one today if you would like to have your living or deceased mothers remembered at the Mother's Day Masses. (\$2.00 donation for the cards.)

2013 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

DO YOU LOVE ME?

St. Thomas.....\$0.00 pledged
(Goal: \$8,444)

Our Lady of Mercy\$0.00 pledged
(Goal: \$2,620)



EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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 08 - Knights of Columbus meeting at 7:00 PM in Thomas.

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 28, 2013

St. Thomas: \$2,636.08

Peters' Pence: \$281.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$635.00

Peters' Pence: \$215.00

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.

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

All are reminded that First Friday will begin with Mass at Cortland Acres at 1:00 PM, adoration and benediction at 5:00 PM followed by Mass at 6:00 PM at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. A First Saturday Mass will be held at 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Parsons.



OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild will meet next Sunday May 5th, immediately following Mass to discuss final plans for the Church Yard/Bake Sale on May 24th & 25th. Please attend the meeting if you plan on helping.

PARSONS FOOD PANTRY

Next Sunday, May 5th, two children will gather food and monetary donations at the entrance of the church for our local food pantry. Please help those less fortunate in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

THE LITTLE BOY AND HIS SISTER

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness. The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister.

I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I'll do it if it will save her." As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away?"

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

Giving when it counts is what matters. Extending a helping hand to a person in need truly matters.

Don't we think twice or thrice before doing a favor for a friend or even our own parents or siblings? We are often selfish and self centric and choose to do things only if they are beneficial to us. Small things matter a lot. Taking care of our parents, helping our friends or sibling when they have a financial need, giving moral support to a friend who had a bad day—these are the least we can do for others. Jesus Christ gave his life for mankind. He didn't have to think twice about sacrificing his life for saving Mankind.

"Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29 Monday	Mary Cassell	7:15 AM Thomas
April 30 Tuesday	*Sharon Good	5:00 PM Thomas
May 01 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	9:00 AM Parsons
May 02 Thursday	Eleanor Golladay	5:00 PM Thomas
May 03 First Friday	Sadie Caldron	1:00 PM Cort. Acr.
May 03 First Friday	ADORATION & BENEDICTION	5:00 PM Thomas
May 03 First Friday	*Curt Forsythe	6:00 PM Thomas
May 04 Saturday	Clifford, Anna & Robert Foster	9:00 AM Parsons
May 04 SATURDAY VIGIL	Barbara Colabrese	5:00 PM Thomas
May 05 SUNDAY	Anthony DePollo	9:00 AM Thomas
May 05 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
05/04	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Nancy Zizunas	
05/05	Titi Ferguson & Mary Sagace	John Ferguson	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
05/05	Cindy Long & Dee Oldaker	Tom Gutshall	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	04/28 - 05/04 Lois Matlick & Susie Gutshall		

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.