

# *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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[www.stsite.com](http://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.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 05, 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 **TODAY**, 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.....\$1,300.00 pledged  
(Goal: \$8,405)

Our Lady of Mercy .....\$770.00 pledged  
(Goal: \$2,635)



### 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 Our Lady of Mercy.

### Contributions for April 28, 2013

**St. Thomas: \$1,415.93**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$485.00**

### Thomas Food Pantry

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

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

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.

### OUR LADY OF MERCY WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

The Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild will meet today 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.

### JUST FOR LAUGHS.....

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'

## DANGER OF MORAL RELATIVISM

Moral relativism is the view that ethical standards, morality, and positions of right or wrong are culturally based and therefore subject to a person's individual choice. In other words, it is a philosophy that asserts that there is no global, absolute moral law that applies to all people, for all time, and in all places, that is, that there are no absolutes and there is no objective right or wrong. Consequently, gay rights are now being equated with civil rights, and those proclaiming that homosexuality is a sin are called homophobic and intolerant. Moral relativism usually includes three claims: that morality is first, changeable; second, subjective; and third, individual. The Moral Relativist embraces the view that one should not judge other cultures or individuals, for to do so would be intolerant. Moral rules are merely personal preferences and/or the result of one's cultural, sexual or ethnic orientation. We can all decide what is right for ourselves. You decide what's right for you, and I'll decide what's right for me. Moral Relativism says, "It's true for me, if I believe it." In a nutshell, Moral Relativism is the idea that moral principles are based on a person's culture (such as where and when one lives, one's education, one's age, and one's level of wealth) and, therefore, is subject to individual choice. Taken to an extreme, Moral Relativism rejects the idea that there are objective rights and wrongs. What is right for one person is not necessarily right for another person, and vice-versa. Each person decides what is right for himself. But Christianity proclaims that there are absolute moral norms that apply to all persons in all places at all times. Moral Relativism denies that there are moral norms. Many atheists and pantheists are Moral Relativists. Summing up the Moral Relativist philosophy, Friedrich Nietzsche, one of the fathers of Moral Relativism wrote, "You have your way, I have my way. As for the right way, it does not exist." Nietzsche reasoned that since "God is dead," all traditional values have died with Him. Nietzsche rejected the "soft" values of Christianity like brotherly love, turning the other cheek, charity, compassion, etc. He felt that they hindered man's creativity and potential. But Albert Einstein summed up the correct position in this matter when he said, "You are right in speaking of the moral foundations of science, but you cannot turn round and speak of the scientific foundations of morality."

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- Sources and resources:** 1) <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/morality/>  
2) <http://www.aboutcatholics.com/beliefs/christian-morality/>  
3) <http://carm.org/moral-relativism>  
4) <http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=9510>  
5) <http://www.catholiceducation.org/articles/religion/re0919.htm>

*As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of May, 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***

### ***Sixth Sunday of Easter***

May 06 Monday	Patrick Flanagan	7:15 AM Thomas
May 07 Tuesday	Margaret Cassell	7:15 AM Thomas
May 08 Wednesday	-	<b>No Mass</b>
May 09 Thursday	Dr. Joseph Guido	5:00 PM Thomas
May 10 Friday	Joseph Krosmico	5:00 PM Thomas
May 11 Saturday	Gladys Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
May 11 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Etta Martin	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
May 12 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
May 12 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Matthew Corder	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

#### **THOMAS      EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

05/11      Kathy Supak  
05/12      Betty Woods & Summer Snyder

#### **READERS**

Beth Spencer  
Don Woods

#### **ALTAR BOYS**

Wesley Snyder

#### **PARSONS      EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

05/12      Miranda & Becca Siler  
**Cleaning:**      05/05 - 05/11: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco

#### **READER**

Joanne Sikarskie

#### **ALTAR BOYS**

Any and all Available!

### **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.**