

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,

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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.

The Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2013

THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

St. Thomas - 7:30 AM, Sunday 06/16/2013;

Our Lady of Mercy - 12:30 PM, Sunday 06/09/13.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Loss has a horrible way of making you realize what truly matters, bringing all of the peripheral frustrations and agonies of life into stark perspective. It pulls you up short and reminds you that time is fleeting and life is precious..." Joleigh Little, Wisconsin RTL, reflecting on the loss of a pro-life colleague

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST AND THE YEAR OF FAITH

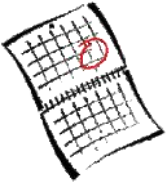
Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, has announced a special event to mark the centrality of the Eucharist in the observance of the Year of Faith: a worldwide Solemn Eucharistic Adoration on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) will take place on **Sunday, June 2**.

From the Annus Fidei website:

On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Holy Father will preside over a special Eucharistic adoration that will extend at the same time all over the world involving the cathedrals and parishes in each diocese. For an hour, at 5 PM (Rome time), the whole world will be united in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

WE WILL HAVE ADORATION FOR 30 MINUTES AT THE END OF 11 AM MASS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY.

KENNYWOOD TRIP!



Our Kennywood trip is approaching quickly! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 11th if you plan on attending. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church.

2013 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

DO YOU LOVE ME?

St. Thomas.....\$5,415.00 pledged
(Goal: \$8,405)

Our Lady of Mercy\$2,420.00 pledged
(Goal: \$2,635)



EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

May 27 - MEMORIAL DAY MASS at 9:00 AM at the Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

June 2 - "ASK FATHER" immediately following the 11 AM Mass in Parsons at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

June 4 - Society of St. Thomas Women will meet at 7:00 PM in the rectory conference room.

June 6 - Bible Study, ***The Great Adventure***, Introductory Session at 5:30 in the St. Thomas Center.

June 9 - Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild meeting immediately following the 11 AM Mass.

June 9 - Dinner Theater in the St. Thomas Center Social Hall.

June 11 - Trip to Kennywood!

June 12 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting at 7:00 PM in Parsons.

June 16 - CONFIRMATION at 3:00 PM at the St. Thomas Church followed by dinner with the Bishop.

Contributions for May 19, 2013

St. Thomas: \$2,082.00

Our Lady of Mercy: \$501.00

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.

MYSTERY DINNER THEATER

We will be hosting *Theater of the Word Incorporated* to bring us an evening of food, fun and entertainment. We will have a PASTA MANIA dinner while we enjoy some "killer entertainment." **WHO DUNNIT? What's the secret to Killer Entertainment? It's no mystery! Join us for an evening of interactive fun starring Kevin O'Brien of EWTN's Theater of the Word.** This should prove to be a night of great family fun. Tickets for the evening will be \$20 per person (not to exceed \$50 per family.) Dinner, dessert and drinks as well as the show is all inclusive. Get your tickets now!



WITH SYMPATHY

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Lucy Quattro who was buried from our parish church this past Monday. Please pray for the consolation of her family as well.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

A Memorial day Mass will be celebrated at Mt. Calvary Cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 9:00 AM. Please join us in honoring our deceased Veterans and loved ones.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CEMETERY FUND

The second collection this Memorial Day weekend will be used to defray the maintenance costs at the cemetery. Special envelopes will be provided. (Please make checks payable to: Mt Calvary Cemetery Fund.)

ANNUAL 2010 CORPORATION MEETING

All Knights of Columbus members are reminded of this important meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 2nd at 2:00 PM at the K of C Community Park in Thomas.

DANGER OF MORAL RELATIVISM

BIBLICAL BASIS OF MORALITY: Various issues today are informed by passages in the Old and New Testaments. For example, although scripture is mostly silent on abortion, various elements of scripture inform Christian ethical views on this topic, including Genesis 4:1; Job 31:15; Isaiah 44:24, 49:1, 5; and Jeremiah 1:5, among others. The Old Testament provides advice on adultery in Exodus's seventh commandment, as does the New Testament Gospel of Matthew. Christian views on divorce are informed by verses in Deuteronomy, Matthew, Mark, and others. Homosexuality is discussed in the Old and New Testament as well; for example, male homosexual acts merit the death penalty in Leviticus 18. Constraints on sexual conduct are heavily discussed in the Bible's Old and New Testaments. For example, The Old Testament "presents procreative marriage as the norm" (Humanae Vitae). With the rejection of the doctrine of papal infallibility and the Roman Magisterium as the absolute religious authority, each individual, at least in principle, became the arbiter in matters pertaining to faith and morals. The Reformers held fast to Sola Scriptura and many endeavored to construct an ethical system directly from the scriptures. The phrase "What would Jesus do?" (often abbreviated to WWJD) became popular in the United States in the 1990s and as a personal motto for adherents of Evangelical Christianity who used the phrase as a reminder of their belief in a moral imperative to act in a manner that would demonstrate the Love of Jesus through the actions of the adherents. (L)

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
The Most Holy Trinity

May 27 Monday (Memorial Day)	All Deceased Souls	9:00 AM Cemetery
May 28 Tuesday	Lorraine Brusca	5:00 PM Thomas
May 29 Wednesday	Gladys Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
May 30 Thursday	Lucy Quattro	5:00 PM Thomas
May 31 Friday	Helen Botizan	5:00 PM Thomas
June 01 First Saturday	Jim Cassell	9:00 AM Parsons
June 02 SATURDAY VIGIL	Marguerite Zizunas	5:00 PM Thomas
June 03 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
June 04 SUNDAY	Clifford, Anna & Robert Foster	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
06/01	Kathy Supak	Nancy Zizunas	
06/02	Brittany & Summer Snyder	Michelle Snyder	Nathaniel Rader

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
06/02	Emily & Becca Siler	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	05/26 - 06/01: 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.