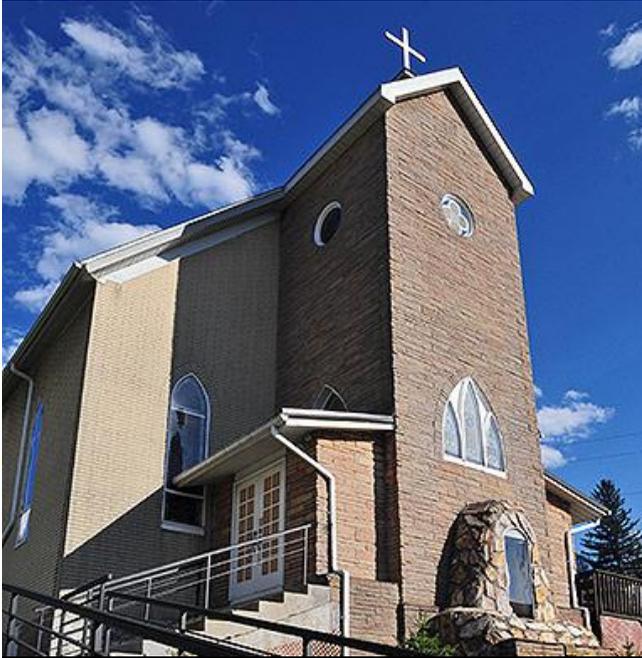


# *SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH*

*Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY*

St. Thomas Aquinas  
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy  
Parsons, West Virginia



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## **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.

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 16, 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

"One thing I've learned over the years as somebody who treats people in a coma and tries to save them is there's something very important about human contact with the people that bring meaning to your life, your loved ones." Dr. Steven Mayer, a neurosurgeon from Columbia University in Life News, 12/26/12



# Confirmation



Bishop Michael Bransfield will be joining us today Sunday, June 16th at 3:00 PM in the St. Thomas Aquinas Church to celebrate the great sacrament of Confirmation! Those being confirmed from our parish are:

**Quinnlan Buckley ~ Abbey Eye ~ Kyra Fenstermacher ~ Dillon Knotts ~ Devan Lambruno**

**Brock Lanthaler ~ Isabel Lanthaler ~ Elizabeth Nichols ~ Sydney Oldaker**

**Nathaniel Rader ~ Emily Siler ~ Wesley Snyder ~ Jenna Walker**



Immediately following confirmation we will gather in the Aquinas Hall of the St. Thomas Center for a catered dinner with the Bishop. All are invited to come to this very special event!

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend a second collection will be taken up at all masses for the **Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC)**. CCC is how the Good News gets around to you. Please be generous in the collection. Half of all donations stay in your (arch) diocese to support local communication needs.

## 2013 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL DO YOU LOVE ME?

St. Thomas.....\$5,715.00 pledged  
(Goal: \$8,405)

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



## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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

**June 19** - Bible Study (Session 2) at Our Lady of Mercy at 6:30 PM.

**June 20** - Bible Study (Session 3) at St. Thomas at 5:30 PM.

**July 2** - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting, 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference room.

**July 7** - "ASK FATHER" after the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy.

**July 10** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting in Thomas at 7:00 PM in the Knights of Columbus room.

**July 18** - 4th degree Knights meeting at 7:00 PM in Thomas.

## Contributions for June 9, 2013

**St. Thomas: \$1,662.21**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$828.00**

## Thomas Food Pantry

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

This month we are seeking lemonade.

In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

## DOES GOD SPEAK TO US?

*(Catholic Doors Ministry)*

One day, while at the Youth Center, a 10 year old boy asked me, "How come God does not speak to us anymore?" His question certainly caught me off guard since religion was not the usual topic of conversation that was normally found at the Youth Center. I stopped for a minute and then asked the boy, "What do you mean?" He replied, "You know, like when God used to talk to the prophets and to Moses. He does not talk to us anymore. He does not talk to me." That was thirty years ago and I have never forgotten those words.

Instantly inspired by the Holy Spirit, I said to the young boy, "Maybe God is speaking to you but you are not hearing Him." More or less confused by my answer, the boy reaffirmed, "He does not speak to me."

I asked the boy to come and sit at the table that was nearby so I could explain to him how God speaks to him. I told the boy that I was going to do something and then I was going to ask him a question. He was to answer me with the absolute truth. He agreed to this. Reaching into my pocket, I pulled out a valuable piece of carved 22 carat gold and placed it on the table in front of the boy. Then I said to him, "Steal it!"

Looking at the boy's eyes, I asked him, "What just went through your mind?" He said, "No, it is wrong." Then I asked him, "What else went through your mind?" At first, he denied that anything else went through his mind. Finally, he admitted that it was a nice piece of gold and that he would have loved to take it. But he insisted that doing so would have been wrong.

I then proceeded to explain to the young boy that three things had gone through his mind. Satan was there, telling him that it was a nice piece of gold and he should take it. At the same time, God was there, telling him that it was wrong to steal. Finally, having heard both inner voices that spoke in his heart, the boy made the decision not to do what was wrong. He had a free will to choose what was right versus what was wrong. He chose to obey God.

The spiritual knowledge that was shared with the boy on that day has not changed when it comes to dealing with the evils of the world. Listening to God's Voice in our heart applies to all life experiences. What does God's inner voice say to those who contemplate having an abortion? What does Satan say to them? The free will finally chooses what action to take. It is not God that made the person do it; nor is it Satan that made them do it. It is their free will, the decision having been made after having heard both sides of morality, good and evil.

The same voices, the divine Voice of God and the evil voice of Satan, both speak to the hearts of the murderers, the robbers, the prostitutes, the pervers of all kinds, the husbands who beat up their wives, the mothers who are addicted to prescription drugs and neglect their children, etc...

Not only does God speak in our hearts, He has also written His Laws in our hearts! This truth is found in the Holy Bible, in both, the Old and the New Testament. God said: "But this shall be the covenant that I will make (...) after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them; I will write it in their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10 & 10:16] [Note: The covenant is a reference to the New Covenant that God established on earth through Jesus Christ. It is a reference to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that is necessary for salvation as God's people.]

Not only has God put His laws in our hearts, He has also made His dwelling within us. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body." [1 Corinthians 6:19-20]

Therefore, how can we say that we do not know right from wrong? How can we say that God does not speak to us in our hearts? How can we say, "I did not know what I was doing?"

Do not become like those who are led away by Satan towards the worldly ways that destroy the soul: fame, wealth and the flesh. Fix your heart on Jesus, listen to His voice that speaks within you, and be among those who bear fruit for the glory of God.

*As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of June, 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**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

June 17 Monday	Patrick Flanagan	7:15 AM Thomas
June 18 Tuesday	Walter Obyc	5:00 PM Thomas
June 19 Wednesday	V.J. Horowitz	9:00 AM Parsons
June 20 Thursday	Arlie & Frances Mason	5:00 PM Thomas
June 21 Friday	Pauline Staron Sparks	5:00 PM Thomas
June 22 Saturday	Gladys Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
June 22 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	*Hugh & Maggie DeMotto	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
June 23 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
June 23 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Zeke & Ann DiBacco	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
06/22	Rita Johnson	Beth Spencer	
06/23	Brittany Snyder & Titi Ferguson	Summer Snyder	Issac Quattro

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
06/23	Miranda & Emily Siler	Tom Gutshall	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	06/16 - 06/22: 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, and Mike Michael.

**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.**