

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.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 23, 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

At the heart of the Culture of Death is the philosophy of utilitarianism which holds that passions and desires are more important than reason; anything, therefore, that brings the greatest amount of pleasure and the least amount of pain to the majority of people is morally right and good. The minority is victimized and people are no longer valued because of their dignity, but for their usefulness to the majority. George Weigel, Florida Catholic, May 14-17, 2012

MOUNTAINEER DAYS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Come and support the Knights of Columbus food booth on July 6th during Mountaineer days. They will be selling their delicious Italian Sausage and pulled pork barbecue sandwiches. Proceeds will go to youth activities and the Knights of Columbus community park. All Knights are encouraged to come and help. Any questions, call Butch DiBacco, Chairman: 478-3937.

WALK AND ROLL "FOR LIFE!": This is a 1K or 5K walk or roll in a stroller, wheel chair or bike. The non-competitive 'walk and run' will start with registration at 8:30 AM on Saturday, July 6th (Mountaineer Days) at the Miners and Merchants Bank parking lot. Registration fee is by donation. All parishioners are encouraged to walk and support the cause. Door prizes will be given at the conclusion of the event.

The 'Walk and Roll for Life' will benefit the Billie G. Armstrong Central WV Center for Pregnancy Care Fund directed by the Tucker Community Foundation. The pregnancy care centers strive to assist mothers and babies in our area. Please partner with us to provide these community services.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A second collection will be taken up at all masses today for the **(CCC) Catholic Communications Campaign**. 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.....\$5,847.00 pledged
(Goal: \$8,405)

Our Lady of Mercy ...\$2,820.00 pledged
(Goal: \$2,635)



EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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 16, 2013

St. Thomas: \$2,089.26

Our Lady of Mercy: \$419.00

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.

BRAVO!! BRAVO!!

A heartfelt **thank you** to all those who helped in numerous ways to make Confirmation such a beautiful and special time for our teens. The combined choir was angelic and so very strong; the altar boys did an outstanding job; the Fourth Degree Knights made everything more splendidous; and the participation of so many people made this a most memorable event for all of us. Our bishop was very grateful for all the hospitality shown to him by everyone. I thank everyone for all the work to prepare for his arrival including the cleaning of the church and the social hall; the attention to the linens; and the exquisite reception and dinner. It was a great day for our parish! *Fr. Grassi*

WHY RAPTURE DOCTRINE IS WRONG AND UNBIBLICAL?

Are you Pre, Mid, or Post? Most Fundamentalists and Evangelicals know that these words stand for pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, and post-tribulation. The terms all refer to the point at which the rapture is supposed to occur. "Rapture" is the recently proposed (18th century), doctrine taught by certain groups of fundamentalist Christians which holds that at the end of the world Jesus will come on the clouds of heaven, and the righteous ("the saints"), will be "raptured," that is, caught up into the air, to be with Christ. They will be separated from sinners who will remain on the earth to endure a period of great suffering ("the Great Tribulation"). In other words, it is the belief that the "born-again Christians" or those who profess a personal belief in Christ, accepting Him as their personal Savior, will be removed from the earth in order to spare them from undergoing the time in which "the wrath of God" will be displayed against all the peoples of earth. The word Rapture is connected to the Latin word *rapiemur*, which appears in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians in the Latin Vulgate Catholic translation of the Bible. There is no equivalent to "rapture" in the Greek manuscripts. *Rapiemur* means "we shall be raised up" or "caught up." The text cited reads, The dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:16-17).

The Pre-, Mid-, or Post-Tribulation Rapture: The Protestant "rapture" theories can be divided into three major categories: 1) **Pre-Tribulation rapture:** First, the Church (the true-believers), along with those who died in Christ (who have risen), will be "raptured," or snatched away to be with Jesus. Then, there will be a seven-year period, called the Great Tribulation, which will feature the reign of the Antichrist (anti-Christ). The Antichrist will fool the world (those remaining) into thinking he is God. He will start out as a great political leader who will bring about peace and prosperity. Three and a half years into his reign, he will reveal his true nature and begin to wage war on Israel. This will lead to the "Battle of Armageddon" which will take place at the end of the seven years. During this battle, Jesus and His "raptured" Church will return a second time, to save the Jews who have now been converted and to wipe out the Antichrist. Then Jesus will reign on earth for 1,000 years with the Church (*the millennial reign*). At the end of the 1,000 years, Satan will be released again with his minions to tempt those who have been born during this thousand-year period. His release will lead to the battle of "Gog and Magog" after which Satan, along with all those from the millennium who have fallen under Satan's sway, along with the unjust who have not risen, will be thrown into the lake of fire forever. 2) **Mid-Tribulation Rapture:** All of the above with the exception that these people believe that the "rapture" happens in the middle of the tribulation, just before the Antichrist reveals his true nature. 3) **Post-Tribulation Rapture** (or the *amillennial* view): Again, the same as the first two, but the Church goes through the entire Tribulation. (Let's define some common terms: the root word, *Millennium*, comes from the Latin for one thousand years (Rev. 20:4). A *postmillennialist* believes that Christ returns to establish the Kingdom on earth after the thousand years; an *amillennialist* doesn't believe that the Kingdom is coming at all; a *premillennialist* believes that Christ returns before the Millennium to set up His Kingdom as described in Revelation 20:4).

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
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24 Monday	Jon Cverna	7:15 AM Thomas
June 25 Tuesday	Eleanor Golladay	5:00 PM Thomas
June 26 Wednesday	Margaret Cassell	9:00 AM Parsons
June 27 Thursday	Orlando Massi	5:00 PM Thomas
June 28 Friday	Barbara Colabrese	5:00 PM Thomas
June 29 Saturday	John Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
June 29 SATURDAY VIGIL	Lucy Quattro	5:00 PM Thomas
June 30 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	9:00 AM Thomas
June 30 SUNDAY	Clifford, Anna & Robert Foster	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
06/29	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Kathy Supak	
06/30	Betty Woods & Mary Sagace	Diane Rader	Wesley Snyder

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
06/30	Fred Sikarskie & Cindy Long	Joanne Sikarskie	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	06/23 - 06/29: 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, 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.