

# *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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Parish Website:

[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.

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 30, 2013*

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

**St. Thomas** - **NO MASS**, Sunday 07/21/2013;

**Our Lady of Mercy** - 12:30 PM, Sunday 07/14/13.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Many people are unaware of the fact that tax dollars are given to an organization that kills unborn babies. The Planned Parenthood Federation of America is the largest abortion provider in the country and roughly 40% of its one million dollar budget comes from federal, state and local health service grants and reimbursements. Carol Tobias in NRL News, Spring, 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.

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Next Sunday we will be gathering food and monetary donations at the entrance of the Our Lady of Mercy Church. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry.

## COME TO OUR SOCIAL NIGHT!

The Our Lady of Mercy Women's Guild would like to invite all ladies to our next social night event. We will be meeting at C.J.'s in Parsons at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 9th. Mark your calendars!!!

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Our next Bible Study class (Session 4) will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church this Wednesday, July 3rd at 6:30 PM. (Session 5) will be held at St. Thomas **next Thursday**, July 11th at 5:30 PM. Come and join us and learn about the story of salvation!

## FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY

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

## 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 23, 2013

**St. Thomas:** **\$2,150.25**

*Communications Campaign: \$370.00*

**Our Lady of Mercy:** **\$564.00**

*Communications Campaign: \$213.00*

## 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.

## HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!



On this Independence Day we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for our freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let us not take our freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. May we always remember that our freedom was purchased with a very high price.

### **Our freedom cost others their very lives.**

We would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe 4th of July holiday! Once again this year we will take up a special collection for our building fund during our weekend Masses on July 6th & 7th to continue to maintain and refurbish our properties. Envelopes will be placed in the pews.

## WHY RAPTURE DOCTRINE IS WRONG AND UNBIBLICAL?

**Origins of the Rapture theory:** Rev. Morgan Edwards (1722 –1795) was a Welch historian of religion and a Baptist pastor who taught “the rapture” before its popularization by [John](#) Nelson Darby (1800–1882). In 1742–44 Morgan Edwards wrote a book on the modern-day “Rapture” doctrine, published in 1788. Thus began the contemporary “Rapture” melodrama. There’s no record prior to 1788 of the “Rapture” doctrine being taught or of its details being published by anyone of the Church Fathers of the Catholic Church or even by the founding fathers of Protestant Reformation. John Nelson Darby (1800-1882) was ordained in the Church of Ireland and worked there to convert Catholics from their “folly.” Darby eventually left the Church of Ireland, joining a dissident group called the Plymouth Brethren of which he soon became a prominent leader. About 1830, he began teaching that Jesus’ coming at the end of time would be preceded by a “rapture of the saints.” He invented a system of looking at the Bible called Dispensationalism. This system essentially tries to divide the Bible into time periods. God deals with men differently according to the time period in which they live. Darby preached that in the last seven years of human history, God would only be dealing with the Jews and trying to win the Jews to Christ. In order to do this, Darby took a bunch of texts from the Book of Revelation, St. Paul’s letters and Daniel, out of their contexts, and used them to support his theory. Some members of his Brethren community objected that this teaching was not biblically based. But Darby dismissed all criticism, asserting that the teaching had been revealed to him by God. He eventually distanced himself from the Plymouth Brethren and traveled extensively in the 1860s and 1870s in Europe, the United States, and Canada, where his views were very influential, and appeared in the Scofield Reference Bible, printed first in 1909.

A made-up story hyped-up by the media: The belief in the Rapture is mainly rooted in the fourth and fifth chapters of 1 Thessalonians, which are placed into an elaborate chronology of “end-time” events based on other passages from Revelation, Daniel, and Matthew 24. Often the Rapture is called the “day of the Lord” which will come like “a thief in the night” (1 Thess. 5:2). After this secret removal of believers, would come the rise of the Antichrist and the implementation of the “Mark of the Beast” during the seven years of “the Great Tribulation.” At the end of those seven years would take place a third coming of Christ (the First in Bethlehem, the Second at the Rapture and the Third, His Final coming) and Armageddon, the final battle between good and evil. Novels about the end times and the Rapture have been popular fare within Fundamentalist and Evangelical circles since the 1970s. In June 1970, a youth pastor from Southern California published a book titled *The Late Great Planet Earth*. It would become the best-selling nonfiction book of the decade, going through more than 100 printings totaling 35 million copies. In 1995, Tyndale House published *Left Behind: A Novel of the Earth’s Last Days*, co-authored by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. *Left Behind* is a series of 16 best-selling novels by dealing with the [Christian dispensationalist](#) view of the [End Times](#), and offering a [pretribulation](#), [premillennial](#), [Christian eschatological](#) viewpoint of the [end of the world](#). It has sold well over 10 million copies, setting a string of publishing and sales records. The series has been adapted into three action thriller films produced and released by [Cloud Ten Pictures](#). The films are [Left Behind: The Movie](#), [Left Behind II: Tribulation Force](#) and [Left Behind: World at War](#).

*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**  
***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

July 01 Monday	Gretchen Davis	7:15 AM Thomas
July 02 Tuesday	Jim Cassell	5:00 PM Thomas
July 03 Wednesday	Poor Souls in Purgatory	9:00 AM Parsons
July 04 Thursday	Etta Martin	5:00 PM Thomas
July 05 <b>First Friday</b>	Mary Cassell	<b>1:00 PM Cort. Acr.</b>
July 05 <b>First Friday</b>	<b>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	<b>5:00 PM Parsons</b>
July 05 <b>First Friday</b>	Mary Buckley	<b>6:00 PM Parsons</b>
July 06 <b>First Saturday</b>	John E. Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
July 06 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	Wanita Quattro	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
July 07 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
July 07 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Doris M. Silk	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READERS</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
07/06	Kathy Supak	Beth Spencer	
07/07	Brittany & Summer Snyder	Michelle Snyder	Nathaniel Rader

<b>PARSONS</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b>	<b>READER</b>	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>
07/07	Dee Oldaker & Joanne Sikarskie	Jessica Gutshall	Any and all Available!
<b>Cleaning:</b>	06/30 - 07/06: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco		

**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.**