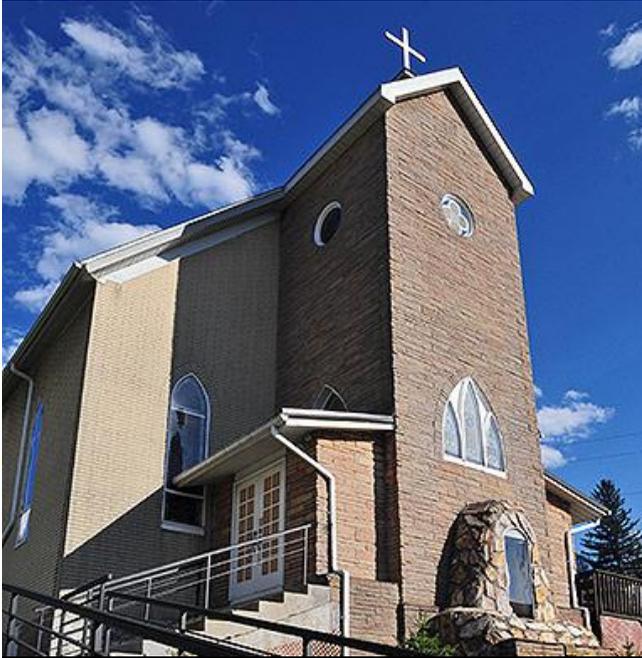


SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

Mission: OUR LADY OF MERCY

St. Thomas Aquinas
Thomas, West Virginia

Our Lady of Mercy
Parsons, West Virginia



Pastor: Rev. Timothy J. Grassi,

P.O. Box 300, Thomas, WV 26292 —Tel: 304-463-4488

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 07, 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

Father Frank Pavone has observed, "One of the most striking and effective statements over the years by the pro-life movement has been:

'Abortion stops a beating heart.'"



The southern Cross, March 2013

MEN & WOMEN'S SUMMER DRESS GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH

Even though the weather is getting warmer, it is still not appropriate to have less clothes on in church. Dressing up for church is a tradition that not only shows respect for God but also for the other people in the pews. Keeping your knees and shoulders covered has been and continues to be the dress code for entering most churches (the Vatican is quite strict about it). The idea of dressing up came from the Renaissance era and it was to excuse one's self (or one's body) from public view, so as to focus attention on the things that matter most — such as business, conversation, manners, courtesy, etc. Certainly in church, we do not want to draw attention to ourselves but help the focus return to God, God's Word, or our prayers to God. Please maintain respectful clothing even in warm weather times by refraining from wearing short shorts and sleeveless clothing whenever possible. The beach wear is for the beach! Keep in mind, that no matter how hot you are in the pews, the priest is always wearing more clothing.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS



Today 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 the ladies of our church to our social night event. We will be meeting at C.J.'s in Parsons at 6:00 PM this Tuesday, July 9th. Hope to see you there!!!

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

Our next Bible Study class (Session 5) will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church **next Wednesday**, July 17th at 6:30 PM. (Session 5) will be held at St. Thomas **this Thursday**, July 11th at 5:30 PM. Come and join us and learn about the story of salvation!



OLD PHOTOS NEEDED

Any "church activity" related photos that you are willing to let us borrow of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Veronica's or Our Lady of Mercy Churches would be greatly appreciated for a special project. Please write your name on your photos and drop them off at the Rectory or give them to Fr. Grassi. We will make copies of the pictures and then safely return them to their owners. Thank you!

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

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 30, 2013

St. Thomas: \$1,845.25

Our Lady of Mercy: \$726.00

Thomas Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of "valued" food items. This month we are seeking **dry noodles**. In subsequent months we will let you know what items are needed and ask your assistance in this need for our community.

WHY RAPTURE DOCTRINE IS WRONG AND UNBIBLICAL?

The Catholic teaching: The Catholic belief in the return of Christ for the Final Judgment, (called the Second coming, with His birth in Bethlehem being the First), is summarized in the Nicene Creed: Christ has died, Christ has Risen, Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead. The Catholic Church teaches that, at the end of time, Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead. At this time, everyone who is dead, just and unjust, will have a bodily resurrection and those who are alive, will have their bodies transformed for eternity. Those still in Purgatory will be released, joining the risen and the still-living, transformed just. Then the Last Judgment will take place. The just will live with God, the unjust will be punished to live eternally without God. All these will happen on the last day as a one-stage event. Catholics do not generally use the term Rapture, nor do they believe in a Rapture that will take place some time before the Second Coming, as do many Evangelicals. The Church has certainly condemned the notion of two resurrections from the dead. Those who are still alive in Christ at His return will be transformed "in the twinkling of an eye and caught up in the clouds with the Lord", but that will take place on the Last Day.

The Catechism on end times: The definitive Catholic teaching on the end times is contained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church under the discussion of the article of the Creed, "From thence He will come again to judge the living and the dead." [CCC #668-682]. As the Creed infallibly teaches, the Second Coming is associated with the end of the world and the Last Judgment. Therefore, it is NOT associated with any earlier time - such as the establishment of a "Millennium." The Catholic Church specifically condemns "millenarianism," according to which Jesus will establish a throne in this world and reign here for a thousand years [CCC #676]. She teaches instead that Jesus already reigns in eternity (1 Cor. 15:24-27, Rev. 4 & 5), and that in this world His reign, established as a seed, is found already in the Church [CCC #668-669]. This is the "thousand years," which is the Hebrew expression indicating an indefinite, long period of time - in this case, the time between the First and Second comings. This period of time is called the Era of the Church, or, in other words, the last days in the broadest sense. The Book of Revelation situates this era between the persecutions of the Roman antichrists of the first century and the final unleashing of evil at the end.

Why the Rapture theory is wrong and against Bible teaching:

- 1) New theory without any basis in Church history:** It is a new theory created less than 300 years ago (in 1788), without any basis in Church history or Sacred Apostolic Tradition. This doctrine was never taught or published by any one of the Fathers of the Church or even by the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation Movement.
- 2) A false theory and against Bible teaching:** The Bible teaches about only one future "Second Coming" of Jesus, followed by the Last Judgment and the eternal rewarding of the just and punishing of the wicked. Nowhere in scripture is it taught, or remotely indicated, that Jesus will personally and visibly return twice more, as claimed by the rapture believers.
- 3) Distortion of bible teaching:** The most ridiculous notion of the pre-tribulation rapture is that the Church (that is, born-again and saved Christians) will avoid the persecution of the Anti-Christ. This is nonsense. Jesus promised us persecution. The Church grows the most and shines the brightest during times of persecution. Beyond that, the notion is simply unbiblical. It is a serious misinterpretation of Sacred Scripture to claim that Christians will be rescued by God in a Rapture that removes them from the earth either before or during a period of earthly tribulation. (Continued next week!)

As we pray the Rosary before our Masses in this month of July, 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
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 08 Monday	Eli Botizan	7:15 AM Thomas
July 09 Tuesday	Patrick Flanagan	5:00 PM Thomas
July 10 Wednesday	Margaret Cassell	9:00 AM Parsons
July 11 Thursday	Pauline Staron Sparks	5:00 PM Thomas
July 12 Friday	Mary Botizan	5:00 PM Thomas
July 13 Saturday	John Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
July 13 SATURDAY VIGIL	Jane Jorishie	5:00 PM Thomas
July 14 SUNDAY	Eleanor Gossaday	9:00 AM Thomas
July 14 SUNDAY	People of the Parish	11:00 AM Parsons

THOMAS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READERS	ALTAR BOYS
07/13	Kathy & Pat Kotten	Nancy Zizunas	
07/14	Titi Ferguson & Mary Sagace	John Ferguson	Isaac Quattro

PARSONS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	READER	ALTAR BOYS
07/14	Miranda & Becca Siler	Betty Jane DiBacco	Any and all Available!
Cleaning:	07/07 - 07/13: Pat Usnik & Christine Rosenau		

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.