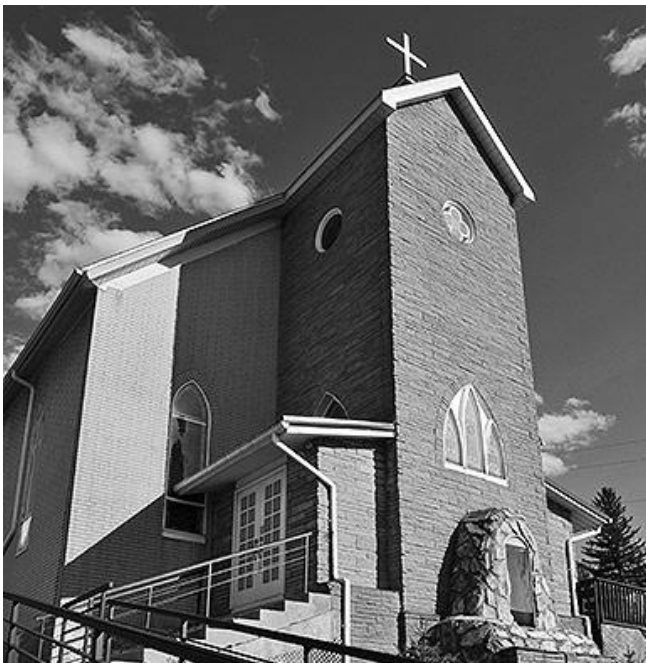


# *SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH*

*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.

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 28, 2013*

## THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

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

**St. Thomas** - 7:30 AM, Sunday 08/18/2013;

**Our Lady of Mercy** - 12:30 PM, Sunday 08/11/13.

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

Nine states now have enacted some version of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Act, which protects the lives of many more children than the partial birth abortion ban that preceded it, and more states are expected to pass this protective law in 2013.

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SILVER ROSE RUN - ONE LIFE, ONE ROSE

Since May 1, 2013, three Silver Roses have been making their way across North America, from Canada to the United States to Mexico. The silver rose exemplifies the Knights of Columbus' devotion to Our Lady and their commitment to the Culture of Life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses." Our parish will receive the rose this week. Then on Friday, August 2nd, we will "run" the rose to Elkins.

## BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

\*\*The Bible Study class at Our Lady of Mercy Church has finished their first quarter, (sessions 1-6). We will resume the second quarter classes beginning on **October 16**, with (Sessions 7 - 12).

\*\*The Bible Study class at St. Thomas has finished their first quarter, (Sessions 1 - 7). We will resume the second quarter classes beginning on **October 17**, with (session 8 - 13).

## AMERICAN MOUNTAIN THEATER

This Wednesday, July 31st we are going to the American Mountain Theater! This is a live 2 hour music and comedy stage show featuring country, gospel, forties and fifties music and comedic Impersonations - all in Elkins! The show begins at 7:30 and the group price is \$22.00 per person. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church if you plan on attending. If people would like to car pool please let Father know.

## ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS

The flowers at the main altar and at the Blessed Mother are a loving tribute to the memory of my parents Anna and Steve Staron, my sisters Helen, Mary and Kathryn and my brothers John, Walter and Joe. —*Barbara Staron Saboites*



## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Next Sunday we will be gathering food and monetary donations at the entrance of the Our Lady of Mercy Church. Please support our local food pantry and bring a canned food or a box of cereal. Anything would be greatly appreciated.

## EVENTS ON THE HORIZON!!!

**August 4** - "Ask Father" after the 11:00 AM Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Church.

**August 6** - Society of St. Thomas Women monthly meeting, 7:00 PM at the Rectory conference room.

**August 14** - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting in Parsons at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**August 18** - Parish Picnic at the Knights of Columbus park.

## Contributions for July 21, 2013

**St. Thomas: \$1,775.07**

**Our Lady of Mercy: \$474.00**

## 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.

## Homosexual movement continues its assault on children in schools

LEXINGTON, MA - APRIL 19, 2006. Lexington public school officials have told Rob and Robin Wirthlin that since "gay marriage is legal" they may describe homosexual relationships to their son in second grade, without notice, and that parents may not opt their child out of such discussions. The Wirthlins were livid.

Yes, this is the same town -- and even the same school -- that embroiled itself in the David Parker incident last year, over pushing homosexuality onto young children without parental knowledge or consent. And now, the envelope's being pushed even further.

**Son comes home with bizarre story.** On March 24, their second-grade son came home from the Estabrook Elementary School and repeated to his mother the story read to him earlier that day about men getting married to each other. His teacher had read the book "King and King" to the class, in which a prince doesn't want to marry any princesses, but instead falls in love with a princess's brother and marries him in a big palace wedding. Mrs. Wirthlin remembers that it was so startling to her son that he described details of the book such as that "the queen even shed a tear." It obviously made an impression on him.

This is a children's book about homosexual romantic love and "marriage". Its purpose is to normalize homosexuality in the mind of a child, using the vehicle of a children's fairy tale. It was brought into the classroom by the teacher for that reason, and read to the kids for that reason.

Mrs. Wirthlin also remembers that her son repeated "Isn't that silly. . . isn't that so silly. . . isn't it funny?" that afternoon when he came home. He obviously knew that such an idea was unnatural and abnormal, even though the teacher wanted her class to believe otherwise.

The Wirthlins immediately contacted the teacher, Heather Kramer. Kramer acknowledged she had read the book to the class, and admitted that it was not part of the curriculum. At first, she claimed that it was the kids who insisted that she read the book to them, after she had put it out in the classroom for them to see. (However, as Mrs. Wirthlin pointed out to us, that's an absurd excuse. In a second-grade classroom the teacher is supposed to be the adult, not another child. But in their subsequent meeting, it became clear that the teacher had intended to read it.)

**Meeting at the school.** Several days later, Rob and Robin Wirthlin came to the school and met with the teacher and principal, Joni Jay. It was a very unsatisfying meeting, to say the least, they told us. Heather Kramer told them that the theme of that day had been "weddings" and that since "gay marriage is legal," she said, she "wanted to present all points of view." It didn't seem to bother her that the Wirthlins considered this to be intrusive indoctrination.

During the meeting, Joni Jay told the Wirthlins that they may not opt their son out of these discussions, and no notice will be given, and that she cannot guarantee it will not happen again. She added that has no plans even to inform parents even after such incidents have taken place. This arrogance is truly breathtaking.

"We are outraged," said Mrs. Wirthlin. "This is a highly charged social issue. Why are they introducing it in the second grade? And we cannot present our family's point of view to our children if they don't tell us what they're saying to them."

Mrs. Wirthlin documented the meeting in an email, which she sent back to the teacher and principal for any corrections. They emailed her back, but with no comment on her synopsis of the meeting, nor did they answer her further questions. They simply told her that if she wanted to discuss this further, she would need to go to the superintendent.

**Support by town's school administration.** As described on two Boston-area TV news reports, Lexington Superintendent Paul Ash and School Committee Chairman Helen Cohen, both with a history of promoting the normalization of homosexual behavior in the schools, both supported the actions by the principal. Ash gave reporters his public statement that sexual orientation and homosexual relationships do not constitute "human sexual issues" as described in the Massachusetts parental notification law -- M.G.L. Ch. 73 Sec. 32a. Therefore, Ash has instructed teachers NOT to give parents any notification on these topics! And Helen Cohen appeared on TV saying that since there are so many homosexual "parents" in Lexington, she believes they must "affirm" homosexuality in the public schools for the sake of the kids.

**And there's more.** David Parker informed us that this teacher, Heather Kramer, attended a presentation in Lexington last year by the Gay Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) on promoting homosexuality in the classroom. Parker was also present and he said he remembers Kramer being "very enthusiastic" about having lessons on homosexual behavior in the elementary school grades. People need to take notice: GLSEN is making huge inroads in elementary schools across the country. Believe us on this! Parker, whose son is was in the first grade in Estabrook Elementary School, noted that he's recently discovered that it's gotten worse for them, also. The book which started it all last year, "Who's in a Family?", is now in their son's classroom for all the kids to read -- along with a similarly homosexual-themed book: "Molly's Family." And the Parkers aren't happy. About this latest incident in the second grade, David Parker says:

"This incident proves that they are intentionally exposing young children to positive portrayals of homosexual attraction and marriage for purposes of coercive indoctrination - beyond the parents' reach, without notification or opt-out, and against the will of parents. The school administration has clearly demonstrated that they want young children to affirm and embrace homosexuality and gay unions in the compulsory setting of our public schools. God only knows how often this is occurring in our schools and they refuse to let parents know. This is the most insidious of trespassing upon parental rights and the innocence of young children. I will not allow this to continue. Let it be known - they have forced the hand of the Father to act." (From: [http://massresistance.org/docs/issues/king\\_and\\_king/](http://massresistance.org/docs/issues/king_and_king/))

*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**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 29 Monday	Lucy Quattro	7:15 AM Thomas
July 30 Tuesday	William Dillon	5:00 PM Thomas
July 31 Wednesday	John E. Donica	9:00 AM Parsons
Aug 01 Thursday	Elizabeth Howard	5:00 PM Thomas
Aug 02 First Friday	Patrick Flanagan	<b>1:00 PM C.A.</b>
Aug 02 First Friday	<b>ADORATION &amp; BENEDICTION</b>	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
Aug 02 First Friday	Mary Buckley	<b>6:00 PM Thomas</b>
Aug 03 First Saturday	Edward F. Silk & Vina Nolin	<b>9:00 AM Parsons</b>
Aug 03 <b>SATURDAY VIGIL</b>	*George G. Tomecek	<b>5:00 PM Thomas</b>
Aug 04 <b>SUNDAY</b>	Sadie Caldron	<b>9:00 AM Thomas</b>
Aug 04 <b>SUNDAY</b>	People of the Parish	<b>11:00 AM Parsons</b>

<b>THOMAS</b> 08/03 08/04	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b> Kathy & Pat Kotten Betty Woods & Mary Sagace	<b>READERS</b> Nancy Zizunas Diane Rader	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b>  Isaac Quattro
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<b>PARSONS</b> 08/04 <b>Cleaning:</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS</b> Emily & Becca Siler 07/28 - 08/03: Cindy Long & Betty DiBacco	<b>READER</b> Lukas Thompson	<b>ALTAR BOYS</b> Any and all Available!
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**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.**