

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake *

Ohio * 44054-1409

(440) 949-7744

March 22, 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 AM
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM or by appointment

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required
One Sponsor must be an active Catholic with a Sponsor Letter from the Church they attend.

Marriage: At least one member must be a parishioner
Contact the Office at least six months before the tentative date is set

Home Communion: Notify the Parish Office

Funeral: Arrangements with the Parish Office must be made before publication. Hall rental and Funeral Luncheons available. Call Dave 440-670-0204 for food list and pricing.

Membership: Call the Office when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age contact us

Sick Calls: Communion for shut-ins and hospital visitation notify the Parish Office

Parish Office Hours: Monday-closed
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday-9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Friday-9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Information/insert for the bulletin must be in the Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the weekend.

St. Thomas Mission Statement: We are a Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit. Inspired by our liturgy and communal prayer, we reflect Jesus as servants, teachers and leaders building the kingdom of God.

Holy Days of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2020
Christmas December 25, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

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Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

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Our Honored Former Pastors

+Fr. Raymond J. Grismer 1960-1962
+Fr. Urban A. Reichlin 1962-1968
+Fr. Claude J. Gaebelein 1968-1981
+Fr. John J. McCaffrey 1981-1998

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is fully accessible
No Steps, No Stairs, No Ramps

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Holy Lenten Season

Sunday March 22, 2020
4th Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM No Mass
 11:00 AM No Mass
 2nd Collection:

Monday March 23, 2020
St. Turibius Mogrovejo
 9:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday March 24, 2020
St. Oscar Romero
 9:00 AM No Mass

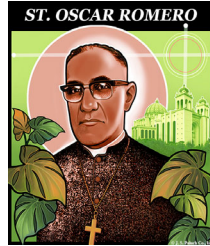
Wednesday March 25, 2020
Annunciation of the Lord
 9:00 AM No Mass

Thursday March 26, 2020
 9:00 AM No Mass

Friday March 27, 2020
(Abstinence)
 9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday March 28, 2020
 9:00 AM No Mass
 4:00 PM No Mass

Sunday March 29, 2020
5th Sunday of Lent
 9:00 AM No Mass
 11:00 AM No Mass
 2nd Collection:
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We plan to resume Masses on Easter Monday, for now

Pre-Baptismal Classes-2020

April 21	St. Mary-7:30 PM	(440) 934-4212
May 21	Holy Spirit-7:30 PM	(440) 933-3777
June 16	St. Joseph-6:30 PM	(440) 0933-3152
July 19	St. Thomas-12:30 PM	(440) 949-7744

All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active catholic with a letter of good standing from their church.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience necessary. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you, through you & despite of you!"

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 28-4:00 PM
 C-M B Riley L-S Riley
 EM-A & J Balmert, M Markoski
 C-M B Riley, R O'Connor

Sunday, March 29-9:00 AM
 C-C Kabat L-
 EM-B Smith, R Arena
 C-K Janosik

Sunday, March 29-11:00 AM
 C-J Ganobsek L-L Prokay
 EM-L Janis, S Helman, K Mohrbach
 C-J Ritter, N Olitsky



Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
	March 15, 2020	\$3,459.00

Please mail in your contributions

Thank you for your generous and continued support.
 Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

St. Thomas Church Events

March 20-Fish Fry (**Take Out Only**) 4-7:00 PM
 Take Out #440-949-8491

***** Confessions and Stations have been cancelled.

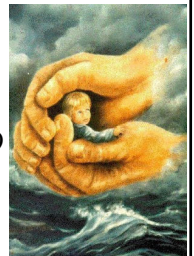
ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

March 23 In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

St. Thomas Fish Fry (Take Out ONLY) 4 PM-7 PM every Friday until April 3rd. Menu choices of Perch, Cod, Shrimp, Pierogi, Vegetable Lasagna Dinners. Sides include salad bar, pizza, mac & cheese, fries & cabbage & noodles. We now take Credit Cards. #440-949-8491.

Christmas Eve Night Mass Our Parish Council is considering a change in the Christmas Eve Night Mass from 10PM to 8PM. The other Christmas Masses would remain the same: 4PM Christmas Eve and 10AM Christmas Day.

Protecting God's Children "Protecting God's Children" protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org



Pro-Life Doctor's List Pro-life doctors, who don't practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrightrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God's plan for the life of that child.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to Betty for the Bulletins and articles donated that were saved through the early years of our Church.

Light “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep.” The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

Treasures from our Tradition Most Americans say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and know the barest elements of a third. Nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf-washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word. Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. “I went to church, and some little baby became my brother.” That’s more accurate than the adult’s remark, “There was a baptism at Mass today.” When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

Beware the Dark Side Remember the Star Wars movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" He knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them. We need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness. Sometimes other people try to shame us. Jesus told the Pharisees that they were the sinners, because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

Family Perspective

In the gospel Jesus cures a blind man, using mud and dirt as a sign of healing. Even the most ordinary things in our families can be a source of healing and a sign of God’s presence if we open our eyes and use them to help others.

Events Around Town

A Message from our Diocese of Cleveland to all Parishes Join us in praying for those suffering from illness or disease of any kind and their health care workers for an easing of anxiety and tension. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our suffering to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Center St. Thomas prepares Hot Meals twice a month for the overnight shelter. To help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Use boxes marked Shelter for donations.

Mass Intentions are available for 2020/2021. Cost is \$10.00 each. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.

The Rosary is prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.

Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Grief Support Groups: God has seen your tears and heard your prayers. Do not walk this journey of grief alone. Join us at 3:00 PM on the 3rd Sunday of each month St. Joseph Cemetery, Avon. Call 216-930-4866 rabrams@clecem.org

First Friday Forum Lorain County Spitzer Conference Center is April 3rd. Luncheon: 11:30 AM • Speaker: Sr. Melannie Svoboda, SND from 12:00 – 1:00 PM \$20.00 per reservation. Reservation Deadline: 6:00 PM, March 30th. Call 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com

Catholic Radio Stations
 1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word
 1260 AM-The Rock
 1060 AM-Living Bread
<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>
'Table Talk' 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.
EWTN-www.ewtnnews.com TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



**\$1.00 Off
 Fish Fry Dinner
 3/27/2020**

Parish Cluster Events

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.

St. Anthony: Rosary's for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.