



First Communion 2019

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Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
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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

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake * Ohio * 44054-1409

May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM
Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

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 Of-
fice by Wednesday at 4:00 PM to make the following week.

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, 2019
The Assumption of Mary August 15, 2019
All Saints November 1, 2019
Immaculate Conception December 8, 2019
Christmas December 25, 2019

Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org
Phone.....800-869-6525
Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Mass Schedule

Weekly Intention: Rejoicing!

Sunday May 5, 2019

3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
First Communion

11:00 AM JoAnn Grau
2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday May 6, 2019

9:00 AM Dorothy & Michael Pundzak

Tuesday May 7, 2019

9:00 AM Dorothy & Michael Pundzak

Wednesday May 8, 2019

9:00 AM Chue Youn Lee

Thursday May 9, 2019

9:00 AM Anne Szalay

Friday May 10, 2019

St. Damien de Veuster

9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday May 11, 2019

9:00 AM Victims of the Tree of Life Synagogue

4:00 PM Anna Nedrich

Sunday May 12, 2019

4th Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM L&D Holy Name

11:00 AM Elle & Otto Marcucci
2nd Collection: Newman Campus
Lectionary Year: "C"

Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

May 21 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152

June 16 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744

May 21 St. Joseph-12:30 PM (440) 933-3152

New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at your Parish.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland at 800-869-6525.

St. Thomas Prayer Lines A friendly voice is on the other end.(440)-865-9387 or (440)-949-7548.

St. Thomas Church needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

Mass Intentions are available for 2019/2020. Call the office to schedule . Cost is \$10.00 for each intention.

E-mail Bulletins add your e-mail address to your Sunday envelope and get your weekly bulletin by E-mail.

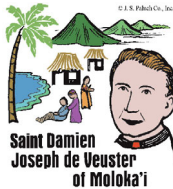
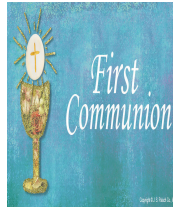
Bulletin Ad Call 440-382-2805 to recommend a business.



**St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly**



Gospels of the Week:
Thursday Jn 6:44-51
Monday Jn 6:22-29 Friday Jn 6:52-59
Tuesday Jn 6:30-35 Saturday Jn 6:60-69
Wednesday Jn 6:35-40 Sunday Jn 10:27-30



Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
April 28, 2019		\$3,198.00
Home Mission		\$250.00

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

St. Thomas Church Events

May 5-First Communion 9 AM
May 12-Mother's Day Brunch 9:30-1:00
May 19-BP Screening 9:30-12:30 PM
May 27-Office Closed

The Quilt Ministry of St. Thomas will meet again in September. To provide a blanket to our Parish Community sick and elderly, contact Justine (440) 830-9990.
Thank you to those who have donated to our Ministry.

Solace of Life - Advocacy for Families coping with Substance Abuse will meet May 10, 2019 from 6 - 8 PM. LCCC -CARE Center (BU 113D), 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: www.lorainadas.org.

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. Boxes in the Church are marked Shelter for donations.

Pray for our First Communion Class as they receive the Holy Eucharist on Sunday, May 5th; Jacob Grayshaw, Xavier Centifanti, Brianna Kodysh, Logan Rupp and Zayne Plowman.



*Hail Mary full of grace our Lord is with thee
Blessed art thou among women and blessed
Month is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
of Holy Mary, mother of God pray for us
Mary sinners now and at the hour of death. Amen!*

Newman Campus Collection helps students and teachers form and share a deeper relationship with Christ.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, May 11-4:00 PM

C-J Ritter L-S Riley
EM-R Zaborski, J Ritter, P Rieth
C-A & J Balmert

Sunday, May 12-9:00 AM

C- C Kabat L-J Mack
EM-Holy Name

C-Holy Name
S-H Centifanti, W Holley

Sunday, May 12-11:00 AM

C-M Fairweather L-J Houlihan
EM-E Moussa, N Olitsky, J Kelly
C-S Brunkow, S Helman
S-S Bunner



Thank You

...to Andy for fixing the Church blowers.



Lifelong Service “I am going fishing.” What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess “Grandpa” or “Uncle Fred,” or admit, “I said that last summer!” But it is a Bible quote, from today’s Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Yes, it’s Peter! So today’s announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter’s later announcement deeper, “Lord, you know that I love you,” and Peter’s apostolic calling clearer, “Tend my sheep.” Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, “We must obey God rather than men.” As Revelation proclaims, “Worthy is the Lamb”—to receive Peter’s lifelong service, and ours.

Treasures from Our Tradition The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light. In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet Easter has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.



When people hear us speak God’s word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.

Family Perspectives
 Jesus invited the disciples to “come and have breakfast.” Through this breakfast at the beach and the Last Supper, Jesus teaches us that meals can be more than eating. Meals are the opportunity to share prayer, the stories of our lives, understanding and forgiveness for one another. Except Jesus to be present at all your family meals.

Events Around Town
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—Spring Training lasts 2 1/2 hours and there is no charge to you. If interested, call our office at 440-934-4227.
>St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1878 Abbe Rd, Sheffield, Saturday, May 11, 2019 9–11:30 AM *RSVP by 5-3-19.*
Boxes from Home St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier’s information and they will send a box! Please keep the health and safety of the members of our Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers.



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.



Protecting God’s Children “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Pro-Life Doctor’s List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources and Issues tab.

Pregnant and in need? 1-800-712-HELP OptionLine.org

Homeless and pregnant? 1-800-723-8331 www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from abortion? www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Help Protect Life 1- 216-661-3000 Life is a sacred and fragile mystery. Abortion destroys the revealing of God’s plan for that child.



<p>Weekly Parish Hall Events May 12-Mother’s Day Brunch Grismer Hall 9:30-1:00 PM May 19-BP/Sugar Church Library 9:30-Noon</p>	<p>Parish Cluster Events St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church. St. Anthony: Rosary’s for Unborn is said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.</p>
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