

# *Congratulations to our Confirmed*

*Hunter Allen*

*Steven Blitz*

*Madeline Fairweather*

*Lucas Ferenc*

*Jessica Gower*

*Caleb Kabat*

*Giovanna Layne*

*Jesse Londo*

*Vincent "Patrick MacQueeney"*

*Alexander Rodriguez*

*Victoria Soper*



## PARISH STAFF

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 Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager  
 Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

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## PARISH CLUSTER CONTACTS

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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

March 18, 2018  
 Fifth Sunday of Lent

## PARISH INFORMATION

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 PM  
 or by appointment.

BAPTISM: Sundays: 12:30 PM  
 Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

MARRIAGE: Contact the Office at least six months  
 before the tentative date is set.

HOME COMMUNION: Anyone desiring Communion at  
 home should notify the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Arrangements with the Parish Office must be  
 made before publication.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are welcome. Call the Office  
 when you arrive. If you are moving, or turn 18 years of age  
 contact us to keep our files updated.

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  
 Any information/insert included in the bulletin must be in the  
 Parish Office by Wednesday at 4:00 PM

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 Assumption of Mary August 15, 2018  
 All Saints November 1, 2018  
 Immaculate Conception December 8, 2018  
 Christmas December 25, 2018

## DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

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

**Mass Schedule**

Weekly Intention: The Virtue of Hope

**Sunday March 18, 2018**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 AM L & D members of the Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM Charlie Kelly  
 2nd Collection: Eastern Europe

**Monday March 19, 2018**  
**St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Fran Lesniak  
**Tuesday March 20, 2018**  
**Spring Begins**  
 9:00 AM Viola Petcavage

**Wednesday March 21, 2018**  
 9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

**Thursday March 22, 2018**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Friday March 23, 2018**  
**St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Abstinence**  
 9:00 AM Jeanne M. Lamlein  
 4:00 PM Stations of the Cross

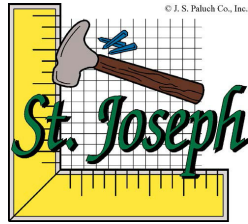
**Saturday March 24, 2018**  
 9:00 AM L&D Pres. Donald Trump Family  
 4:00 PM St. Thomas Parishioners

**Sunday March 25, 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**  
 9:00 AM Judy Borer  
 11:00 AM Joseph Andulics  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change  
 Lectionary Year: "B"

**Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018**  
 April 17 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152  
 New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.  
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**Lent** reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we are all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity. When we are confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" That is the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.

**Gospels for the Week:** Thursday Jn 8:51-59  
 Monday Lk 2:41-51a Friday Jn 10:31-42  
 Tuesday Jn 8:21-30 Saturday Jn 11:45-56  
 Wednesday Jn 8:31-42 Sunday Jn 12:12-16



Weekly Collection	Goal
March 11, 2018	\$5,000.00
Offertory	\$3,909.00
Catholic Relief	\$207.50

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

**St. Thomas News/Events**

**Holy Week Schedule**

3/29-Thursday 7 PM Mass only  
 3/30-Good Friday Stations Noon  
 Passion 3 PM  
 3/31-Holy Saturday Basket Blessing Noon  
 Easter Vigil 8 PM  
 4/1-Easter Sunday Masses 9 & 11AM  
**Communal Penance for Lent** is 2 PM at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, March 18th.



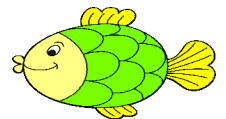
**Easter Memorials** are \$5.00 each. Drop into the collection. Mark Flowers. Payment due by March 25th.  
**St. Thomas Fish Fry** is every Friday until March 23rd from 4-7 PM. We are collecting pop, water and bakery. Drop off on Fridays in the gym. Take-out available, call (440) 949-8491. Enter to **WIN** a free Perch Dinner. Congratulations to Eric Parsons our winner.

**Easter Candy** is being collected for our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th at Noon in Grismer Hall. Leave in boxes in Church marked candy.

**Parish Office** will be closed on March 29th & 30th.  
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**St. Thomas Fish Fry**

\$1.00 off Dinner  
 Expires 3/23/2018



**Liturgical Schedule**

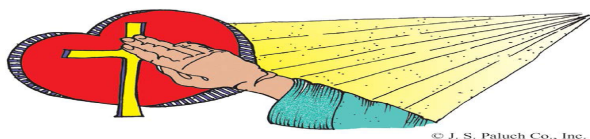
**Saturday, March 24-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-J Ritter  
 EM-M Rozmarynowycz, B Kirtos, L Wenzel  
 C-J Kirtos, M Wenzel  
 S-  
**Sunday, March 25-9:00 AM**  
 C-R Kirsch L-R Kirsch  
 EM-K Yatson, B Smith, R Kirsch  
 C-H Centifanti, R Arena  
 S-J & X Centifanti, W Holley  
**Sunday, March 25-11:00 AM**  
 C-M Fairweather L-J Houlihan  
 EM-C Rouhier, S Helman, E Moussa  
 C-D Gray, N Olitsky  
 S-N Barsan



Looking for new Servers, Lectors, Commentators or Eucharist Ministers, call the Parish Office at 949-7744.

### Thank You

...to our choir and all who helped at the Confirmation ceremony.  
 .....to Dave for fixing the French fry cutter.



**Saved by God's Love** Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ. Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

### Catholic Radio Stations

1220 AM-WHKW Radio The Word  
 1260 AM-The Rock Tune  
 1060 AM-Living Bread



<http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/catholicradio>

**EWTN**-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. [www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) Check EWTN's for Mass schedule. Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM.

**Pregnant and in need?** Visit [OptionLine.org](http://OptionLine.org) or call 1-800-712-HELP.

**Homeless and pregnant?** Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**Hurting from an abortion?** Visit us online at [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://www.AbortionForgiveness.com).

**Pro-Life Doctors List** A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use, is available. Visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under the Resources and Issues tab or call 440-322-0076.

### Family Perspectives

How can you live by dying ? Letting go of control is one key to a loving relationship. This requires trust: trust in God, trust in oneself and trust in others. If we don't let go of our need to control we won't experience the joy found in trusting ourselves to another and being completely accepted by that other. This is especially true in a marriage. Trusting couples are attentive to each other. They can be vulnerable and take risks together. In the end we will lose what we are trying to control and hold onto-we can only have by letting go!

### Events Around Town

**Free Tax Assistance** AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation help to anyone and if you're 50+and can't afford a tax service. To find a location near you call 1-888-227-7669.

**Traditional Seder Meal** is Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 7 - 9 PM in St. Teresa's Parish Life Center. This ritual meal is the foundation of the Catholic Mass. Event is free - a Free Will Offering will be taken. RSVP to the church office at 440-934-4227 by March 20, 2018.

**Lenten Soup Supper-** St. Anthony of Padua Marian Guild invites everyone to a "Soup Supper" on March 19, 2018 at 6 PM. The evening will begin with a Prayer Service in the church lead by Deacon Paul Heiser, followed by the Soup Supper. Deacon Paul will deliver a message after dinner. RSVP to Denise at 714-4761.

**St. Anthony Pierogi Time!** Pierogi will be sold all Fridays during Lent from 10 AM-6PM Pre-order by calling Patty at 934-4482. Baked goods available as well. Pierogi: frozen \$7/dz and cooked \$8/dz. Cabbage & Noodles, Mac & Cheese, and Pierogi dinners.

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish School** is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The process is simple! Go to [www.stanthonylorain.org](http://www.stanthonylorain.org) and click on enroll online in the top right corner. or call 440-288-2155.

**Grief Support Group "Hopeful Hearts"** is for grieving seniors 60 and over. It meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 1 - 2:30 PM in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake. The next meeting is March 27th. Join us, don't grieve alone.

### Parish Events this Week

March 18-1st Reconciliation	Church	12:30-2 PM
BP/Sugar	Church Library	10 AM-12 PM
March 19-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
March 19-22 CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9 PM
March 22-Fish Fry set up	Grismer Hall	2-9 PM
March 23-Fish Fry	Grismer Hall	9 AM-9 PM
March 25-Easter Egg Hunt	Grismer Hall	12-2 PM

### 3 Parish Cluster Events

**St. Thomas:** Music Club invites all singers and musicians to join us. Contact Roger (440)346-3022.  
**St. Teresa:** Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.  
**St. Anthony:** Our Perpetual Adoration Chapel is open 24/7 behind the Church. Rosary for Unborn is said the first Saturday of each month from 10-3:30 PM.