



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

April 7, 2019 5th 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

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 Office 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

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| 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

Parish Staff

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

Communications

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Twitter:Stthomas715
PSR/Kim & David Gray.....440-714-4007
Confirmation/John & Kathy Mack.....440-242-8683
RCIA/Chris Selent.....440-864-5792
CYO/Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491
Funeral Luncheon/Dave.....440-670-0204

Parish Cluster Contacts

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....http://www.sttereasparish.com
1878 Abbe Rd. Sheffield Village 44054 (440) 934-4227

Our Honored Former Pastors

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| +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 Intention: Grace to Imitate Jesus

Sunday April 7, 2019

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Sciarappa & Fragassi Family
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Monday April 8, 2019

9:00 AM Felix Petcavage

Tuesday April 9, 2019

9:00 AM All Souls

Wednesday April 10, 2019

9:00 AM All Souls

Thursday April 11, 2019

St. Stanislaus

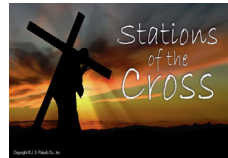
9:00 AM John M. Walsh



Friday April 12, 2019

Abstinence

9:00 AM L & D of Elyria Catholic High School



4:00 PM Stations

Saturday April 13, 2019

St. Martin

9:00 AM Rita Eppeli

4:00 PM Anne & Michael Pribanic



Sunday April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday

9:00 AM L & D of the Holy Name

11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

April 11 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777

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

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

July 16 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212

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. Please consider helping out at the Mass you regularly attend. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.



St. Thomas Church is Kid Friendly



Gospels of the Week: Thursday Jn 8:51-59
 Monday Jn 8:12-20 Friday Jn 10:31-42
 Tuesday Jn 8:21-30 Saturday Jn 11:45-56
 Wednesday Jn 8:31-42 Sunday Lk 22:14-23:56

Weekly Collection Goal \$5,000.00
 March 31, 2019 \$3,431.00

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

St. Thomas Church Events

April 7-Confirmation (St. Anthony Church) 10 AM
 April 14-Easter Egg Hunt 12-2 PM
 April 14-Penance Service (St. Anthony Church) 2 PM

Holy Week Schedule

April 18-Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass 7 PM
 April 19-Good Friday Stations Noon
 April 19-Good Friday Lord's Passion 3 PM
 April 20-Holy Saturday Basket Blessing Noon
 April 20-Easter Vigil Mass 7:30 PM
 April 21-Easter Sunday Masses 9-11 AM

St. Thomas Fish Fry prep is every Thursday. Cooking & Serving is Fridays 4-7 PM. Donations of pop, water & desserts are accepted. Take-Out (440)949-8491.

Weekly Special: Homemade Potato Soup

St. Thomas Easter Egg Hunt is Sunday, April 14th in Grismer Hall. Donations of Candy will be accepted in the Church. Look for boxes marked Candy.

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

Rice Bowls are located at all doors of the Church. Visit www.crsricebowl.org Turn your Rice Bowls in during Holy Week.

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.

The Quilt Ministry of St. Thomas meets every Monday. They provided 55 blankets to our Parish and Community sick and elderly. Donations of 100 % cotton batting and thread accepted. Contact Justine (440) 830-9990.

Thank you to those who have donated to our Ministry.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, April 6-4:00 PM

C-MB Riley L-S Riley
 EM-R Zaborski, P Rieth, L Wenzel

C-M Wenzel, E Fabanich

Sunday, April 7-9:00 AM

C- J Houlihan L-R Radeff
 EM-J Houlihan, R Kirsch, H Schremp,

C-r Arena, K Janosik

S-X & J Centifanti

Sunday, April 7-11:00 AM

C-M Fairweather L-AM Woltman

EM-D Munro, J Kelly, D Gray

C-S Brunkow, L Janis



Thank You

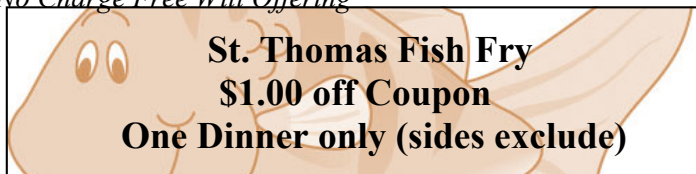
...to all our Fish Fry Patrons!!!!!!!

Treasures from our Tradition Next weekend churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. Everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches. In England, forsythia branches are preferred as a sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

God's Actions Now When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints. We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Traditional Seder Meal Hosted by Fr. Edward J. Smith & Dr. Phil Gigliotti Through the experience of this meal, we will be taught the importance of Jesus words and deeds at the Last Supper, which are the foundation of the Catholic Mass. Wednesday, April 17th, 7-9 PM. RSVP to 440-934-4227 by April 12, 2019

No Charge Free Will Offering



St. Thomas Fish Fry
\$1.00 off Coupon
One Dinner only (sides exclude)


Family Perspectives

Before Jesus faced the attacks of the scribes and Pharisees, he spent the night in the quiet of the Mount of Olives. Technology increases the demands on us and we all need a quiet place to refuel our spirit, or all we share is fatigue and bitterness. Where can you refresh your spirit?

Events Around Town

Ministers of Holy Communion—Spring Training for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion training lasts 2 1/2 hours and there is no charge to you. If interested, call our office at 440-934-4227.
 >**Sacred Heart Parish**, 410 W. Lorain St., Oberlin Saturday, April 27, 2019 9-11:30 AM *RSVP by 4-19-19*
 >**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.



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.

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.
Give the Gift of Time: Rachel@cornerstoneofhope.org.

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.



Weekly Parish Hall Events

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| April 8-PSR | Grismer Hall | 6:15-7:30 PM |
| April 11-Fish Fry set-up | Grismer Hall | 9AM-5:00 PM |
| April 12-Fish Fry | Grismer Hall | 9AM-9:00 PM |
| April 14-Easter Egg Hunt | Grismer Hall | 12-1:30 PM |

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.