

St. Thomas the Apostle

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

December 9, 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Christmas	December 25, 2018
The Solemnity of Mary	January 1, 2019
The Assumption of Mary	August 15, 2019
All Saints	November 1, 2019
Immaculate Conception	December 8, 2019

Diocese of Cleveland

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 Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
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 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

+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: Prepare the Way

Sunday December 9, 2018
2nd Sunday of Advent
 9:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Retired Religious



Monday December 10, 2018
International Human Rights Day
 9:00 AM Daniel Fragassi

Tuesday December 11, 2018
St. Damasus I
 9:00 AM Blas Garza

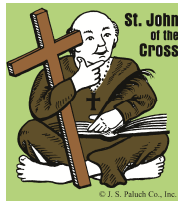


Wednesday December 12, 2018
Our Lady of Guadalupe
 9:00 AM Blas Garza

Thursday December 13, 2018
St. Lucy
 9:00 AM DeAnne & Robert Mitchell Sr.



Friday December 14, 2018
St. John of the Cross
 9:00 AM Steve Arnal



Saturday December 15, 2018
 9:00 AM Blas Garza
 4:00 PM Judy Borer

Sunday December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent
 9:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 11:00 AM Ken Hicks
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
 Lectionary Year: "C"

Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

January 15 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152
 February 17 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 New and expecting parents are required to attend a class before scheduling a baptism at their church of Worship.

St. Thomas Prayer Lines Call, a friendly voice is on the other end. All calls are confidential (440)-865-9387 or (440)-949-7548.



E-mail Bulletins add your e-mail address to your Sunday envelope. Keep up on weekly news and upcoming events throughout the year.

Bulletin Ad Campaign Our Bulletin Advertising Representative is working on a Ad Campaign. Call 440-382-2805 to include an ad or recommend a business and events. Contact rachel@cornerstoneofhope.org



St. Thomas the Apostle Church is Kid Friendly



Gospels of the Week:

Monday	Lk 5:17-26	Thursday	Mt 11:11-15
Tuesday	Mt 18:12-14	Friday	Mt 11:16-19
Wednesday	Lk 1:39-47	Saturday	Mt 17:9a,10-13
		Sunday	Lk 3:10-18

Weekly Collection

Goal

December 2, 2018

\$5,000.00

\$4,670.00

Thank you for your generous and continued support.

St. Thomas News/Events

December 9-Communal Penance Service
 December 9-Confirmation Class
 December 10-PSR
 December 10-Quilt Ministry
 December 11-Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner
 December 12-Music Club
 December 16-BP/Sugar Screening



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24-Christmas Eve  NO 9 AM Mass
 December 24-Christmas Eve 4 PM & 10 PM Masses
 December 25-Christmas 10 AM Mass ONLY

Ladies Guild Christmas Dinner is Tuesday, December 11, 2018 6:30 p.m. at Johnny's Boathouse (formerly Athena's Restaurant). All ladies of the Parish are invited.

3 Parish Communal Penance is Sunday, December 9th at St. Thomas at 2:00 PM. This is the only scheduled confession service for Advent. Regular confessions are every Saturday from 3-3:45 PM or by appointment.

Giving Tree Take a card, purchase the gift, wrap the gift, attach the card and return to the tree. Deadline is December 16th for proper delivery. Gifts are for our Parish Family.



Christmas Memorials are \$5.00 each and will be used to decorate the church. Deadline is December 16th. Mark envelopes Memorials.

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" What do I most need forgiveness from Jesus and others?



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, December 15-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-S Riley
 EM-P Dietz, M Rozmarynowycz, E Fabanich
 C-S Lynch, R O'Connor
 S-

Sunday, December 16-9:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-R Kirsch
 EM-P Blazina, H Schremp, K Yatson
 C-R Arena, K Janosik
 S-X & J Centifanti

Sunday, December 16-11:00 AM

C-J Ritter L-J Ganobsek
 EM-J Ritter, D Gray, AM Woltman
 C-J Kelly, S Helman
 S-S Bunner, N Barsan



Thank You

...to Michelle and all the help for the Christmas Concert.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers and Servers. Consider helping at the Mass you attend. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding.

Awaiting the Salvation of God The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. The Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. We find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters. The city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees. It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

Catholic Radio Stations

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



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

'Table Talk' radio show featuring Bishop Perez on AM 1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic radio station.

Visit: 1260AMtherock.com for times and dates.

EWTN-Is a Catholic news, television and radio network which offers news from around the world as it happens. www.ewtnnews.com Check EWTN for Mass schedule.

Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM. For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.

Pregnant and in need? call 1-800-712-HELP.

Please visit OptionLine.org

Homeless and pregnant? Please call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit

www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit us online at www.AbortionForgiveness.com.

Help Protect Life Cleveland Right to Life needs volunteers. Call 216-661-3000.

Give the Gift of Time: Volunteer Cornerstone of Hope has opportunities to use your talents and skills as well as offer group team building projects. Help ranges from weekly commitments to once a year help for programs.



Family Perspectives

Sometimes it is difficult to imagine God's presence in the normal confusion of home life. The message in today's gospel is "God came to John in the wilderness" Even in our busy and hectic home life we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord." Your family life can be a "voice crying out in the wilderness," an example to other families of God's presence in a broken world.

Events Around Town



A Christmas Concert with the Daughters of St. Paul Choir will take place on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue, Cleveland. The concert is free and open to all. No tickets or reservations required. Free parking. Call: 216-696-6525 x5510 or email: gheisman@dioceseofcleveland.org.

An Advent of Mercy Christmas Cards for Ohio's Death Row Join CACLC (Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County) this Advent by signing Christmas cards for the over 130 people on Ohio's death row. Will take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 6:30 – 9 PM in the Wiegand Room at St. Mary's Church, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, Ohio. FREE. All materials provided. RSVP to Daniel at 440-366-1106 x12.

Chaplain Services for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland. Call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese we would be glad to visit with them.

Boxes from Home St. Vincent de Paul sends boxes to our military people. Call Dorothy at 984-2192 with your soldier's information and they will send a box!



Protecting God's Children The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any inappropriate behavior toward children associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service at 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

Weekly Parish Events

December 9-Confirmation Class	Grismer Hall	9-11:15 AM
December 9-Communal Penance Church		2-4 PM
December 10-PSR	Grismer Hall	6:15-7:30 PM
December 10-Quilt Club	Room #2	7-8 PM
December 12-Music Club	Church	7-8:00 PM
December 10-15-CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 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.