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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

February 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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: Gift of Forgiveness

Sunday February 17, 2019
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM L/D Ladies Guild
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change

Monday February 18, 2019
Presidents' Day

9:00 AM Special Intentions

Tuesday February 19, 2019

9:00 AM Thomasine Burke-Cohn

Wednesday February 20, 2019

9:00 AM Poor Souls

Thursday February 21, 2019
St. Peter Damian

9:00 AM Joseph Andulics

Friday February 22, 2019
Chair of St. Peter; Apostle Washington's Birthday

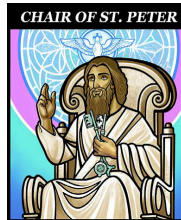
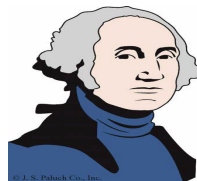
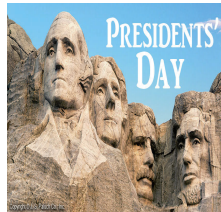
9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday February 23, 2019
St. Polycarp

9:00 AM Sung Hwan Chang (Luke)
 4:00 PM All Souls

Sunday February 24, 2019
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Anthony J. Arena
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Eastern Europe
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

February 17	St. Thomas-12:30 PM	(440) 949-7744
March 19	St. Mary-7:30 PM	(440) 934-4212
April 11	Holy Spirit-7:30 PM	(440) 933-3777
May 21	St. Joseph-6:30 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. To have someone make a visit, call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525.

St. Thomas Prayer Lines A friendly voice is on the other end.(440)-865-9387 or (440)-949-7548. Pray for the sick, hungry and needy of our Parish Community. Holy Spirit, we lift our prayers to you in the name of Christ. Amen

St. Thomas the Church is Kid Friendly



Gospels of the Week:	Thursday	Mk 8:27-33	
Monday	Mk 8:11-13	Friday	Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	Mk 8:14-21	Saturday	Mk 9:2-13
Wednesday	Mk 8:22-26	Sunday	Lk 6:27-38

Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
February 10, 2019	\$ 3,109.00	

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

St. Thomas News/Events

February 17-Pre-Baptism Class
 February 20-Music Club
 February 24-BP/Sugar Screening



St. Elizabeth Homeless Center Our Parish prepares Hot Meals twice per month for the overnight shelter. If you would like to help cook, or donate food contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Boxes are also located in the Church for donations. Marked Shelter. For other services available, go to www.ccdocle.org/facility/stelizabethcenter.

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.

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

The Quilt Ministry of St. Thomas is the second Monday of the Month. They provided 34 blankets to our Parish and Community elderly and those in need. Contact Justine (440) 830-9990.



2018 Year End Tax Statements for contributions are available by calling the Parish Office. MAILED ONLY.

St. Thomas Fish Fry Meeting is on Tuesday, February 26th at 6PM in Grismer Hall. Fish Fry begin on March 8, 2019. Prep is Thursdays cook and serve on Fridays. Children who need service hours for school are welcome to help. Donations of pop, water and desserts will be accepted on Thursdays and Fridays at Grismer Hall between 10 AM-2 PM.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, February 23-4:00 PM

C-P Dietz L-M Rozmarynowycz
 EM-A & J Balmert, L Wenzel
 C-M Wenzel, S Lynch
 S-C & E Balmert

Sunday, February 24-9:00 AM

C-R Kirsch L-R Radeff
 EM-D Arena, K Yatson, P Blazina
 C-R Radeff, R Arena
 S-W Holley, H Centifanti

Sunday, February 24-11:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-AM Woltman
 EM-N Olitsky, D Munro, D Gray
 C-M Fairweather, K Mohrbach



Thank You

...to those who donated to Catholic Charities Appeal.



Blessed When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.” Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

Eastern Europe Collection A new generation of Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe needs support. These grants give the people living there a place to encounter Christ and the courage and strength to re-build their church communities.

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.

Televest 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.

E-mail Bulletins add your e-mail address to your Sunday envelope and get your weekly bulletin by E-mail. Keep up on weekly news and upcoming events.

Bulletin Ad Campaign Our Bulletin Advertising Representative is working on a 2019 Ad Campaign. Call 440-382-2805 to include an AD or recommend a business.

Weekly Parish Events

February 17-Confirmation Class Church/Hall	9-11:15 AM
February 17- Baptism Class Church	12:30-1:30 PM
February 17-Rental Eiringer Hall	11-11:00 PM
February 18-22 CYO Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 PM
February 20-Music Club Church	7-8:00 PM
February 23-CYO Grismer Hall	9-3:00 PM
February 24-BP/Sugar Church	9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Family Perspectives

In many families, even when we are home together, we find ourselves going in different directions, separated by the things that clutter our lives. We acquire more and more “stuff”, yet we still feel empty. Today’s gospel suggests those who avoid all the “stuff”, who are poor and hungry now, are better able to concentrate on the things that lead to happiness: times spent together and shared memories.

Events Around Town

St. Anthony Frozen Pierogi’s are available for purchase year round. Call Kim, 440-288-0106 to get them today! Pickup in the Parish Office.

What to do with those empty pews? Addressing the Lack of Young People in the Church. St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1878 Abbe Rd., Sheffield Village, Ohio 44054, invites all women to a Women's Retreat Day on February 16, 2019 from 10 AM - 1 PM. Our speaker will be Fr. Andrew Hoover, from St. Peter's North Ridgeville. \$5 at the door; a Free Will Offering will be taken. RSVP 440-934-4227. Refreshments and lunch will be served.

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 about the protection of children from sexual abuse. Immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Call the Diocesan Response Service at 216-334-2999 or response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Give the Gift of Time: Volunteer Cornerstone of Hope opportunities ranges from weekly commitments to once a year. Contact Rachel@cornerstoneofhope.org.

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. Each life is an indescribably sacred and fragile mystery. Abortion destroys the revealing of God’s plan for that child.



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.