



St. Thomas the Apostle

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

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Lent

PARISH INFORMATION

MASSES: 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
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PARISH STAFF

Father Stephen L. Shields..... Pastor
Mrs. Heather Centifanti.....Office Manager
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RCIA/Chris Selent.....440-864-5792
CYO/Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631
Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491

PARISH CLUSTER CONTACTS

St. Anthony...www.stanthonylorain.parishesonline.com
1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106
St. Teresa.....http://www.stterearparish.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: Holy Spirit Guide Us

Sunday March 11, 2018
4th Sunday of Lent
Daylight Savings Time
Girl Scout Sunday
 9:00 AM L & D members of the Holy Name
 11:00 AM Fran Jesensky
 Confirmation
 2nd Collection: Catholic Relief



Monday March 12, 2018

9:00 AM Thomas Judge

Tuesday March 13, 2018

9:00 AM Fran Lesniak

Wednesday March 14, 2018

9:00 AM L&D members of Bob Romero family

Thursday March 15, 2018

9:00 AM Fran Lesniak

Friday March 16, 2018

Abstinence

9:00 AM All Souls

4:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 17, 2018

St. Patrick

9:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners

4:00 PM Mary Ann Lasby

Sunday March 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM L & D members of the Ladies Guild

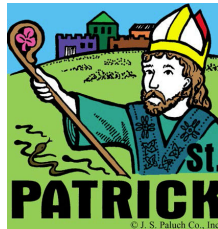
11:00 AM Charlie Kelly

2nd Collection: Eastern Europe
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GIRL SCOUT



SUNDAY



Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018

March 15 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777

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.

It's tempting to make Lent a period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all into one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

Life has changed for Eileen Bentz, Josephine Toth & Frank Szalay. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Pray for the consolation of their family and friends.



Gospels for the Week: Thursday Jn 5:31-47

Monday Jn 4:43-54 Friday Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Tuesday Jn 5:1-16 Saturday Jn 7:40-53

Wednesday Jn 5:17-30 Sunday Jn 12:20-33

Weekly Collection Goal

February 25, 2018 \$5,000.00
 Offertory \$5,565.00
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Thank you for your generous and continued support.
 Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.

St. Thomas News/Events

3/11-Holy Name Coffee & Donuts 10 AM

Confirmation 11 AM

3/18-BP/Sugar Screening after 9 & 11

First Reconciliation 12:30 PM

Communal Penance 2 PM

3/25-Easter Egg Hunt Noon

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. Check out our new menu. Raffles to win a 39" TV or \$100.00 Apples Grocery Gift Card with \$25.00 cash. 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 Tom Erwin our winner.

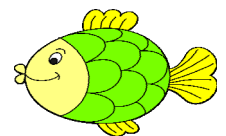
Easter Candy is being collected for our Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25th at Noon in Grismer Hall. Leave in boxes in Church marked candy.

St. Thomas Fish Fry

\$1.00 off Dinner

Expires 3/16/2018

Side dishes excluded from coupon



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 17-4:00 PM

C-J Mack L-S Riley

EM-J & A Balmert, E Fabanich

C-R O'Connor, S Lynch

S-C & E Balmert

Sunday, March 18-9:00 AM

C-J Houlihan L-J Houlihan

EM-K Yatson, B Smith, P Blazina

C-K Janosik, R Arena

S-J & X Centifanti, W Holley

Sunday, March 18-11:00 AM

C-M Fairweather L-J Ganobsek

EM-J Kelly, D Munro, N Olitsky

C-M Fairweather, K Mohrbach

S-S Bunner

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



Thank You

...to Kathy & John for another successful Confirmation process.



Communal Responsibility The people of God forgot the covenant and mocked God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to. The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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 Check EWTN's for Mass schedule. Televised Sunday Mass-Channel 8 at 6:00 AM.

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

Homeless and pregnant? Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit www.goodcounselhomes.org.

Hurting from an abortion? Visit us online at 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 under the Resources and Issues tab or call 440-322-0076.

Parish Events this Week

March 11-Confirmation Church	11-12:00PM
March 11-Coffee & Donuts Church Library	10-10:30 AM
March 12-15 CYO	Grismer Hall 3:30-9 PM
March 12-PSR	Grismer Hall 6:15-7:30 PM
Fish Fry set up	Grismer Hall 2-9 PM
March 13-Fish Fry	Grismer Hall 9 AM-9 PM
March 18-1st Reconciliation Church	12:30-2 PM
BP/Sugar Church Library	10 AM-12 PM

Family Perspectives

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. There are times when darkness can seem comforting when it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing when it forces us to squint, refocus and take action regarding what we see. In light we see others clearly as they are. The challenge is always to live in the light-not in avoidance or denial.

Events Around Town

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. Everyone is welcome to come, see, eat and learn! 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.

Chaplain Services are available for Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland. If you have a loved one incarcerated and would like a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x 3500.

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 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 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Road, Avon Lake, Ohio. The next meeting is March 27th. Join us, don't grieve alone.

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.