



Parish Staff

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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

June 2, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord

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: Trust in the Lord, Our God

Sunday June 2, 2019
The Ascension of the Lord
 9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kuzlik
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners
 2nd Collection: Loose Change



Monday June 3, 2019
St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
 9:00 AM Bayus & Prosek family



Tuesday June 4, 2019
 9:00 AM Poor Souls

Wednesday June 5, 2019
St. Boniface
 9:00 AM Sung Hwan (Luke) Chang

Thursday June 6, 2019
St. Norbert
 9:00 AM Thomas C. Copeland



Friday June 7, 2019
First Friday
 9:00 AM All Souls

Saturday June 8, 2019
 9:00 AM Bernice Cicero
 4:00 PM Fran Polasky

Sunday June 9, 2019
Pentecost Sunday
 9:00 AM L/D Holy Name
 11:00 AM Fran Polasky
 2nd Collection: Loose Change
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Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019
 June 16 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744
 July 16 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212
 August 22 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777
 September 17 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. One of the two sponsors you request must be an active catholic with a letter of good standing from the church they attend.

Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, June 8-4:00 PM
 C-J Ritter L-S Riley
 EM-R Zaborski, J Ritter, P Rieth
 C-A & J Balmert

Sunday, June 9-9:00 AM
 C- C Kabat L-J Mack
 EM-Holy Name
 C-Holy Name
 S-X & J Centifanti

Sunday, June 9-11:00 AM
 C-M Fairweather L-J Houlihan
 EM-E Moussa, N Olitsky, J Kelly
 C-S Brunkow, S Helman



Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
May 26, 2019		\$3,007.00

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

St. Thomas Church Events

June 8-Eiringer (Small) Hall Rental	9 AM-9 PM
June 15-Father's Day Steak Fry	4:30-7PM
June 16-BP-Sugar Screening	9:30-12:30 PM
June 16-Baptism Class	12:30-1:30 PM

Father's Day Steak Fry Saturday, June 15th from 4:30-7 PM. Cost \$15.00 Reserved tickets includes 10 oz. steak, baked potato, corn, salad, roll and butter, dessert, drink. Call Mike 242-7234. Tickets will be sold June 1st & 2nd and June 8th & 9th after all weekend Masses.

The Quilt Ministry of St. Thomas will meet again in September. To provide a blanket to our Parish Community sick and elderly, contact Justine (440) 830-9990. Thank you to those who have donated to our Ministry.

St. Elizabeth Homeless Center St. Thomas donates individual wrapped snacks, personal hygiene items and laundry products for the summer. To help contact Penny (440) 949-7548. Use boxes marked Shelter for donations.

End of Another School Year

School times are almost over, and school time is done, We've had a lot of learning, we've had a lot of fun. We'll say good-bye to teachers, and put our books away, Our school year is over, it's summertime Let's Play!

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. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

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.

Pro-Life Doctor's List A list of local Pro-life doctors, who do not practice abortion nor support its use. Call 440-322-0076 or visit www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources and Issues tab.

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.



St. Thomas Church
 is Kid Friendly



Thank You

...to our St. Thomas Nursing Program and the Nurses who preform the screening and testing every month.
 ...to our Musicians and choir for the sounds of beauty and inspiration.
 ...to our parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasures.



Why do you stand looking at the sky?

Feet on the Ground As Jesus ascended, disciples “were looking intently at the sky.” Wouldn’t we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus’ first disciples, “Why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should “keep reaching for” heaven, we need to “keep our feet on the ground.” Ascension’s scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as “ascended into heaven” lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

Treasures from our Tradition The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God’s nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, “Do not cling to me,” perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness. They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit’s power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.



God Mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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.

Family Perspectives

The great mercy of Jesus is revealed in his bringing back to life the deceased son of a widow from the city of Nain. Pope Francis proclaims “Jesus is a paradigm for the Church.” As our model throughout the Gospels, Jesus shares in the important moments of family life and always shows mercy. May our families and parishes be rich in mercy like Jesus.

Events Around Town

Vacation Bible School—St. Peter ‘s Lorain will takes place June 17 – 21 for children four years old by June 1 through fourth grade. Begins at 9 AM and ends at Noon. Theme is ROAR! Life is wild ...God is good! Registration forms available at St. Peter parish Center during regular hours. Fee is \$20/child. Deadline is June 12.

Solace of Lorain County-Advocacy for Families coping with substance abuses will meet June 14, 2019 from 6 - 8 PM in the LCCC CARE Center (BU 113D), 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: www.lorainadas.org.

St. Anthony of Padua Feast Day- Our Pentecost Mass will take place on Sunday, June 9th at 10:00 AM with Fr. Smith. A Parish Feast Day Brunch will immediately follow in the Social Hall. Menu includes scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon, ham, chicken, home fries, macaroni & cheese, fruit, muffins & beverages. Call the Parish Office 440-288-0106, or kuhnk@stanthonylorain.com for questions or to RSVP.

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, June 9th, at St. Peter Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville 44039. The celebration starts with praise and worship at 2:00 PM with Fr. Bob Franco. After Mass, individual prayer for healing, and fellowship time. Contact 440-327-2201. Celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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.

