

My sheep  
hear my  
voice

## St. Thomas the Apostle

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

May 12, 2019

### 4th Sunday of Easter

**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

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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Facebook: www.facebook.com/saintthomaschurchohio  
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

+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: Prayers for Our Mother

**Sunday May 12, 2019**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day**  
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**



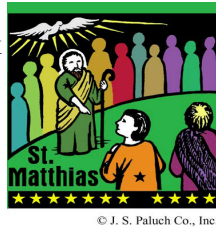
9:00 AM L&D Holy Name  
 11:00 AM Elle & Otto Marcucci  
 2nd Collection: Newman Campus

**Monday May 13, 2019**  
**Our Lady of Fatima**



9:00 AM All Souls  
**Tuesday May 14, 2019**  
**St. Matthias**  
 9:00 AM John "Jack" M. Walsh

**Wednesday May 15, 2019**  
**St. Isidore the Farmer**  
 9:00 AM Dorothy & Michael Pundzak



**Thursday May 16, 2019**  
 9:00 AM Bayus & Prosek family

**Friday May 17, 2019**  
 9:00 AM Faithful Departed

**Saturday May 18, 2019**  
**St. John I**  
**Armed Forces Day**



9:00 AM Felix Petcavage  
 4:00 PM Anne & Michael Pribanic

**Sunday May 19, 2019**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**

9:00 AM L&D Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM Frank Szalay Sr.  
 2nd Collection: Loose Change  
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### Pre-Baptismal Classes-2019

May 21 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 933-3152  
 June 16 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744  
 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. The feeling of participating deeper into the Mass is rewarding in so many ways.

**Bulletin Ad** Call 440-382-2805 to recommend a business.



**St. Thomas Church**  
 is Kid Friendly



**Gospels of the Week:** Thursday Jn 13:16-20  
 Monday Jn 10:1-10 Friday Jn 14:1-6  
 Tuesday Jn 15:9-17 Saturday Jn 14:7-14  
 Wednesday Jn 12:44-50 Sunday Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
May 5, 2019		\$3,611.00

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

## St. Thomas Church Events

May 12-Mother's Day Brunch 9:30-1:00  
 May 19-BP Screening 9:30-12:30 PM  
 May 27-Office Closed

**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.

**Solace of Life - Advocacy for Families coping with Substance Abuse** will meet May 10, 2019 from 6 - 8 PM. LCCC -CARE Center (BU 113D), 1005 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria. For information call Kathy at 440-823-6177. Visit: [www.lorainadas.org](http://www.lorainadas.org).

**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.

**Newman Campus Collection** helps students and teachers form and share a deeper relationship with Christ.

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

**E-mail Bulletins** add your e-mail address to your Sunday envelope and get your weekly bulletin by E-mail.



*For all your love, for every care,  
 for all your smiles, for every  
 prayer, for all your faith, your  
 tender way-May God Bless you on  
 Mother's Day*

## Liturgical Schedule

**Saturday, May 18-4:00 PM**

C-J Mack L-S Riley  
 EM-R Zaborski, E Fabanich, MB Riley  
 C-M Rozmarynowycz, R O'Connor

**Sunday, May 19-9:00 AM**

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

**Sunday, May 19-11:00 AM**

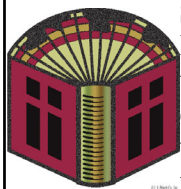
C-J Ritter L-J Ganobsek  
 EM-L Janis, J Ritter, D Gray  
 C-S Helman, J Kelly





### Thank You

...to our St. Thomas Health Nursing Program.  
...to those who participated in the Nursing Blood Pressure program and screening.  
...to David & Lydia for First Communion and May Crowning



**Shepherds like Jesus** Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

**Treasures from Our Tradition** The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop. Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

**Family Perspectives**  
Motherhood cooperates in God's miracle of creation! God's love and mercy is present in motherhood, in both joys and sorrows. When mothering is difficult, God fills in the gaps. From the peak moment of childbirth, through the tedious daily tasks, God is actively participating in the process of motherhood. Celebrate mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers and godmothers today.

### Events Around Town

**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](http://1260AMtherock.com) for times and dates.  
EWTN-[www.ewtnnews.com](http://www.ewtnnews.com) TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.



**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](mailto: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, is available. Call 440-322-0076 or visit [www.loraincountyrighttolife.org](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under Resources and Issues tab.



**Pregnant and in need?** 1-800-712-HELP [OptionLine.org](http://OptionLine.org)  
**Homeless and pregnant?** 1-800-723-8331 [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).  
**Hurting from abortion?** [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://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.

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**\$1.00 Mothers Day Brunch**  
Sunday, May 12, 2019

**Weekly Parish Hall Events**  
May 12-Mother's Day Brunch Grismer Hall 9:30-1:00 PM  
May 19-BP/Sugar Church Library 9:30-Noon

**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.