

St. Thomas the Apostle

715 Harris Road * Sheffield Lake *

Ohio * 44054-1409

(440) 949-7744

March 29, 2020

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:

prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.

The Rosary: Prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes weekends.

Baptism: Sunday: 12:30 PM

Parent Pre-Baptismal Class required

One Sponsor must be an active Catholic with a Sponsor Letter from the Church they attend.

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 weekend.

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, 2020

Christmas December 25, 2020

Diocese of Cleveland

Website:.....www.dioceseofcleveland.org

Phone.....800-869-6525

Address.....1404 E. 9th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44114



Lent
fast · give · pray

Parish Staff

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CYO-Jim O'Connor.....440-949-2631

Grismer Hall/Gym.....440-949-8491

Funeral Luncheon-Dave Johnston.....440-670-0204

Music/Choir-Roger Brooks.....440-346-3022

Parish Cluster Contacts

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1305 East Erie Ave. Lorain 44052 (440) 288-0106

St. Teresa.....office@stteresaparish.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 Stps, No Stairs, No Ramps

Mass Schedule

Weekly: Holy Lenten Season

Sunday March 29, 2020
5th Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM No Mass
11:00 AM No Mass
2nd Collection:

Monday March 30, 2020

9:00 AM No Mass

Tuesday March 31, 2020

9:00 AM No Mass

Wednesday April 1, 2020
April Fool's Day

9:00 AM No Mass

Thursday April 2, 2020
St. Francis of Paola

9:00 AM No Mass

Friday April 3, 2020
(Abstinence)

9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday April 4, 2020
St. Isidore

9:00 AM No Mass

4:00 PM No Mass

Sunday April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

9:00 AM No Mass

11:00 AM No Mass

2nd Collection:
Lectionary Year: "A"

We plan to resume Masses on Easter Monday, for now

Pre-Baptismal Classes-2020

April 21 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212

May 21 Holy Spirit-7:30 PM (440) 933-3777

June 16 St. Joseph-6:30 PM (440) 0933-3152

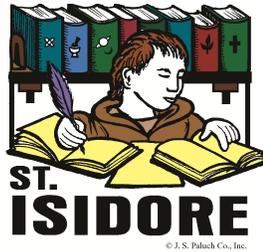
July 19 St. Thomas-12:30 PM (440) 949-7744

All new, expecting parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Class before scheduling a baptism at the Parish they attend. One of the two Godparents must be an active catholic with a letter of good standing from their church.

St. Thomas needs Lectors, Readers, Eucharist Ministers & Servers. No Experience necessary. "Never underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working in you, through you & despite of you!"



San Francesco di Paola



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Weekly Collection	Goal	\$5,000.00
March 22, 2020		\$500.00

Mail contributions to: St. Thomas, 521 Harris Road, Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054

Thank you for your generous and continued support.

St. Thomas Church Events

Daily Mass The Diocese is now livestreaming a mass daily at 9:30 AM on the diocesan website, and weekend TV. Mass will be available on the Siocesan website starting at 4:00 PM on Saturday. It can also be seen on Fox 8 WJW at 6 AM on Sunday. Those who have cox Cable can view Mass at 11:30 AM Sunday on channel 45.

***** Confessions and Stations have been cancelled.*****

St. Thomas Fish Fry Due to the mandatory "stay at home ban" the Governor put out, we will postpone the fish fry until after the ban is lifted. DeWine said two weeks, which would put us back in business April 10th which is Good Friday, MAYBE. We want to finish the last two weeks of the fish fry. We are hoping that when the ban is lifted people will be eager to get out of the house and come to the fish fry. Just like the first good warm weather day after winter. They may not have gotten their fill of our great dinners. We keep you posted. Dave & Mike

SAINT POLYCARP (died 155) February 23

"Eighty-six years I have served Christ, and he never did me any wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior?" Boldly answering the official who demanded he worship pagan gods, Polycarp, today's "Senior Citizen Saint," demonstrates that courage, far from being the preserve of the young, is a virtue cultivated through lifelong fidelity and crowned by final perseverance. A disciple of Saint John, who is said to have consecrated him bishop of Smyrna in modern-day Turkey, Polycarp witnesses to the truth that, whatever time and space may separate us, Jesus' gift of the Eucharist unites us. Polycarp's final words, preserved by the Church of Smyrna, sound like a Eucharistic Prayer in which the saint offers himself: "Lord, almighty God, Father of your beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have come to the knowledge of yourself . . . may I be received among the martyrs as a rich and pleasing sacrifice . . . through the eternal priest of heaven, Jesus Christ . . . through him be glory to you, together with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen."

Christmas Eve Night Mass Our Parish Council is considering a change in the Christmas Eve Night Mass from 10PM to 8PM. The other Christmas Masses would remain the same: 4PM Christmas Eve and 10AM Christmas Day.

We pray for the people of every nation, that they live their lives with courage and find true peace.

St. Thomas Church
is Kid Friendly



Liturgical Schedule

Saturday, March 28-4:00 PM

C-M B Riley L-S Riley

EM-A & J Balmert, M Markoski

C-M B Riley, R O'Connor

Sunday, March 29-9:00 AM

C-C Kabat L-

EM-B Smith, R Arena

C-K Janosik

Sunday, March 29-11:00 AM

C-J Ganobsek L-L Prokay

EM-L Janis, S Helman, K Mohrbach

C-J Ritter, N Olitsky



Thank You

...to those mailing in their weekly Envelopes.

Resurrection and Life Today’s Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus’ exchange with Lazarus’ sister Martha, she refers to the general resurrection of the dead on “the last day.” Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as “the resurrection and the life.”

What does this mean? Jesus had spoken of the hour “when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.” When Jesus cries out in a loud voice “Lazarus, come out!”—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him. Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Treasures from our Tradition Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church’s thinking and practice. One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession with the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ’s cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents’ constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria’s diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of “ecclesial amnesia,” we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

Give Glory to God As we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. He was a close friend, he chose to stay away, that God’s glory would be manifested. Right to the very end, Jesus’ works were meant to give glory to the Father. Let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

Parish Cluster Events

St. Teresa: Eucharist Adoration is every Wednesday from 9 AM-1 PM in the Church.

St. Anthony: Rosary's for the Unborn are said the first Saturday of each month from 10 AM-3:30 PM.

Family Perspective

In today’s gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. When Lazarus came out of the tomb, Jesus instructed his family and friends to untie him of the bandages that bound him. God still depends on us to free others so they might live. Who in your family is tied up by pride or entombed by grief or resentment? Hear Jesus, call to “unbind him,” with mercy and compassion.

COVID-19 The challenges of these days of the COVID-19 pandemic continue for our community and the world. Everyone must do his/her part to slow down this epidemic and protect the common good for the people of God. We will continue to send out the bulletin to all those who are listed on our Parish Contact List. You may also view the weekly bulletin at saintthomaschurch.net if you wish to be added to the e-mail list, contact the Parish Office. We will continue to update our Parishioners on the latest information from the Diocese of Cleveland. Let us pray and support each other during this time. May God Bless Us .

Events Around Town

A Message from our Diocese of Cleveland to all Parishes Join us in praying for those suffering from illness or disease of any kind and their health care workers for an easing of anxiety and tension. Relying on the motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our suffering to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

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. Use boxes marked Shelter for donations.

Mass Intentions are available for 2020/2021. Cost is \$10.00 each. Contact the Parish Office to schedule.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is prayed before 9 AM Mass every Monday.

The Rosary is prayed daily before 9 AM Mass. This includes the weekends.

Protecting God’s Children “Protecting God’s Children” protects children from sexual abuse. Inform local authorities of inappropriate behavior. Call 216-334-2999 responseservices@dioceseofcleveland.org



Pro-Life Doctor’s List Pro-life doctors, who don’t practice abortion or support its use. Call 440-322-0076. www.loraincountyrighttolife.org under Resources/Issues tab. Abortion destroys God’s plan for the life of that child.

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.

