

The bow in the clouds  
is a sign of  
GOD'S  
covenant.

# St. Thomas the Apostle

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

February 18, 2018  
First 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  
Mr. Michael Chutes.....Custodian

## COMMUNICATIONS

Parish Office..... 440-949-7744  
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Office Address.....521 Harris Road, Sheffield Lake  
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Parish Website:.....saintthomaschurch.net  
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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

## 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

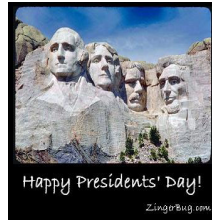
**Mass Schedule**

**Weekly Intention: Repent & Renew**

**Sunday February 18, 2018**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 AM L&D members of the Ladies Guild  
 11:00 AM St. Thomas Parishioners  
 2nd Collection: Black & Indian



**Monday February 19, 2018**  
**Presidents' Day**  
 9:00 AM Fragassi & Sciarappa family



**Tuesday February 20, 2018**  
 9:00 AM All Souls

**Wednesday February 21, 2018**  
**St. Peter Damian**  
 9:00 AM John Andulics

**Thursday February 22, 2018**  
**Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
**Washington's Birthday**  
 9:00 AM Albert Janosik

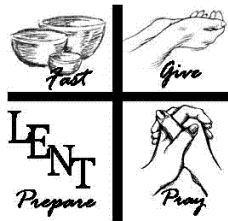


**Friday February 23, 2018**  
**St. Polycarp**  
**Abstinence**  
 9:00 AM Albert Janosik  
 4:00 PM Stations of the Cross



**Saturday February 24, 2018**  
 9:00 AM Joseph Shannon & family  
 4:00 PM Joan Watt

**Sunday February 25, 2018**  
**2nd Sunday of Lent**  
 9:00 AM Albert Janosik  
 11:00 AM Jeannie M. Lamlein  
 2nd Collection:  
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**Pre-Baptismal Classes-2018**  
 February 20 St. Mary-7:30 PM (440) 934-4212  
 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.  
**St. Thomas Prayer Lines** Call, a friendly voice is on the other end.(440)865-9387 or (440)949-7548.

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**Confirmation** is Sunday, March 11th at the 11AM Mass. at St. Thomas and includes St. Teresa and St. Anthony.

**First Communion** will be Sunday, May 6th at the 9AM Mass here at St. Thomas.

 **St. Thomas the Apostle Church is Kid Friendly** 

**Gospels for the Week:** Thursday Mt 16:13-19  
 Monday Mt 25:31-46 Friday Mt 5:20-26  
 Tuesday Mt 6:7-15 Saturday Mt 5:43-48  
 Wednesday Lk 11:29-32 Sunday Mk 9:2-10

Weekly Collection	Goal
February 11, 2018	\$5,000.00
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Thank you for your generous and continued support. Please remember St. Thomas Parish in your Will.	

**St. Thomas News/Events**

- 2/18-BP-Sugar Screening
- 2/23-Stations 4PM  
Fish Fry 4-7PM
- 2/28-Evening of Confessions 5-8PM
- 3/2-Fish Fry 4-7PM

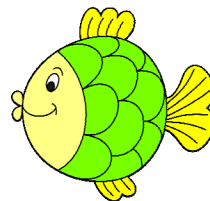


**Communal Penance for Lent** is 2 PM at St. Anthony Church on Sunday, March 18th.

**St. Thomas Fish Fry** is every Friday until March 23rd. We are collecting pop, water and bakery. Drop off on Friday to the gym.

**The 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** supports the "least among us." Pray for the success of this appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need Diocese of Cleveland. For stories of inspiration, visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2018Appeal).

**Rest in Peace** Paul Higgs and Eileen Bentz, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their family and friends find peace, in Jesus' name we pray.  
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**St. Thomas Fish Fry**  
**\$1.00 off Dinner**  
**Expires 2/23/2018**  
 Side dishes excluded from coupon

**Liturgical Schedule**

**Saturday, February 24-4:00 PM**  
 C-MB Riley L-S Riley  
 EM-L & M Wenzel, B Kirtos  
 C-J Kirtos, P Dietz  
 S-  
**Sunday, February 25-9:00 AM**  
 C-R Kirsch L-R Kirsch  
 EM-D & R Arena, K Yatson  
 C-R Kirsch, H Schrepf  
 S-J & X Centifanti, W Holley  
**Sunday, February 25-11:00 AM**  
 C-J Houlihan L-L Prokay  
 EM-K Mohrbach, C Rouhier, M Fairweather  
 C-S Brunkow, S Helman  
 S-S Bonner



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

## Thank You

...to the Holy Name for coffee and donuts after Mass.  
 ....to Dotty for making presents for the Confirmation students.  
 ...to Betty for our very own Lenten desert decoration.



As sobering as the Lenten season is, it is also strangely hopeful. There is a path for returning to God no matter how distracted I have been. God says, *no matter how far away you have gotten...Even now I am inviting you to look for the path of returning and to walk it with all your heart.*

**People of the Covenant** If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens. The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

### 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](http://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](http://OptionLine.org) or call 1-800-712-HELP.

**Homeless and pregnant?** Call Good Counsel Homes, 1-800-723-8331 or visit [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**Hurting from an abortion?** Visit us online at [www.AbortionForgiveness.com](http://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](http://www.loraincountyrighttolife.org) under the Resources and Issues tab or call 440-322-0076.

### Parish Events this Week

Feb 18-BP Screening	Church Library	9:30-Noon
Feb 19-23-CYO	Grismer Hall	3:30-9:00 PM
Feb-21 Finance Meeting	Rectory	7-8:30 PM
Feb 23-Fish Fry	Grismer Hall	9AM-9PM
Feb 24-CYO	Grismer Hall	9-4 PM
Feb 25-Confirmation Class	Church/Grismer Hall	9-11AM

## Family Perspectives

The gospel on this first Sunday of Lent tells us that Jesus returns from His forty days in the desert proclaiming: "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the Gospel!" Prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the sacrament of Penance are the Church's traditional practices that have proven effective in helping people repent and live the Gospel. Do not miss this life-changing opportunity! Schedule time to make the effort to focus your family on Jesus and His Gospel this Lent.

## 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 on Ash Wednesday and 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.

**Compassion-The Epic Musical** on the Gospel of John through the eyes of St. Peter. Join us at St. Joseph Church, Amherst, on February 23 & 24 at 7:30 PM as part of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lenten Mission. Visit <http://www.compassionthemusical.com>.

**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](http://www.stanthonylorain.org) and click on enroll online in the top right corner. or call 440-288-2155.

## 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.