

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND
Roman Catholic Church**

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Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Welcome to our parishioners, family members, friends,
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!**

New Parishioners:

Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the church.

Reconciliation:

Confessions will be available one-half hour before daily and weekend masses or by appointment with Father Christian.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Christian at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact Father Christian to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

Children's Liturgy:

For young children is held September to June during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemetery:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Join our Choirs (Voice and Instrumental):

Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays 7 p.m.
Traditional Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

For the Sick and Shut ins:

The sacrament for the Sick is available upon request if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. Please call the office. Also, a request may be made through the nursing staff at hospitals for the Priest on call.

Bequest to the Parish:

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

Mass Intentions:

Give a gift of a mass for someone's birthday, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery. Envelopes at back.

St Joseph Elementary School:

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Palm Sunday - The Passion of Jesus - April 2, 2023



Palm Sunday

St John Parish

Saturday, April 1

5:00 p.m. - † Dominic O'Meara

Sunday, April 2

10:30 a.m. - † Father Ed Keyes

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m. - † Wilf Garrah

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, April 4

8:30 a.m. - † Vincent Donnelly

Wednesday, April 5

8:30 a.m. - † Vicente Ramales

Thursday, April 6

8:30 a.m. - No morning Mass

Friday, April 7

8:30 a.m. - No morning Mass

Easter Sunday

St John Parish

Saturday, April 8

5:00 p.m. - Retired Staff & Teachers
of St Joseph Catholic School

Sunday, April 9

10:30 a.m. - For the People

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. - For the People



The Pope's Intention for April

For a culture of peace and non-violence

"We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens."

IN YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to their caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Father Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Mary Mitchell, Carole Weir, Yvon Ouellet, and Olive Schijns.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Bill Shine whose funeral service was yesterday.

Pray for the children of St. Joseph Catholic School

who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. *"God of all goodness, like a loving parent you care for all our needs. We place all our hope and trust in you. Help us to live in the joy and peace that your son, Jesus, brings us."*

EASTER LITURGIES MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Greeter: June Nalon

Lector: Dianne Hebert

Holy Communion: Ann O'Neill

Good Friday, April 7 at 3:00 p.m.:

Greeter: Sharon Carmichael

Lector: Mary Elizabeth McDonald

Lector N: Gerry Brosso

Lector S: Michael Roney

Holy Communion: Maryln Jacobson

Easter Vigil, April 8 at 8:00 p.m.:

Greeter: Frank Fair

Lector: Maureen Deir

Lector 1: Marlene Sirosky

Lector 2: June Nalon

Lector 3: Budgie Mabee

Holy Communion: Margaret Rose

Easter Sunday, April 9 at St. John 10:30 a.m.

Greeter: Linda Beaupre

Lector: Christine Woods

Holy Communion: Wilma Turcotte

Easter Sunday, April 9 at St. Philomena 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Sarah Walsh



Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - 6.00 p.m.

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m.

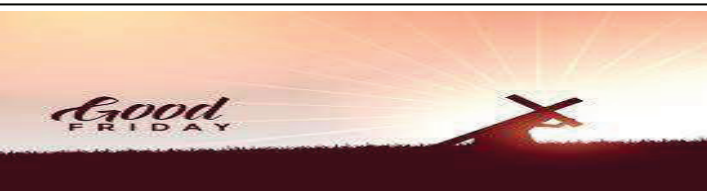
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - St John's
- 8:30 a.m. - St Philomena's



The Archdiocese of Kingston Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Kingston at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 4th. Archbishop Michael Mulhall will preside and bless the oils of the Sacramental Life of the Church. All Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to service. All are welcome to attend

Faith on Fire Prayer Weekly Prayer Meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to join us for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. Please email Maame Addai at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com for the Zoom link.



GANANOQUE ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS
Starting at 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, April 7
Starting at: Christ Church, Princess St., Gananoque stopping at several locations, City Hall, Grace United, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian and St. John’s Catholic Church ALL WELCOME!

Let There Be Light!
 The lighting in the church needs some serious attention. The cost to replace and the labour to install the light bulbs has been revisited but still is substantial - just under \$7,000. We are asking for donations to help ease the burden of this cost. Please place your donation in an envelope along with your name, address and specify “for lighting”. A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end. Thank you to those who have generously donated thus far.

Catholic Women’s League Meeting
 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John Parish. Everyone is welcome!



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today’s liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

This year, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. The story of Jesus’ Passion and death in Matthew’s Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus’ prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father’s will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew’s description of Jesus’ death shows Jesus’ obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew’s Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus’ Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord’s Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: “. . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Matthew 26:28)

March 26, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$976.00	\$110.00
Loose	\$113.00	\$20.00
Fuel	\$40.00	
Easter Flowers	\$70.00	
Lighting	\$800.00	
Initial offering	\$20.00	
Archdiocesan Lenten Collection	\$525.00	\$35.00
Restoration	\$100.00	



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