

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

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**The Lord has Risen,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Easter Sunday - April 9, 2023



Mass
Schedule

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

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. - † Vincent Donnelly

Wednesday, April 12

8:30 a.m. - † Eileen Sutton

Thursday, April 13

8:30 a.m. - † Joseph Vinkle

Friday, April 14

8:30 a.m. - † Tayna Abrams

2nd Sunday of Easter

St John Parish

Saturday, April 15

5:00 p.m. - † Neil Plumpton

Sunday, April 16

10:30 a.m. - † Danny Deir

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, April 16

8:30 a.m. - † Fernande Bonin

Pray for the Children of St. Joseph Catholic

School who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Pray for their teachers.

“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. Amen”



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 Spencer McCarthy, brother of Frayne.

An Easter Prayer from your Pastor

Brothers and sisters, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection of Christ!

Throughout the Lenten season, we prepared ourselves to enter into the mystery of Christ's passion and death culminating in his rising from the dead. We accompanied Christ through his suffering on the cross which led us to the empty tomb.

Today, our churches will be filled with joyous acclamations of "Alleluia!" announcing Jesus' triumph over death!

As we gather with friends and family, I pray that the light of the Risen Christ will fill our hearts with joy. May this joy move us to be witnesses of the Resurrection to all those we encounter.

Know that I will pray for you throughout this Easter season asking God to strengthen your Catholic faith and your love for the Eucharist. I ask you to pray for me that I may be a good shepherd of St. John the Evangelist and St. Philomena Parishes.

God bless all of you – in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Father Christian



Abide in Me (Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)

Thursday mornings (April 13th - June 8th) 9:30 am – 11:00 am St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston)

You are invited to participate in a program of prayer for spiritual growth based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Abide in Me is a nine-week program designed to help you deepen your relationship with the Lord through personal prayer (1/2 hour daily) and a weekly group sharing experience on Thursday mornings (April 13 to June 8) 9:30 – 11 am at St. Paul the Apostle Parish Hall Rm B (Enter through Offices) .

Cost: \$25. Pre-register by emailing Miriam at ourladyofdivinefire@gmail.com or online at <https://ourladyofdivinefire.regfox.com/abide-in-me-2023>. A short phone interview will follow. Space is limited and no registrations will be accepted on or after the first session.

Catholic Women's League Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John Parish. Everyone is welcome!



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.

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.



The week of April 8 to 14
*For the deceased members of the
Young and McAlpine Families*



Our Easter Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. In the case of John's Gospel, the only woman attending the tomb is Mary of Magdala. Unlike the Synoptic accounts, John's Gospel does not describe an appearance of angels at the tomb. Instead, Mary is simply said to have observed that the stone that had sealed the tomb had been moved, and she runs to alert Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. Her statement to them is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body).

The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.



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