

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

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm

**W**elcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends,  
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



**M**AY THE  
BLESSINGS  
and love of  
our Heavenly Father be  
yours in abundance  
today and everyday!



#### **Reconciliation:**

- 4:15 - 4:45 pm Saturday or anytime by appointment.  
Please call the parish office.

#### **Rosary:**

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

#### **Marriage:**

- Those who are planning to enter into the sacrament of  
Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Amato  
at least 6 months in advance.

#### **Baptism:**

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

#### **Children's Liturgy:**

- Children's Liturgy for young children is held during  
the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):**

- Are you an adult who has not been baptized or who  
would like to explore being received into Full  
Communion in the Catholic Church? If so, this  
program is for you. Please contact the parish office.

#### **Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle:**

- The Church is open every day from 8 am to 4 pm for  
quiet prayer. Please use side entrances.

#### **New Parishioners:**

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

#### **Join our Choirs (voice and instrumental):**

- Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays at 7 pm
- Funeral Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

#### **For the Sick and Shut-ins:**

- Please contact Father Amato if a family member is in  
the hospital or confined at home. The Sacrament of the  
Sick is available upon request.

#### **St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:**

- Please contact the parish office for more information.

#### **Bequests to the Parish:**

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

#### **St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School:**

- Principal: Tracy O'Brien  
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# First Sunday of Lent Sunday, February 14, 2016

**Today's Gospel:** *The story of the temptations of Jesus is a pointed reminder of the mystery of the Incarnation. Jesus shared in our human condition. Like us, he could be tempted to indulge his appetites, find satisfaction in the material, act in grandiose ways, and abuse power. All of these Jesus resists. He has nothing to prove. His unwillingness to be seduced thwarts Satan. How might this example be translated into our own human lives?*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, February 13**

5:00 pm - **Jeanne Adair**

**Sunday, February 14**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Colin Prior**

10:30 am at St. John - **Margaret Mulcair**

**Monday, February 15 - No Mass**



**Tuesday, February 16 -**

7:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross**

7:30 pm - **Daisy Guillemette**

**Wednesday, February 17 - No Mass**

**Thursday, February 18 -**

8:00 am - **Orazio Amato**

**Friday, February 19 -**

8:00 am - **Gladys Vincent**

**Saturday, February 20 -**

5:00 pm - **Jimmy and Alice Fowler & their deceased children**

**Sunday, February 21 -**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Dolor Bonin**

10:30 am at St. John - **Anastasia McGlade**

## Please Note: Time change for Tuesday's Masses & Stations of the Cross



Beginning this Tuesday, February 16th and every Tuesday during Lent, the Stations of the Cross will take place at St. John's Church at **7:00 pm**. It will be followed by **Mass at approximately 7:30 pm**. The prayers for the Stations of the Cross that will be used will reflect this Jubilee Year of Mercy. Come out and walk along to Calvary with Christ.



Our Lent Project this year is a **Prayer Cross** for you. You are invited to take a Post-it note found on the Donation Box located at the back of the Church. Write your intentions. Then place your intention on the cross. This is the cross that we have been using for the last few years on Good Friday. It will be there during Lent. By putting our intentions on the cross it symbolizes our **wishes, dreams and needs** which are lifted up in prayer. During each Mass in Lent, the Prayers of the Faithful will include the intentions on our Lenten cross.

**Food Bank:** We received a letter from the Food Co-ordinator thanking all for the support given to the Food Bank through donations in non-perishable items and financial support. They are confident that with our help they can continue to assist the people in the community who are struggling.

## PARISH CALENDAR:

**Catholic Women's League:** Wed., Feb. 17 at 6:30 pm

**Parish Pastoral Council:** to be announced

**Finance/Property:** Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at 5pm

**Carveth:** Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1:30 pm

**Choir/Organ Practice:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am (this choir will be singing at the 5 pm Mass until March).

**Sunday (10:30 am) Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm

**Legion of Mary:** 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

**Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm Firehall



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## St. John's Parish Family Activity - Note to all families

We have rented the upstairs Rec Centre for Sunday, March 6th. Join in the public skating from 2:30 to 4pm then come upstairs for hot chocolate. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

## YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Bob Bird, Liam Egan, Pedro Reyes, Fr. David Norris. May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

**Life is changed, not ended. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord!** Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.

**Little Black Book** still available. Start today. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days to walk through this book a page at a time. Six minutes. That's within reach.



### Year of Mercy "Evening Prayer"

We need your help! We are looking for people to be the Presider - the Leader of the Service and for people to read the scripture readings. Although priests, deacons, sisters and brothers make this prayer central to their vocation, the Liturgy of the Hours can be said by anyone. Ask a friend to join you and do it together. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office 613.382.2017. Our "Evening Prayer" will be on the last Sunday of every month (next one is Sunday, February 28 at 6:30 pm). Come out on your own, or bring a friend, and enjoy.

Weekly Contributions: February 7, 2016		
	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$339.50	\$2,071.00
Loose:	\$0.00	\$206.55
Fuel & Initial Offering		\$155.00
Scarboro/Catholic Missions	\$160.00	\$393.00
P.A.D. Feb. 16, 2016		
<b>Thank you so much for your grateful donations.</b>		

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule

**St. John: Saturday, Feb. 20 at 5 pm**

Rosary: Anne O'Neill Lector: Chris Greene  
Greeters: Linda Beaupré and Mary Haesler  
Gifts: Yvon and Dianne Ouellet  
Extra Ordinary Minister of Eucharist: Margaret Rose

**St. John: Sunday, Feb. 21 at 10:30 am**

Carveth on Sunday: ?  
Lector: Emma McShane Gifts: Children's Liturgy  
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Joy O'Neill  
Greeters: Children's Liturgy Class  
Children's Liturgy: Lori Kidd

**St. Philomena: Feb. 21 at 8:30 am**

Lector: Norma Gaudreau Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Marilyn McCauley

The Ministry Schedule for March 2016 including Easter is now available for pick up at the entrance of the Church or in your email. Thank you to all the

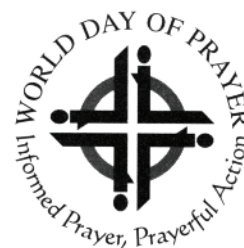
**The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent** will be offered next **Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016** from 4 to 5 pm. It will be preceded by the celebration of First Reconciliation for our 7 year old children beginning at 3 pm. Fr. Justin Pulikunnel will be here to help with the sacrament. It will also allow older folks to come in the day time instead of an evening. Please avail yourselves of this opportunity early on in Lent.

### The Parish and the Home - Lent

Do we give from abundance or in ways that reflect true sacrifice and service? Lenten family giving can be done through practices like:

- giving time to ministries of the parish (lector, Presider...)
  - giving to other activities that arise from commitment to a Christian life
  - visit those who are shut in; offer transportation to elders who are concerned about wintry road conditions;
  - support families that are stretched thin with dinner invitations or carpools
  - Lenten fasting typically brings our mind to food. If we honour the fast from meat, can we do so without having our Friday meals become an alternative meatless banquet?
  - Can we simplify a meal or two a week, and give the grocery savings as money or goods to our local Food Bank?
  - Can we do this without complaints or grumbling?
  - Can our self-denial include letting go of behaviours God would not wish for us, such as giving up gossips, crabbing at our siblings or spouses, being ungenerous or impatient?
- Our prayer is the invitation that God will transform us, opening our hearts and minds so that this Easter we can encounter the Risen Lord in new and powerful ways.

From 2016 Sourcebook



### World Day of Prayer hosted by St. John the Evangelist Church

- Gananoque On March 4, 2016, Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray for,

and celebrate Cuba in solidarity with the women of Cuba through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend the World Day of Prayer 2016. Stay tuned for more info.

The 2015 **tax receipts** are ready. Please pick up your envelope at the entrance of the Church as early as possible.

**Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) at St. John and at St. Philomena** 1. You may join at any time. 2. Complete a Pre-Authorized Debit Plan Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID. 3. Return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

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