

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

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**Parish Secretary: Anne Marie Young
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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
613-382-2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

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130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19, 2023

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St John Parish

Saturday, February 18

5:00 p.m. - † Robert Turcotte

Sunday, February 19

10:30 a.m. - For the People

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, February 19

8:30 a.m. - † Deceased members of the Dowling and Fines families

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, February 21

8:30 a.m. - † Basil Brosso

Ash Wednesday, February 22

10:00 a.m. - School Mass

- † Augustine Song

Thursday, February 23

8:30 a.m. - Irene Tozer

Friday, February 24

8:30 a.m. - † Catherine Harper

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John Parish

Saturday, February 25

5:00 p.m. - † Michael Warren

Sunday, February 26

10:30 a.m. - † Father Ed Keyes

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, February 26

8:30 a.m. - † Fernande Bonin

READINGS FOR February 26, First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 2.7-9, 16-18, 25:3.1-7++

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 51.1-2,3-4a,10-11,12+15(r.1a-4a)

Second Reading: Romans 5.12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4.1-11

Today's Readings:

First Reading - You shall love your neighbour as yourself

Responsorial Psalm - *The Lord is merciful and gracious*

Second Reading - All things belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God

Gospel Reading - Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.



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, Neil Plumpton, Carole Weir, Yvon Ouellet and Ellen Mangan.

Thank you for your support through your weekly and monthly contributions!

Feb. 4/5, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,102.00	\$180.00
Initial Offering	\$103.00	
Loose	\$125.25	\$2.00
Fuel	\$437.00	\$125.00

Ash Wednesday is a universal day of fasting and abstinence of meat.

Ministry Schedules:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>February 25</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Rosary:	Margaret Rose	
Greeters/Ushers:	Maureen Deir	Linda Beaupre
Lector:	Lorraine O'Meara	Joan Dillion
Holy Communion	Lorraine O'Meara	Anastasia

<u>St. Philomena</u>	<u>February 26</u>
Lector:	Sarah Walsh
Holy Communion:	Fr. Christian

Ash Wednesday- February 22, 2023

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

The reading for this day is part of the Sermon on the Mount. In the sermon, Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know. Although our Lectionary reading omits the Lord's Prayer, we can recall that Matthew presents that prayer as a model for the disciples' prayer (Matthew 6:9-15). *Loyalapress*

RECEIPTS For Income Tax Purposes:

The 2022 tax receipts are available at the back of the church. Please pick yours up, thank you.

If there are any discrepancy with your receipt please fell free to call Anne Marie at the office at 613-383-2017



The Pope's Intention for February – For parishes

"We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need."

School Registration Time



The CDSBEO is currently accepting new student registrations. Please note that registering early allows the Board to plan staffing for the new school year, so that sufficient educators are

hired and adequate classroom space is allocated to welcome new students in the fall. Please note, for registration of Kindergarten students who will begin school in September 2023. Junior Kindergarten students must be 4 years of age by December 31, 2023. Senior Kindergarten students must be 5 years of age by December 31, 2023. If you have a child that you would like to register at St. Joseph, for September, you can now book a visit and tour of the school. Please call the school at 613- 382-2361

Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Giving or Both?

Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions! Pre-Authorized Debit (P.A.D.) is an automatic withdrawal option that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes have a check box which indicates "P.A.D. Plan", which you can use to present during offertory at Mass if you wish.

Forms are available at the entrance of the Church:

- if you wish to donate through the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan
- if you wish to receive a box of Offertory Envelopes.

Please place the form in the Offertory Basket or bring to the office Tuesday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions in order to maintain our beautiful Churches.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request to us. Both Churches are in need of more requests.

- 1) An announced Mass intention is a donation of \$20; an unannounced Mass is \$10.
- 2) An intention may be placed well ahead of time if you want a specific date.

How to donate to the Church in memory of someone special? Donations to the St. John the Evangelist Church or for St. Philomena Church can be done anytime. Place a cheque in an envelope along with your name, address and your special intention. A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end.



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