

**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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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2023



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St John Parish

Saturday, February 4

5:00 p.m. - † Father Edward Keyes

Sunday, February 5

10:30 a.m. - † Catherine Harper

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, February 5

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN

Weekday Masses will resume the week of February 14th.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St John Parish

Saturday, February 11

5:00 p.m. - † Ioleen Bovey

Sunday, February 12

10:30 a.m. - † Earl McDonald

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, February 12

8:30 a.m. - For the People

Today's Readings:

First Reading - Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm - *Light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

Second Reading - I proclaimed to you the mystery of Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Gospel Reading - You are the light of the world.

This Weekend's Special Collection:

Catholic Missions in Canada exists to advance and sustain the Catholic Faith in remote and poor mission communities across Canada. To learn more: cmic.info/

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, Fr. Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Mary Mitchell, Neil Plumpton, Carole Weir, Yvon Ouellet and Ellen Mangan.

Beautiful Prayer

At funerals, this prayer is said by the priest and the parishioners. Often, it is said so softly and quickly that the words are not clear. Here is the

Prayer for Eternal Rest.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

Ministry Schedules:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>February 11</u>	<u>February 12</u>
Rosary:	Anne O'Neill	
Greeters/Ushers:	Sharon Carmichael	Mary Elizabeth McDonald
Lector:	Maureen Deer	Diane Hebert
Holy Communion:	Maureen Deer	Diane Hebert

<u>St. Philomena</u>	<u>February 12</u>
Lector:	Robert Spurrier

The rosary is a very welcome and powerful devotion. Those who recite the rosary with a pure heart bring untold blessings to their parish community. Thank you dear volunteers for your time and talent.

Catholic Women's League Meeting


Wed., February 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John Parish. Everyone is welcome!



The Catholic Women's League of Canada is many things to many people. Whether it's faith, service, social justice or sisterhood, thousands of women have found fulfillment by becoming members. Interesting information at: cwl.ca.

God's goodness surrounds us. Gratitude is our response. Even when darkness appears to consume the world and our hearts, the light of goodness and justice penetrates, if even but a sliver. We taste and see the goodness of God. We pray in thanksgiving. Sourcebook 2023.

Thank you for your support through your weekly and monthly contributions!		
Jan. 25/26, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$850.00	\$140.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	\$5.00	
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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.”



How to Sing In Church Without Feeling Embarrassed

Singing in church can be one of the most potent forms of worship. Feeling embarrassed or nervous about singing in public is a normal reaction. Here are some ideas:

- Embrace your unique voice. There are many types of voices, and just because yours is different doesn't necessarily mean that it's bad.
- There is no true right or wrong voice.
- Singing, especially in church, is about the happiness and meaning the act brings you, not necessarily about how you sound.
- Concentrate on group singing. Your voice may blend better when singing with the congregation or the choir.

" I will persevere and sing with my heart. "

Doug Gifford, our organist, welcomes parishioners anytime to come up the stairs and sing from the organ loft.

Singing for a community can be both comforting and empowering. There is nothing but love and support in the congregation.

From: www.wikihow.com/Sing-In-Church-Without-Feeling-Embarrassed

Prayer for World Day of the Sick:

Give them peace of mind and heart, and renew your life and love within them. Free them from fear, worry and anxiety, ease their sufferings of mind, body, and spirit, and give them courage and hope. We pray to the Lord.

The condition of loneliness and abandonment of the sick in today's world only “takes a moment of our attention, of being moved to compassion within us, in order to eliminate it.”

Only with the help, courage, and innovation of others in a “face-to-face encounter” can we organize care for the sick in a spirit of fraternity and resilience. CCCB_CECC

photo: <https://www.nativitybloomington.org/>
 Prayer: <https://www.chausa.org/>

Holder of Offertory Box #26 - Extra information is required for your 2022 tax receipt. Could you please call the office Tues-Friday at 613.382.2017? Thank you.

RECEIPTS For Income Tax Purposes: The 2022 tax receipts have been printed and will be available the week of February 14th.

How much does it cost to have a Mass said?

- 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.
- 3) Intentions do not have to be for the deceased; you can also ask that a Mass be offered up in thanksgiving, for a birthday or other worthy causes.

How to donate to the Church in memory of someone special? Donations to the Restoration Fund of 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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