

**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:**

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# The Third Sunday of Lent - March 12 2023

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## Third Sunday of Lent

### St John Parish

Saturday, March 11

5:00 p.m. - † Dominic O'Meara

Sunday, March 12

10:30 a.m. - † Al Beaupre

### St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, March 12

8:30 a.m. - † Father Ed Keyes

## WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 a.m. - † Neil Plumpton

Wednesday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - Romel Ramales

Thursday, March 16

8:30 a.m. - † Catherine Harper

Friday, March 17

8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions  
- † Edwardo Orellano

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### St John Parish

Saturday, March 18

5:00 p.m. - † Robert Turcotte  
† Lucas Bruder

Sunday, March 19

10:30 a.m. - Staff & Students of  
St. Joseph Catholic School

### St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - † For the People



## **The Pope's Intention for March For Victims of Abuse**

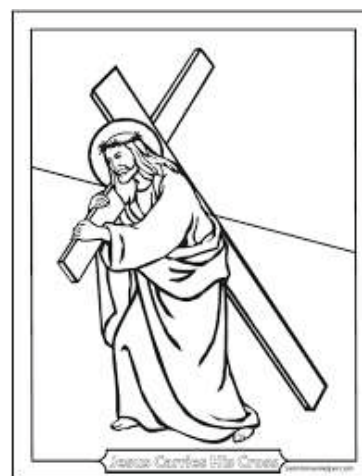
"We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."

## **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.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Every Friday  
at 5 p.m.  
During Lent at  
St. John's**



The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion. You can pray the Stations of the Cross (also known as the Way of the Cross) alone at anytime, but people most often pray them in a group setting Friday nights during Lent.

## ***READINGS for next week- March 19th - Fourth Sunday of Lent***

***First Reading:*** 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13  
***Responsorial Psalm:*** Ps 23.13a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (R.1)  
***Second Reading:*** Ephesians 5.8-14  
***Gospel:*** John 9.1-41

## **Ministry Schedules:**

<u>St. John</u>	<u>March 18</u>	<u>March 19</u>
Rosary:	Dianne Ouellet	
Greeters/Ushers:	Frank Fair	Linda Beaupre
Lector:	Margaret Rose	Sharon Carmichael
Holy Communion	Margaret Rose	Diane Hebert
<u>St. Philomena</u>	<u>March 19</u>	
Lector:	Marg McReynolds	
Holy Communion:	Fr. Christian	

## *A Message from Father Christian*

As your Pastor, I am appealing to you to assist in reviving some of our committees and/or volunteering in general.

I am looking to re-establish a Parish Council. The main purpose of a Parish Council is to create a vision for the parish that will lead to greater vitality in the years to come. A good Parish Council doesn't try to micro-manage what's already going well, but rather imagines new ways to enliven a parish and seeks to support existing ministries and groups, assisting them in whatever way possible to thrive and to grow. If you are interested in being a part of the go-forward plan for St. John's, please write a letter of interest and deliver to our office or send by email to [stjohnstphil@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnstphil@gmail.com).

Thank you to those who sang in last Saturday evening choir. It was super. A reminder, those interested in singing just go up to the choir loft a few minutes before any of the following Saturday Masses: March 18, April 1 and 22 and May 6. The intent is to lift the congregation in song so the hymns will be familiar and in unison to start with. I thank Doug Gifford for taking on this initiative and any questions can be directed to him at [douglasgifford@cogeco.ca](mailto:douglasgifford@cogeco.ca) or call our office.

Also I continue to seek parishioners to be altar servers, in particular: boys and girls, youths, Catholic women and men. Thank you and God Bless,.

*Father Christian*

### **Let There Be Light!**

The lights in the church need some serious attention. The cost to replace and the labour to install these lights is substantial - approximately \$8,000. We are asking for donations to help ease the burden of this cost. 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.

**Our local food bank** is requesting donations of the following; cookies, crackers, baked goods and jams. They appreciate your continued support.

### **Catholic Women's League Meeting**

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



### **Catholic Women's League's Easter Basket Draw**

The ladies of the CWL of St John and St Philomena will be set up at each Mass on the weekend at the back of the

church to sell tickets for an **Easter Food Basket**. The tickets sell for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The draw will be held April 2, 2023, just in time for you to enjoy the goodies for Easter weekend! Be sure to get your ticket(s) and support this important fund raiser.



### **Easter Flowers for the Altar**

Please consider donating toward Easter flowers for the altar at St. John's. You can do this in dedication "in memory" of a loved one and "in thanksgiving" for you and your family. Forms can be found at the back of the church. Thank you.

### **Thank you for your support**

March 5, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
<b>Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$1,807.00</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
<b>Catholic Missions</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$129.60</b>	
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$825.00</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Archdiocesan Lenten Offering</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>	
<b>Restoration</b>	<b>\$195.00</b>	

**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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