

**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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
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The Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26 2023



Fifth Sunday of Lent

St John Parish

Saturday, March 25

5:00 p.m. - Mattia Park

Sunday, March 26

10:30 a.m. - † Patrick McDonald

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, March 28

8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions

Wednesday, March 29

8:30 a.m. - † Henry Knotek

Thursday, March 30

8:30 a.m. - † Vincent Donnelly

Friday, March 31

8:30 a.m. - Janela Alyssa Porre

Passion Sunday

St John Parish

Saturday, April 1

5:00 p.m. - † Dominic O'Meara

Sunday, April 2

10:30 a.m. - † Father Ed Keyes

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, April 2

8:30 a.m. - † Wilf Garrah



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.



Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday - 6.00 p.m.

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 10:30 a.m. - St John's

- 8:30 a.m. - St Philomena's



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.

READINGS for next week- April 1st Passion Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 50.4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22.7-8, 16-17,18-19,22-23(r.1)

Second Reading: Philippians 2.6-11

Gospel: Matthew 26.14-27.66

Ministry Schedules:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>April 1</u>	<u>April 2</u>
Rosary:	Maureen Deir	
Greeters/Ushers:	Terri McFaul	Budgie Wing
Lector:	(N) Donna McCauley	(N) Joan Dillon
	(S) Margaret Rose	(S) Yvonne Harper
Holy Communion	Wilma Turcotte	Yvonne Harper
<u>St. Philomena</u>		<u>April 2</u>
Lector:		TBA

WHAT IS A PARISH COUNCIL?

Description: The parish pastoral council brings together lay people and religious who, together with their pastor, work jointly to build the parish as a living Christian community of faith, worship and service. The parish pastoral council is called from and by the parish community to share with the pastor the responsibility of building up the body of Christ, with concern for the overall well-being of the parish family.

Whatever the variations in the individual councils the parish pastoral council is concerned with all aspects of the parish life. The structure and organization of councils may have to be “custom-designed” to satisfy the changing needs of individual parishes. Rural parishes may require councils quite different in structure from councils in urban communities. Where parishes have mission churches or where parishes are “clustered,” the composition of the councils serving such parishes will be specific to their particular needs.

Purpose: The council should establish objectives, goals and strategies. It should also encourage, coordinate and evaluate the work of the various ministries and committees of the parish.

Through reflection, planning, animation and action, the parish pastoral council encourages these ministries and services that are needed for the growth of the living parish community. Thus the council must carefully consider the needs of the faithful and search for the means that will adequately respond to those needs.

The council does not, however, become involved in the day-to-day details of running the parish. The implementation of the council recommendations is entrusted to the parish staff, ministries and committees.

The responsibilities of the parish pastoral council does not take away from the continued mission and responsibilities of the parish as a whole. Each baptized parish member remains responsible in his or her own way for the mission of the parish.

Catholic Women’s League Meeting

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



A Message from Father Christian

As we approach Holy Week I am pleased to see so many of you coming forward to help make this blessed time so special. Servers, lectors, choir, plans for flowers - I will pray for the continued generosity of your time.

Saying this, you know that I am still looking to form a Parish Council and although I am pleased to have received some response, more people are needed. I encourage you to become interested in being a part of the go-forward plan for St. John’s. Please submit a letter of interest by March 31, 2023 and deliver to our office or send by email to stjohnstphil@gmail.com If you have questions, please feel free to speak to me.

I also 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



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.

Stations of the Cross Every Friday at 5 p.m. During Lent at St. John’s.

Thank you for your continued support

March 19, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,628.75	\$146.00
Loose	\$80.50	
Fuel	\$20.00	
Easter Flowers	\$170.00	
Lighting	\$230.00	
Electronic fund transfer	\$4,020.35	\$175.00
Donation	\$30.00	



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