

**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.

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# The Second Sunday of Lent - March 5, 2023

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## Second Sunday of Lent

### St John Parish

Saturday, March 4

5:00 p.m. - † June Dailey

Sunday, March 5

10:30 a.m. - † Gelaldine Whalen

† Michael MacDonald

### St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m. - For the People

## WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, March 7

8:30 a.m. - † Myrtle O'Connor

Wednesday, March 8

8:30 a.m. - † Kally McCarney

Thursday, March 9

8:30 a.m. - Special intentions

Friday, March 10

8:30 a.m. - † Catherine Harper

## 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

## Today's Readings:

**First Reading** - The calling of Abraham, father of the people of God

**Responsorial Psalm** - *Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.*

**Second Reading** - God called us to be holy and gives us life and immortality through the Gospel,

**Gospel Reading** - Jesus' face shone like the sun.



## 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 Ellen Mangan.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Ray O'Neill - brother-in-law of Ann O'Neill.



## Easter Flowers for the Altar

Altar Flowers

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.

## Catholic Women's League Meeting

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



## **READINGS for next week- March 12th - Third Sunday of Lent**

<b>First Reading:</b>	<b>Exodus 17.3--7</b>
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	<b>Ps 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9(R.7c+8a)</b>
<b>Second Reading:</b>	<b>Romans 5.1-2, 5-8</b>
<b>Gospel:</b>	<b>John 4.5-42</b>

## **Ministry Schedules:**

	<u>March 11</u>	<u>March 12</u>
<u>St. John</u>		
Rosary:	Mary Haesler	
Greeters/Ushers:	June Nalon	Gerry Brosso
Lector:	Ann O'Neill	Yvonne Harper
Holy Communion	Ann O'Neill	Anastasia Cliffe
<u>St. Philomena</u>		<u>March 12</u>
Lector:		Dianne Dowling
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.

Firstly, I am looking at 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).

Next on the list is the forming of a Church Choir again. To get this started I am suggesting that those interested just go up to the choir loft a few minutes before any of the following Saturday Masses: March 4 and 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.

Lastly, I am seeking to enlist parishioners to be altar servers, in particular: boys and girls, youths, Catholic women and men.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Father Christian*



## **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."

## **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 a cheque in an envelope along with your name, address and specify "for lighting". A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end. Thank you.

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

The ladies of the CWL of St John 's and St Philomena will be set up each Sunday at the back of the church to sell ticket for an Easter 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.

## **Envelopes or Pre-Authorized Giving or Both?**

Our parish offers 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.

## **Thank you for your support**

Feb. 26, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,095.00	\$100.00
Catholic Missions	\$10.00	
Loose	\$90.00	
Fuel	\$95.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00	

**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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