

**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 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.

Joining the Choir:

You are always encouraged to sing at our Masses, but joining a choir is also rewarding. Contact the office for more information.

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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Ascension of Our Lord- May 21, 2023



Ascension of Our Lord

St John Parish

Saturday, May 20

5:00 p.m. - Carmelita Ravina

Sunday, May 21

10:30 a.m. - † Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Families

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, May 21

8:30 a.m. - Wilf Garrah

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

The Priests of the Diocese will be away on Retreat May 22 -26. Father Christian will be attending, therefore there will be no scheduled Masses during this time.



Pentecost Sunday

St John Parish

Saturday, May 27

5:00 p.m. - † Fr. Ed Keyes

Sunday, May 28

10:30 a.m. - † Maria Kim

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, May 28

8:30 a.m. - † Souls in Purgatory



The Pope's Intention for May

For church movements and groups

“We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.”

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, Olive Schijns, and Dianne Hebert.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Robert Wright, husband of Betty.

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin. Let us honour her in prayer:

May my heart burn with the love of thy Divine Son, and of thee, His blessed Mother, not for a month alone, but for time and eternity; may I thirst for the promotion of His honour and thine, and contribute, as far as I can, to its extension. Receive me, O Mary, the refuge of sinners! Grant me a Mother's blessing and a Mother's care, now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.



READINGS FOR May 28, Pentecost Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2.1-11

Responsorial Ps: Ps. 104.1ab+24ac,29b-30, 31+34(R.30)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20.19-23

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

May 27

May 28

Rosary:

Mary Haesler

Greeters/Ushers:

Marlyn Jacobson

First Communion Candidates

Lector:

Lorraine O'Meara

First Communion Candidates

Holy Communion

Marlene Sirosky

Anastasia Cliffe

St. Philomena

May 28

Lector:

Bonnie Ottenhof

Holy Communion:

Fr. Christian



RETURNING TO MASS AT PENTECOST - the following is an excerpt from the March 29th letter received from Archbishop Michael Mulhall to all parishes: “ During the pandemic, the Sunday Obligation was impeded and needed to be fulfilled in other ways. I thank God that this situation has now changed and the reasons that have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. The challenge before us now is the restoration of the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. Sunday is a weekly gift from God to His people. It is not something that we can do without. The Sunday Eucharist is food for each one of us in our personal lives, and in the unique task with which we have been entrusted.

I understand there are still some members of the faithful who, for reasons of health, do not yet feel able to return to Mass. It has always been the teaching of the Church that it is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation when a Catholic is impeded from attending Mass in person because of situations such as ill health or care for the sick. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefited from the online streaming of the mass but “Virtual Masses” online or on television do not fulfill the Sunday Obligation, even while they are a source of continued spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person (such as those who are elderly and sick), to whom the obligation does not apply.

We are a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. I invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person this ***Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023***. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed by His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, we receive the grace and strength to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives. It is to be the foundation stone of our lives, bringing together every aspect of our life and mission. In the days to come let us cultivate a deeper desire for the Real Presence of the Lord. The eucharistic us the cause of our deepest joy, enabling us to offer our profoundest thanks to God.”

Praying the Holy Rosary



The Rosary will be said before each weekday Mass during the month of May. When attending these masses please consider volunteering to lead the Rosary. A brief explanation of the Rosary can be found in your Sunday missal on page 570.

The Pope’s Pastoral Works - May 21

Prominent among aid to the poor is the financial help offered by the Holy Father to people in need. The old question always returns: “How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods, and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?” (1 John 3.17)

Pray for the Children of St. Joseph Catholic School who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Pray for their teachers.

“God of all goodness, like a loving parent you care for all our needs. We place all our hope and trust in you. Help us to live in the joy and peace that your son, Jesus, brings us. Amen”

Upcoming Events for Students of St. Joseph School

Wednesday, May 24 - Retreat for First Communion candidates
 Sunday, May 28 - 10:30 a.m. - First Communion
 Wednesday May 31 - Retreat for Confirmation candidates
 Saturday, June 3 - 5:00 p.m. - Confirmation

CONFESSION TIMES

Confessions will now be held one half hour before Mass on Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment.



May 7/23	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,387.00	\$185.00
Loose	\$90.00	
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