

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE

ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND

ST. PATRICK – LANSDOWNE

ST. BRENDAN - ROCKPORT

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**Welcome 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 Saturday Mass or by appointment with Father Christian.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday Mass at St. John's.

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact the office to make an appointment with Father Christian at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form and information on the requirements of this sacrament.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemeteries:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Join 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.

St Joseph Elementary School:

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 24, 2025

The Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Parish - Father Brian McNally

Sat., Aug 23 - 4:30 p.m. - † Mary Alice Carlucci

Sun., August 24 - 10:30 a.m.- † Al Beaupre

St. Brendan Parish - Father Brian McNally

Sat., August 23 - 6 p.m.- † Mrs. Bea Adair



St. Patrick Parish - Father Brian McNally

Sunday, August 24 - 9 a.m. - † Intentions of Meg & Mike Ringer

The Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Parish - Father Brian Price

Sat., Aug 30 - 4:30 p.m. - † Alfred Rose

Sun., Aug 31 - 10:30 a.m.- † Nicola & Rosaria Nero

NOTICE

After August 24th Masses at St. Patrick and St. Brendan are suspended until further notice.

Weekday Masses at St. John's are suspended until further notice. The church will be open during office hours for prayer.

Tuesday evening Masses at St. Philomena are suspended until further notice.

A 9:00 a.m.- Mass ONLY will be celebrated by Father Jon Kusyk at St. John Parish on both September 7th and 14th.

Note that at this time, we have no information on a replacement priest and await further notification from the Archbishop's office. Please pray for guidance of the Holy Spirit for a replacement for St. John, St. Philomena, St. Patrick and St. Brendan.

Prayer For Vocations O God, you have chosen the Apostles to make disciples of all nations and by Baptism and Confirmation have called all of us to build up your Holy Church. We earnestly implore you to choose from among us, your children, many priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters who will love you with their whole heart and will gladly spend their entire lives to make you known and loved by all. *Amen.*

The Pope's intention for August



For mutual coexistence.

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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 & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Judy Weir, Colleen Buchanan and Carol Laclair.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, refuge of sinners,

I beg of you by the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and by the graces God has granted to you since your Immaculate Conception, the grace of never going astray again.



Mother, keep me, a sinner, constantly bathed in the light of your Immaculate Heart. Amen.

A sincere thank you to

Father Brian McNally

for celebrating masses for us this weekend.



**Children's Liturgy
will resume Sunday
Sept 14th**

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

My dear brothers and sisters: With a heart filled with mixed emotions, I write this farewell message to express my deep gratitude and affection as I prepare to return to my homeland of Nigeria. It is with a sense of both sadness and excitement that I bid farewell to the beloved parish communities of St. John, St. Patrick, St. Philomena, and St. Brendan.

As I reflect upon my time here, I cannot help but be overwhelmed by the countless blessings and graces that God has bestowed upon me. Each day, I have witnessed the power of faith and the transformative love of our Lord working through the lives of each one of you. No matter the distance that separates us, God continues to unite us through the celebration of the Mass, for we all share and participate in the one Mass that is celebrated in Heaven for all eternity. I pray that you continue to grow in faith, so that Jesus Christ in the Eucharist will truly be the source and summit of your lives.

God Bless, Father Christian

Central Deanery Holy Year Celebration

On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sunday, September 14th, 3:30 pm, St. Mary's Cemetery.

All are invited to participate in the pilgrimage at St. Mary's Cemetery, 718 Division Street, Kingston, ON, K7K 4B9. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried in procession to the altar for Adoration and Benediction, accompanied by the priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and all parishes, with banners, vested altar servers, Catholic Women's League members wearing their scarves, Knights of Columbus with their insignia, parishioners, and visitors. Those with mobility issues are invited to bring chairs and be seated near the altar, awaiting Our Lord's Eucharistic Presence. Hats and umbrellas are recommended for the weather. Parish Music Ministries will form the choir, leading the singing and serving the liturgy.

This Deanery Pilgrimage provides the opportunity to praise and worship God in the Blessed Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and to receive the indulgences of Benediction, visiting the cemetery, and the Holy Year of Jubilee. May this Central Deanery celebration praise God and bless all who participate as Pilgrims of Hope. All are welcome.



St. John/St. Philomena CWL is selling tickets on this little gem. Handcrafted and donated by Frank Fair, this model of a old gas station will be a delight for any youngster or a youngster at heart!

The Draw will be after Mass on September 7, 2025. Ticket are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.



Upcoming Events

September 07, 2025 at 12:00 noon St. John/St. Philomena Annual CWL Luncheon at the Curling Club in Gananoque. Tickets are now on sale at the back of the church. \$20 per person. Bring a friend!



This fall the CWL will be collecting socks, mitts and toques. Start collecting or knitting!

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John's.

Here at St. John's we have a second collection where by we ask for loose change that you might have in your pocket/wallet/purse. We call it the **Loonie/Toonie** collection. It is a contribution to our building/maintenance fund. Thus far in 2025 we have accumulated **\$3,997**. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

Offerings	St. John August 17	St. Philomena August 19
Regular Offering	\$1,602.00	\$160.00
Loose cash	\$405.20	\$20.00
Electronic fund transfer	\$3,788.35	
RESTORATION:		
Building Fund	\$68.00	
Loonie/Toonie	\$443.65	



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