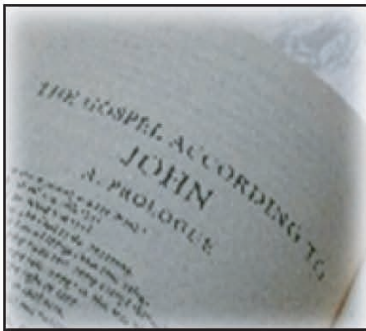


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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Welcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends, and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



MAY THE BLESSINGS and love of our Heavenly Father be yours in abundance today and everyday!



New Parishioners:

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

Reconciliation:

- 3:45 - 4:45 pm Saturday or anytime by appointment. Please call the parish office.

Rosary:

- Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

Marriage:

- Those who are planning to enter into the sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Dale at least 9 - 12 months in advance.

Baptism:

- Please contact Father Dale to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

Children's Liturgy:

- Children's Liturgy for young children is held during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass from September to June.

Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle:

- The Church is open every day from 8 am to 4 pm for quiet prayer. Please use side entrances.

Join our Choirs (voice and instrumental):

- Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays at 7 pm
- Funeral Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For the Sick and Shut-ins:

- Please contact Father Dale Wright if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. The Sacrament of the Sick is available upon request.

St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:

- Please contact the parish office for more information.

Bequests to the Parish:

- Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School:

- Principal: Tracy O'Brien
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9
613.382.2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 - 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 9 5:00 pm - † Irene Gavin
Sunday, Dec. 10 10:30 am - Special intention for
Gerry Levesque

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 10 8:30 am - † Brian Dwyre

St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Monday, Dec. 11 No Mass
Tues., Dec. 12 - 8:00 am - Special intention for
Christopher
Wed., Dec. 13 - 8:00 am - † Colin Prior
Thurs., Dec. 14 - 8:00 am - † Patrick McDonald
Fri., Dec. 15 - 8:00 am — For your intentions

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 16 5:00 pm - † Ronald Steblea
Sunday, Dec. 17 10:30 am - † Jack Mulcair

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 17 8:30 am - Special intention for
Father Ed Keyes

Christmas Schedule at St. John - Gananoque

Regular Sunday Mass: Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5 pm
Regular Sunday Mass: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 am
Christmas Eve Mass: Sunday, Dec. 24 - 5 pm / 10 pm
Christmas Day Mass: Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 am

Christmas Schedule St. Philomena - Howe Island

Regular Sunday Mass: Sunday, Dec. 24 at 8:30 am
Christmas Eve Mass: Sun. Dec. 24 - 7:30 pm

THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR ME: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially those who we hold dear in our hearts including **Mary Ellen Douglas, Shelley Hunt from Kingston, Tracey Ferguson and Joan Thorne.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *We pray for Barbara Woodman.*

TODAY - Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 pm - 3 pm: Confessions at St. John's Church



TODAY - TODAY - Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm: "The Birth of Jesus - A Franciscan Christmas"

Here at St. John the Evangelist Church

This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by The Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation on the "Birth of Jesus" promises to be a high point

in our Advent season. **Goodwill donation.**

The Christmas mystery play is not a Christmas pageant, but attempts to portray the events surrounding the Lord's birth as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocent (because of this, it may not be for small children). **Come with family, friends and neighbours to this wonderful play.**

Saturday, December 16

Rosary: Barbara Lynch Gifts: Lorraine & Steve O'Meara
Lector: Joy O'Neill Greeters: Linda Beaupre/Jack Keyes
Holy Communion: Sharon Carmichael

Sunday, December 17

Carveth: Sharon Sullivan & Monique Girard
Greeters: St. Joseph's Kindness Club
Lector: Niamh Egan Gifts: St. Joseph's Kindness Club
Holy Communion: Bernadette Egan
Children's Liturgy: Lori Kidd-Velkova

At St. Philomena for Sunday, December 17

Reader: Natalie Guindon Holy Communion: Dianne Dowling



Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes

will be sold at St. John's Church-Gananoque after all Masses on **Dec. 9/10.**

For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake; or bar cake for \$18.00. Also offered is an all-natural and hand-made chocolate bars from the COCO chocolate company. They make great Christmas gifts! Parish Contact: Gerry Brosso 613-382-1084.



Donations of Cookies and Squares! Do you have a great cookie recipe you enjoy baking and would love to share these cookies with others? If you do not bake anymore - store bought cookies are great too! The Catholic Women's League will once again hold their **Cookies for**

Homebound/Shut-ins. Your squares or cookies may be delivered to St. John's Church at the office any time before noon on Wed., Dec. 13. The cookies will be repackaged into uniform containers starting at 1 pm in the sacristy. Volunteers required. Come out and have fun! Please call Mary Wray 613.382.2664 or Jo-Anne McReynolds 613.5416.4893.



Event: *Oh Holy Night Concert*

Date: NEXT Sunday, December 17th at 2 pm

Place: St. John the Evangelist Church

Cost: \$10 adults; \$5 children; \$25 family

Proceeds: Gananoque Food Bank

Come, enjoy and sing along with:

Carpe Musica, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir; Gananoque Youth Choir; The Brockville

Community Choir; St. Columbanus Church Choir; The Royal Theatre Singers; and our own St. John the Evangelist Church Choir & St. John Church Traditional Choir.

GAME IN 3 WEEKS - - 29 of 57 tickets sold.

Hockey Game on Saturday, January 6, 2018

Vancouver Canucks vs Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto

Tell your friends - Great Christmas Gift

\$210 per ticket includes ticket, transportation & dinner.

Bus leaving **Gananoque** St. John's Church parking lot 2 pm; **Kingston** Toys R Us parking lot 2:30 pm

Contact: Mary Elizabeth 613-382-9876. Tickets available after Mass/at the office.



THE SECOND SUNDAY
IN ADVENT:

PEACE



Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene The custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is

God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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COLLECTION - Dec. 3	St. John	St. Philomena
Offering Envelopes	\$1,527.00	\$1,245.00
Loose Collection	198.50	10.00
Fuel	755.00	138.00
Priests' Retirement	91.00	
Renovation	250.00	
Pre-Authorized this month Fri. Dec. 15, 2017		

JOB POSTING The Archdiocese is seeking a full-time receptionist for the offices of the Pastoral Centre in Kingston. Please see our website for details www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

The annual Campaign Life Coalition Candlelight Vigil on the feast of the Holy Innocents on Thursday, December the 28th will NOT be held at Kingston General Hospital this year. The Ontario Government passed legislation to prevent any pro-life demonstration within 50 meters of hospitals or aboutraries which commit abortions. We will continue to remember our own present day "innocents" who are killed daily at Kingston General Hospital by the sin of abortion. On the Feast Holy Innocents Thursday, December 28, 2017 there will be Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. Please join us. Info: Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.



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