

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

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm

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!



Reconciliation:

- 4:15 - 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 Amato
at least 6 months in advance.

Baptism:

- Please contact Father Amato 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

- Are you an adult who has not been baptized or who
would like to explore being received into Full
Communion in the Catholic Church? If so, this
program is for you. Please contact the parish office.

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.

New Parishioners:

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

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 Amato 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
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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Sunday, December 11, 2016

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 10 -

5:00 pm at St. John - **Lappan & Mary O'Hearn**

Sunday, December 11 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Geoff Hobbs**

10:30 am at St. John - **Marcie Beaubien**

Monday, Dec. 12 at 8 am:

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Anastasia McGlade**

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 8 am: *Memorial of St. Lucy*

Deceased family members of the DiSalvo family

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - No Mass

Thursday, Dec. 15 at 8 am: **Edward & Betty Taylor**

Friday, Dec. 16

School Mass at 9:45 am: **Tim Prior**

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 17 -

5:00 pm at St. John - **Jack Mulcair**

Sunday, December 18 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Paul Simoneau**

10:30 am at St. John - **Frank Princ**

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to stjohnsgananoque.ca



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IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially George Javornik, Angela Keyes and for fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Dick O'Neill.

2016 Christmas & New Year Schedule:

St. John's in Gananoque

Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 5 pm & 10 pm

Sun. Dec. 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am

Sat. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 5:00 pm

Sun. Jan. 1 New Year's Day 10:00 am

St. Philomena's on Howe Island

Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 7:30 pm

Sat. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 7:30 pm

Christmas Cakes/Chocolate

Delicious custom baked Christmas Cakes made by the monks and chocolate will be sold at St. John's Church-Gananoque after all Masses this weekend **December 10 & 11**. For a donation of \$25.00 to Campaign Life Coalition's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake. We also have a regular bar cake for \$15.00 They make great Christmas gifts! Parish Contact: Gerry Brosso 613-382-1084.



Volunteer at Breakfast Club

St. Joseph's School is looking for a breakfast club volunteer on Friday mornings. If you are interested, please call 613.382.2361.

Come and be among family and friends to hear beautiful choir music!

**Once in Royal David's City
A Christmas Celebration in Song**

Presented by St. John the Evangelist Choir of Gananoque

**NEXT Sunday, December 18th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
St. John's Church: 270 Stone Street South**

Featuring Seven Choirs: St. Columbanus Church Choir, Elgin; St. Paul the Apostle Church, Kingston; and from Gananoque: St. John's Church Choir; Carpe Musica; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir; Youth Choir & Gananoque Choral Society.

Tickets at the Door: Suggested Donation is: **\$10/Adult and \$5/Children**
Food Donations for the Food Bank are also welcomed

Proceeds are being donated to the Help Raise the Curtain Campaign for the Royal Theatre Thousand Islands owned by Frayne & Kevin, volunteer musicians at every Sunday Mass at St. John's. Let us show our appreciation to Frayne & Kevin for sharing their talent.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Reconciliation – Thursday, Dec. 15

Father Amato will be in the Church in the **Daytime: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Father Amato and Father Justin will be in the Church in the **Evening: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Flowers for our Loved Ones – Please send Forms by Monday, December 19

Each year to enhance the celebration of the Birth of Christ we purchase poinsettias and other decorations for St. John's and St. Philomena's.

We are inviting parishioners to consider **Remembering Our Loved Ones** through donations for these items. The names of those remembered will be published in a special booklet for the Christmas season. To participate, please pick up a form on the table. Please make cheques payable to St. John's or St. Philomena's Church with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line or on envelope. Clearly write the names of your loved ones on the form. Return your donation to the office or via the collection basket. Any excess funds will be used for flowers for future special liturgical feasts.



Hear the Good News - A Christmas Message

Tune in to 99.9 MyFM to hear Father Amato broadcasting over the airwaves. See our Christmas and New Year's schedule printed in the Gananoque Reporter and EMC. Share the joy! Spread the news! Invite your family and friends to join us on Sundays & Christmas Season.

A Christmas Community Dinner will take place at the FoxRun Retirement Centre on Christmas Day. Social Hour Noon until 1 pm followed by full turkey dinner with all trimmings at 1 pm. Seniors or persons in the community who will be alone on Christmas and who wish to join in a family style dinner on this special day are most welcome. Rides to and from dinner for anyone who needs one is available. There is no charge for the dinner. However, anyone who would like to donate something for our local food bank is welcome to do so. Please contact FoxRun at [613 382 8448](tel:6133828448) for a ride and/or to reserve your seating. Take a poster available at the back of the church.

2017 Church Offering Envelopes Your envelopes are ready. Please verify the address as soon as possible as this is the address used to forward the tax receipt. Need envelopes - please call the office. As some numbers were re-assigned, **please do not use these new envelopes until January 2016.**

2016 Sunday Dec. 4	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,129.00	\$404.50
Loose	\$182.70	\$20.00
Restoration	\$405.00	
Priests' Retirement	\$50.00	

Next Debit: Dec. 15 & Dec. 22 (for Christmas)

December Contribution Envelopes: Fuel, Building Maintenance; Christmas. Thank you!

In the New Year: Why continue to search weekly for the correct change? - Join the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan by completing the Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Thurs. Dec. 15th and 2nd Debit Christmas Offering Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016. **Reminder to pick up your Offertory Box for 2017 containing other envelopes.**

Reminder to pick up your package on the back table

DEC. 17 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Anne Warren

Reader: Judy Weir

Greeters: Bill & Sherry Turcotte

Gifts: Yvon & Dianne Ouellet

Holy Communion: Anne O'Neill

Advent Candle: Volunteer please!

DEC. 18 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Dianne Dowling

Holy Communion: Steve Garrah

DEC 18 AT 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: M. Jacobsen/B. Mabee

Greeters: Linda Beaupre & Anne Brennan

Gifts: Mike & Doris Prior

Reader: Wilma Turcotte

Holy Communion: June Nalon

Junior: Jacey Kellar

Advent Candle: James Kellar & family

Spend quiet time with the Lord - only six minutes a day. The Little Blue Book offers wonderful writings. What have you learn today?

Cookies for Shut-Ins Baking Time!



The Catholic Women's League enjoys visiting and handing out Christmas treats to our Shut-ins. Everyone is welcome to bake with family and friends and bring squares/cookies to St. John's Church's office before the 15th or directly to the sacristy on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The cookies will be repackaged into uniform containers. Thank you from the members of the Catholic Women's League. Call Jo-Anne for information 613.546.4893 and if you know someone who would love some cookies. **Meeting: Dec. 14 6:30 pm**

Lord Jesus,

Please forgive me for being so grumpy as I trudge through the never-ending tasks set before me this holiday season...

My to-do list seems to keep growing with shopping, church services, and family gatherings-- and I'm running short of time!

Restore the joy of Christmas to my heart . . . and help me to relax each day and make time for YOU - my one true Source of Joy.

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