

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
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Third Sunday of Advent-December 13, 2015

3rd CANDLE - (pink)

THE SHEPHERD CANDLE or THE CANDLE OF JOY -

The angels sang a message of JOY! "... and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son."

Sat., Dec. 12 5 pm Hugh & Anastasia McGlade

Sunday, Dec. 13

St. Philomena 8:30 am Mike Finn / Geoff Hobbs
St. John 10:30 am Red & Bernice McCann

Monday, Dec. 14: *Feast of St. John of the Cross*
8 am Devotion to the nine Choirs of Holy Angels

Tuesday, Dec. 15: 8 am Ernie & Doris Bovey

Wednesday, December 16: NO MASS

Thursday, December 17: 8 am Jack Mulcair

Friday, December 18: 8 am Dennis Smith

Saturday, Dec. 19 5 pm Loretta O'Meara

Sunday, December 20

St. Philomena 8:30 am Brian Dwyre
St. John 10:30 am Ruth Pritchard

Hello to our parishioners and to our newcomers. We hope you find great joy and friendship in our parish.

St. John: Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: Anne O'Neill Lector: Dianne Hebert
Greeters: Ron and Anneke Thompson
Gifts: to be chosen by greeters
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: June Nalon
Lighting the Advent Wreath: Molly Graham

St. John: Sunday, Dec. 20 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: Sharon Carmichael & Budgie Mabee
Lector: Suzanne McDonald
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Mary Eliz. McDonald
Gifts: to be chosen by greeters
Greeters: John and Dolly Cornish
Children's Liturgy: Natasha Medd
Lighting the Advent Wreath: Mara McShane

St. Philomena: Sunday, Dec. 20 - 8:30 am

Lector: Linda Pilszak
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Dianne Dowling

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of
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**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.

+ IN OUR PRAYERS + We remember family & friends who have died recently including Sr Mary Fidelis SP. + We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the Lord Grant Them Eternal Rest + We pray for *healing, peace and contentment* for our sick, especially Bob Bird, Ken Wand, and Dawn Tennant.

On December 8, Pope Francis inaugurated the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** and opened the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. The Holy Father is asking that, in every diocese, there also be a celebration of the Rite of Opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church, so that all can participate and obtain the indulgences promised in this Jubilee Year. St. Mary's Cathedral will open the **Holy Door Sunday, Dec. 13**.



Flowers for our Loved Ones - Please send Forms by Monday, December 21

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.



St. John's Cemetery Committee is proud to announce that a new Columbarium has been installed at our cemetery. This wonderful addition is a structure which contains niches, a safekeeping place for urns holding a person's cremated remains. The committee agreed to purchase a columbarium since families are increasingly turning to cremation as a way to care for their loved ones after death. The purchase of the columbarium has been made possible by a donation through the estate of John and Eileen Bulger. There will be more information forthcoming regarding pricing for the niches.

Thank you for all your help and support for the efforts of Campaign Life Coalition in the cause for Life. We thank all those who bought our Christmas Cakes and contributions to our Coins for Life collection. I truly pray that God will grant you every blessing for peace and happiness as we celebrate the birth of Christ and continued blessings through the New Year.

- Gerry Brosso

Parish Support - Thank you!

December 6, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,684.00	\$544.50
Loose	\$129.06	\$1.00
Restoration	\$310.00	
Fuel	\$778.00	\$376.00

December Pre-Authorized Plan (Dec. 15)
(Dec. 22 for Christmas offering)

December's Collections: Restoration Fund; Fuel and Christmas Offering

A Christmas CD has been produced by Fr. Di Rocco and the parishioners of Elgin and Westport. Soloists include Monique Marchand and Sr. Jeanne Marie, and Fr. Di Rocco. The cover photo is by Fred Happy who kindly gave permission to use it. \$20 + \$3 postage. Copies are available in Elgin and Westport and from Fr. Di Rocco personally. Email steds@kingston.net

PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE:

Cookies for Shut-Ins Baking Time!

Christmas Baking needed - We would like to give Christmas cheer to our Shut-ins. Bake with family and friends and bring squares or cookies to St. John's Church (at the office, in the sacristy or in the Church) by Wednesday, Dec. 16 at noon. The cookies will be repackaged into uniform containers. Thank you from the members of the Catholic Women's League. Call Wilma at 613.382.5282 for pick-up or information.



There will be an **Ecumenical Blue Christmas Service** at Christ Church Anglican Church on Sunday, December 20th at 7 pm. This Service is a great help for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. It consists of readings, hymns and reflections. Christmas is such a difficult time of the year when we have lost a husband, wife, family member or friend. Gathering together with others is a way of coming to terms with a loss as well as helping us to continue in our journey. Clipart: www.murphyscovenantchurch.org



Sing Out Loud on Christmas Day You are invited to join your voice to our choirs this Christmas: Come early and join in the singing 15-20 minutes before the 5 pm and 10 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, join the Choir (in pew or come up to choir loft) to sing during the Christmas Day Mass at 10 am. Following the Mass we will break into a Carol Sing-a-long. Familiar songs will include Joy to the World, Oh Holy Night, Silent Night, Go Tell It on the Mountain & more. Lyrics are available. It is for fun! It is to celebrate this great day!

December's Scheduling for Confessions

St. John the Apostle, Kingston: Sun., Dec. 13 at 1:00 pm
Holy Family Church, Kingston: Sun., December 13 at 3pm
St. Mary's Cathedral: Sunday, December 20 at 3 pm
Christmas Schedule at St. John the Evangelist
Thursday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve: 5 pm & 10 pm
Friday, Dec. 25th Christmas Day at 10 am
Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve at 5 pm
Friday, Jan. 1st New Year's Day at 10 am
St. Philomena's - Howe Island
Thursday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve at 7:30 pm
Thursday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve at 7:30 pm

The Board and Staff at St. Mary's Cemetery join with you in remembering your loved ones entrusted to our care at a Mass being offered for the Deceased and their Families on Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish, Palace Road, Kingston.

Copies of the Office of **Youth Ministry Newsletter** written by Nadia Gundert, our Archdiocese of Kingston's Youth Ministry Coordinator, are available at the entrance of the Church. Read about Young Adult News; Youth Ministry Resources on Advent and Christmas and much more.

Spend quiet time with the Lord - only six minutes a day. The Little Blue Book offers wonderful writings. Did you open yours today?

2016 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 2015.**

A Christmas Community Dinner will take place at the FoxRun Retirement Centre on Christmas Day from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Guests may arrive anytime after 12:30 pm for a glass of punch and a cheese appetizer. 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 let them know you will be coming for dinner.

Holy Innocents Candlelight Vigil will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 from 7 pm until 8 pm in front of Kingston General Hospital. At this time, during the Christmas Season, we remember the Holy Innocents, the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child. We will gather to pray for our "innocents", the more than 35,000 babies killed at KGH by the sin of abortion. Please join us at 6:45 p.m. on the hill across from KGH (Stuart St.) for prayers and hymns. If possible, please bring your own candle in a glass jar (flashlight for children).

Pre-Authorized Debit at St. John and at St. Philomena To join, complete a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan 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 Tuesday, Dec. 15th and 2nd Debit Christmas Offering Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015.

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