

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE  
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND  
ST. PATRICK – LANSDOWNE  
ST. BRENDAN - ROCKPORT**

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**Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**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 5:00 p.m. 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:**

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9  
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# Third Sunday of Advent - December 14, 2024

## **MASS SCHEDULE**



### **Third Sunday Of Advent**

#### **St. John Parish**

Saturday, December 14 - 5:00 p.m. - Wilma Turcotte

Sunday, December 15 - 10:30 a.m. - † Ronald Moran

#### **St. Patrick's Parish**

Sunday, December 15 - 9:00 a.m. - † Ed Lappan

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tuesday, December 17 - 11 a.m. - Mass at Carveth

#### **St. John Parish**

Wed., December 18 - 8:30 a.m. - Special Intention

Thurs., December 19 - 8:30 a.m. - † Anastasia & Hugh  
McGlade

Friday, December 20 - 8:30 a.m. - † Donna Brown

### **Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

#### **St. John Parish**

Saturday, December 21 - 5:00 p.m. - † Bruneau  
Dionne

Sunday, December 22 - 10:30 a.m. - † Pixie Wilder

#### **St. Patrick's Parish**

Sunday, December 22 - 9:00 a.m. - † Mara King



Confessions are held one half hour before Mass on Saturdays or by appointment.

### **PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS**

#### **Prayer to St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### **Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations**

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

### **December: For Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."



### **IN YOUR PRAYERS**

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to theirs caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Fr Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Joanne Sneider, Wayne Ocolisan, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Jim Knudson. and Tracie Yuille.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**



#### **St. John Parish**

Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

#### **St Patrick Parish**

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

### **PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

O Sacrament Most Holy! O Sacrament Divine!  
All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment  
Thine. (*Repeat three times*)

#### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of  
Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me. Within Your wounds hide  
me. Suffer me not to be separated from You. From  
the malicious enemy, defend me. At the hour of  
death, call me, And bid me come unto You that with  
your saints I may live with You forever in Heaven.  
Amen.



**Sing to the Glory of The Lord!**  
Come early to the Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass! Starting at 9:15 p.m. Kevin John Saylor and Frayne McCarthy will be offering you a repertoire of Christmas hymns and carols. Enjoy the music and song of old favourites of the season.

**Transformation Night**

**(Our Lady of Divine Fire Mission)**

Wednesday, January 29, 2025; 7:00-9:30 pm  
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church (1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd., Kingston) Experience the “Transforming Power of the Steadfast Love of God”. Nancy Steele (www.nasteele.ca), author and recent keynote speaker at the 2024 Women’s Fall Retreat has a heart to help people grasp just how much God loves them. The evening will begin with Adoration and worship with song. After Nancy’s presentation there will be an opportunity for personal prayer ministry from the Encounter School of Ministry graduates.  
NO CHARGE. For more information email: [kingston@encounterschool.org](mailto:kingston@encounterschool.org)

**St. Rita’s Drop-in Centre St. Mary’s Cathedral**

**Outreach** to the homeless and poor of the city. 1:00-3:30 pm., Mon. to Fri. Providing safety, great food, showers, and good Christian hospitality and dignity. Inquiries: [paty@stmaryscathedral.ca](mailto:paty@stmaryscathedral.ca)

**Please pick up your 2025 offering envelopes.**

You will find them at the south side at the back of the church. If you can not find one with your name on it or if some of the information is incorrect please contact the office at 613-382-2017. Thank you.



**Christmas Decorations for the Altar**

Please consider donating toward the Christmas decorations for St. John’s. You can do this in a dedication “in memory” of a loved one and /or “In Thanksgiving” for you and your family. Forms can be found at the back of the church. Once completed, place in the envelope labelled for Christmas decoration donation. Enter your envelope number if applicable. Place in the collection by December 18<sup>th</sup>. A pamphlet will then be compiled for Christmas. Thank you.



**Children’s Liturgy is offered at St. John’s during Mass on Sundays.**

**The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women’s League**



Last chance to buy your ticket our fabulous **Christmas Food Basket.**



\$5 each or 3 for \$10

Basket includes a \$100 food gift certificate, canned vegetables & soups, packaged stuffing & gravy, cranberry sauce, fruit cake, cookies, various chocolates & mints, serviettes and paper plates and 1 bottle white and 1 bottle red of wine.

Draw held after Mass on Dec 15<sup>th</sup>

The next regular CWL meeting will be held in the sacristy at St. John’s on

**January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**

Note the new time. Everyone is welcome.

**Have some fun for \$1**

**Guess how many candies in the jar?**

**Find us at the back of the church and buy a ticket to try your luck!**



**GANANOQUE FOOD BANK**



The Food Bank is currently in need of *Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal, Chunky Soups, Canned fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meats-Ham, Chicken, Fruit juice-Canned, Bottle or tetra packs* Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule.

Thank you for your continued support!

Dec 8th	St. John	St. Philomena
<b>Regular Offering</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Loose cash</b>	<b>\$73.25</b>	
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$290.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Christmas Decorations</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>	
<b><u>RESTORATION:</u></b>		
<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>\$240.00</b>	
<b>Loonie/Toonie</b>	<b>\$116.60</b>	



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