

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

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Parish Secretaries: Lise Emmerson - Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm
Cecilia Curran - Thursday and Friday from 8 am to 4 pm

**Welcome to our 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:

- 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:

- Couples 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 September to June during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.

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

- Please contact the parish office.

Join our Choirs (voice and instrumental):

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

For the Sick and Shut-ins:

- The Sacrament of 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 thru the nursing staff at hospitals for the priest on call.

Bequests 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. Envelopes located at Church entrance.

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School:

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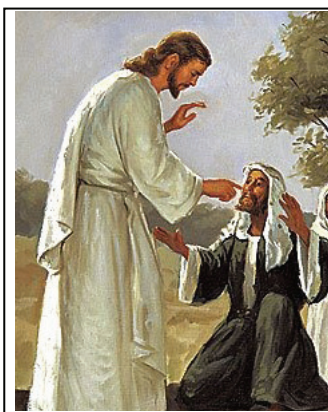
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Third Sunday of Advent - December 16th, 2018

The Shepherd Candle / The Candle of Joy

This week's intentions

Sat. Dec. 15	5:00 pm	† Earl McDonald
Sunday, Dec. 16	10:30 am	† Jack Mulcair
Monday, Dec. 17 – No Mass		
Tuesday, Dec. 18	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Wed., Dec. 19	8:00 am	† Donald Hardy
Thursday, Dec. 20	8:00 am	† For the repose of soul of Felimon Oliquiano Jr.
Friday, Dec. 21	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Carveth:	11:00 am	† Jean Leeder
Sat. Dec. 22	5:00 pm	Intentions of Y. Harper
Sunday, Dec. 23	10:30 am	Special Intentions
<u>St. Philomena Church Howe Island</u>		
Sunday, Dec. 16	8:30 am	† Francis O'Reilly
Sunday, Dec. 23	8:30 am	† David Hogan



Our Prayers to Give You Strength

The prayer support of the parish community can definitely help when you, a family member or close friend is facing a health issue, undergoing treatments, in palliative care. Please call the office to include a loved one on our list. **May the Lord grant healing and strength to all of our sick and support to their caregivers.** We pray for Paul O'Neill, Jason Portieous, Ken Stewart, parishioners, family, and friends.

Prayer for family & friends who have died recently and for our loved ones whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please remember family and friends who have entered into eternal life. May the Lord Grant Them Eternal Rest.

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Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper Position Posting at St. John the Evangelist Church/St. Philomena Church

As Lise Emmerson is moving on as of February 1, 2019 to bring her experience to a school environment, we are opening the following full-time position.

Description: Perform secretarial and bookkeeping duties for St. John the Evangelist Church in Gananoque & St. Philomena Church on Howe Island. Work site: St. John the Evangelist Church, 270 Stone St. S., Gananoque.

Closing Date: Friday, Jan. 4, 2018 at 3 pm.

Start Date: As soon as possible.

Hours/Salary: Full time, 37.5 hours per week; Mondays to Fridays; \$17.00 - \$21.00 dependent on experience; performance-based salary review after successful completion of three-month probationary period. Benefits offered.

Mail or hand deliver cover letter & resume in a sealed envelope to: St. John the Evangelist Church, ATTN: Hiring Committee, 270 Stone St. S., Gananoque, ON K7G 2A1 or through keys.ca/jobboard/listing.php?id=2742. *Thank you for your interest in this position.* We will only contact those applicants whose skills, knowledge and experience most closely match the requirements of the position. Two work-related references will be required at the time of an interview.

2019 Church Offering Envelopes

Your envelopes are ready. Need envelopes - please call the office. Reminder to Pre-Authorized parishioners that you also have a box for the extra offertory envelopes. Please destroy all unused 2018 envelopes at year-end. If you have moved, please confirm we have your new address by calling the office. Thank you for keeping our Churches alive!

Christmas Schedules

at St. John - Gananoque

Christmas Eve Mass:

Monday, Dec. 24th at 5 pm

Monday, December 24th at 10 pm

Christmas Day Mass:

Tuesday, December 25th at 10 am

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Christmas Eve Mass:

Monday, December 24th - 7:30 pm

All Masses offered for the people of the parish.



Confessions: You are invited to come:
St. John Church on Sunday, Dec. 16th at 3 pm

QUESTION REGARDING CONFESSIONS:

Why can't we pour our hearts out to Jesus on our knees instead of going to a priest?

WE CAN!!! THAT'S THE WHOLE BEAUTIFUL POINT!!! Jesus said to His disciples, the first priests - "who's sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven..." Stop and think about that a minute. Jesus knew that for the rest of time we would be sinning, even people who tried hard everyday to love God would fail sometimes.

If we want forgiveness from Him, all we have to do is ask. It can be anywhere, anytime. BUT He loves us so much, that he gave us a way to be sure beyond any doubt that we were forgiven. We hear the words of Jesus, spoken through the priest - "I absolve you of your sins..." It is not the priest here, but Jesus himself who speaks! The priest could be a worse sinner than you, it doesn't matter. He doesn't have the power to forgive because he is better, or holier. He has that power because he has been ordained to act "in persona Christi" or "in the person of Christ". Christ loved us so much that He left us priests, men who could speak to us in His name!

In order to be forgiven, we must be truly sorry. And yet Jesus in His mercy knows that sometimes we are sorry, but maybe only because we're afraid of hell, or feel bad, or something less than sorrow for offending Him. In Confession, it doesn't matter. As long as we confess that we have sinned, and have an intention to avoid sin in the future, we are forgiven. We have Christ's promise of that. **It's really a wonderful thing!**

<http://catholicforum.com>

Toronto Maple Leafs Trip

Thank you to Mary Elizabeth McDonald, Linda Beaupré and to Ian Hibbert (who travelled to Toronto) for your organization skills for this fun event.

A Beautiful Addition at the Cemetery Thank you to Dan and Donna McCauley for the donation of a beautiful bench now installed at St. John Catholic Cemetery. The inscription includes the Hail Mary and the prayer for Eternal Rest.

A reminder that the road at the cemetery will only be plowed for burials. Please do not enter if the road is not plowed or too soft to be driven on in order to reduce fixing costs.

	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$1,824.00	\$499.50
Loose	\$172.00	\$22.00
Fuel	\$280.00	
Priests' Retirement	\$20.00	
Restoration	\$370.00	

Flowers in memory of our Loved Ones/in Thanksgiving – Please send forms by next Sunday:



We are inviting parishioners to consider giving a donation towards flowers & greenery in memory of a loved one &/or in thanksgiving. Names of those remembered & our thanks will be published in a special booklet for the Christmas season. Complete and return your donation/form via the collection basket.

WIN A CHRISTMAS BASKET:

Buy your ticket for a "Christmas Basket" brimming with lots of Christmas decorations, sweet treats to eat and much, much more! \$5.00/ticket. Draw on Dec. 20. The basket will contain everything you'll need for a tasty Christmas dinner! Proceeds will support Catholic Women's League endeavours. Thank you & good luck!

SINGERS needed for both choirs. Please join for the Christmas Season!

Traditional Choir with Doug Gifford & choir

Tues., Dec. 25 at 10 am – Monday, Dec. 31 at 5 pm

Sat. January 5 at 5 pm

Saturday nights Jan 19 thru February 2019 (6 weeks)

Sunday Choir with Stephen Beardwood & choir

Sun. Dec. 23 at 10:30 am

Monday, Dec. 24 at 5 pm - Sunday, Dec. 30 at 10:30 am

Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 10 am

Feast Holy Innocents Friday, December 28, 2018, there will be Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. On this particular day of the Christmas Season, when we remember the Holy Innocents - the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child - we will gather to pray for our own "innocents", the thousands of victims of abortion. Please join us. For further information contact Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or Gerry Brosso at 613-382-1084.

Thank you for the beautiful music Thank you to all the musicians, choir directors and to their wonderful choirs for a beautiful Sing Songs of Joy concert held last weekend. \$361 for the Children's Breakfast Club Program.

Saturday, December 22

Rosary: Mary Haesler **Lector:** Joy O'Neill

Greeters: Tom and Sheila Petch

Holy Communion: Marlene Sirosky

Gifts: Anne Swinnard and Irene Tozer

Sunday, December 23

Carveth: Mary Wray and Steve Brennan

Lector: Judy Weir **Gifts:** Collectors

Holy Communion: Sharon Carmichael

Greeters: Emily Bernardino/Heather Bovey

St. Philomena

Sun. Dec. 23 Reader: Gordon Holy Communion: Marg

Mon., Dec. 24 Reader: Norma Holy Communion: Jim

Due to space, the Christmas Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Thank you so much for your help in the parish!



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