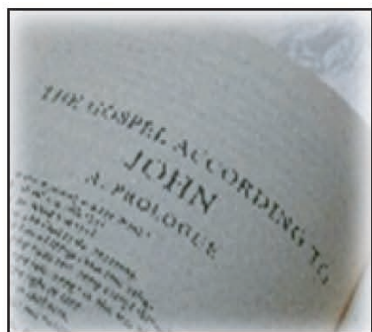


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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

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



**M**AY 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](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

#### **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:**

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017 - 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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

#### St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Monday, Dec. 18 No Mass  
Tues., Dec. 19 - 8:00 am - † John McMaster  
Wed., Dec. 20 - 8:00 am - † Joseph Hebert  
Thurs., Dec. 21 - 11:00 am - † Funeral Mass for  
Patricia Yates  
Fri., Dec. 22 - 8:00 am —For your special intentions

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23 5:00 pm - † Ruth Pritchard  
Sunday, Dec. 24 10:30 am - † Ann Bickerton

#### St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 24 8:30 am - Vincent Donnelly

## Christmas Schedules

### at St. John - Gananoque

Christmas Eve Mass:

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 10 pm

#### Christmas Day Mass:

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

### St. Philomena - Howe Island

#### Christmas Eve Mass:

Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm

*All Masses offered for the  
people of the parish.*



**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.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** *We pray for Patricia Yates and her family.*



**Event:** *Oh Holy Night Concert*

**Date:** TODAY Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

**Place:** St. John the Evangelist Church

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

**Call your Friends - Come, enjoy and sing along** with at least 7 beautiful choirs from Gananoque, Brockville, Kingston & Elgin.

**Proceeds:** Gananoque Food Bank

### 2018 Church Offering Envelopes

Your envelopes are ready. Please verify the address as this is the address used to forward the tax receipt. Need envelopes - please call the office. Reminder to Pre-Authorized parishioners that you also have a box for the extra offertory envelopes. As some numbers were re-assigned, **please do not use these new envelopes until January 2018.** Thank you for your donations.

#### Saturday, December 23 at 5 pm

Rosary: Dianne Ouellet

Gifts: Betty Turcotte & Frank Fair

Lector: Cheryl Gavin

Greeters: R. & A. Thompson

Holy Communion: John Gavin

#### Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 am

Greeters: P. Huntley & G. Brosso

Lector: D. Donaldson

Gifts: Duffy Family

Holy Communion: M. Jacobsen

Children's Liturgy: Everyone on deck!

#### St. Philomena Dec. 24 8:30

Reader: Linda

Holy Communion: Marg & Marilyn

#### Sunday, December 24 at 5 pm

Greeters: J. & P. Jansen

Gifts: R. & A. Thompson

Lector: Emma McShane

Holy Communion: S. & M.W.

Brennan and Sharon Carmichael

#### Sunday, December 24 at 10 pm

Greeters: Sherry & Betty Turcotte

Lector: Donna McCauley

Gifts: Steve & Lorraine O'Meara

Holy Communion: Budgie Mabee

#### Monday, Dec. 25 at 10 am

Greeters: D. Mills & C Milks

Lector: Katy Kenney

Gifts: Frank Fair and Anne Swinnard

Holy Communion: Joy O'Neill

*An invitation is sent out to you, your family (even little ones), neighbours and friends to our Christmas Masses. The 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass will involve our regular Sunday Choir and the children. At 10 pm please join Tom Buchanan (guitar) in our seasonal hymns. Doug Gifford (organ) and the Traditional Choir will be here on Christmas Day. Thank you for sharing your talents.*



Thank you,  
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John the Evangelist & St. Philomena's to all those who helped with our recent bake sale held at our local TD Canada Trust branch. Whether you provided the delicious goodies or purchased some treats, thank you! We raised almost \$500 in a few short hours. Special thanks to TD Canada Trust for always providing space for our sales and myFM 99.9 & The Gananoque Reporter for advertising our sale. We will make sure the funds raised help those who need it most.



**FUNDRAISER - Great Gift for you or others**  
**Enjoy a VIP experience at a Toronto Maple Leafs game**

Purchase a ticket for \$210 which includes ticket, dinner, coach transportation & \$40 tax receipt. You will enjoy a private suite, VIP entrance, private elevators and a dedicated bartender to give you that first class experience.

Vancouver Canucks vs Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto  
Saturday, January 6, 2018

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

**For Tickets: Mary Elizabeth 613-382-9876 and  
Lise at the office 613.382.2017.**

**If you cannot come - tell a parishioner,  
friends, co-workers, neighbours, a hockey fan  
about our fundraiser!**

**The Birth of Jesus - A Franciscan Christmas -**

This was an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE! To see a group of teenagers portraying, with so much passion, the Birth of Jesus was moving. Along with the narrator's words, they gave us a different approach to seeing and feeling the Christmas season beyond the gifts and parties. They also gave some of us the permission to be sad during this highly festive and commercial time and reminded us to ask Jesus to walk with us in our time of need.



Thank you very much to Melissa Hardy-Ringer, her daughter Isabella, and her team for greeting and providing supper for 24 people. Thank you to Bruce and the Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. for giving us a interesting perspective on the Christmas season.

**St. Francis Xavier Relic Visit** A famous relic of St. Francis Xavier—his right forearm and hand, with which it is thought he baptized over 100,000 people—is coming to Canada. The relic rarely leaves Rome. Everyone is welcome to come venerate this great saint. Come at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston on Wed., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. [cco.ca/relic](http://cco.ca/relic) for details.

THE SALVE REGINA SOCIETY – For Young Adults in their 20s and 30s in Kingston area. The Salve Regina Society, a fellowship group for Catholic young adults in Kingston, (Formally Kingston's Twenties and Thirties Group). All events begin at 7:00pm unless otherwise stated: o First Monday - Theology on Tap o Second Monday - Bible Reflection o Third Monday - Adoration o Fourth Monday - Bible Reflection • For more details please check out the Facebook Group.

<b>COLLECTION - Dec. 10</b>	<b>St. John</b>	<b>St. Philomena</b>
<b>Offering Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1,740.00</b>	<b>\$524.50</b>
<b>Loose Collection</b>	<b>286.05</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>195.00</b>	<b>89.50</b>
<b>Renovation</b>	<b>125.00</b>	

**PLEASE NOTE: Two (2) Pre-Authorized Withdrawals this month: Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> for Sundays & Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> for Christmas.**

**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 abortuaries which commit abortions. On the Feast Holy Innocents Thursday, December 28, 2017 there will be Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral 7 p.m. Please join us. Info: Campaign Life Coalition at 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.



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