

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

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Tuesday – Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**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:

Confessions will be available one-half hour before weekend masses or by appointment with Father Christian.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Christian at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact Father Christian to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

Children's Liturgy:

For young children is held September to June during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemetery:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Joining 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. Envelopes at back.

St Joseph Elementary School:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
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The Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE



Third Sunday of Advent St John Parish

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. - † Robert Turcotte

Sunday, December 17

10:30 a.m. - † Vicente Rames

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 17

8:30 a.m. - † Pixie Wilder

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, December 19

8:30 a.m. - † Mary McNally Orser

Wednesday, December 20

8:30 a.m. - † Hugh & Anna McGlade

Thursday, December 21

8:30 a.m. - † Merle & Vincent Keyes

Friday, December 22

8:30 a.m. - † Jason Dawley

Fourth Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m. - Intentions of Father Christian

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m. - † Carmelita & Eduardo Orellano

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 24

8:30 a.m. - For the People

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER - For persons with disabilities - We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



IN YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to their caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Father Don Cummings, Brenda Wing, Olive Schijns, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Don Mills, and Dale Rashotte.



ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH

Sunday, December 24	10:30 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
	10:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 31	10:30 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
Monday, January 1	10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILOMENA PARISH

Sunday, December 24	8:30 a.m.
	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 31	8:30 a.m.
	7:30 p.m.



Confessions are held one half hour before every Mass on weekdays, Saturdays and Sundays or by appointment until Christmas.

Ministry Schedules:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Rosary</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Holy Communion</u>
St John				
Dec 23 - 5 pm	Anne Warren	Sharon Carmichael	Marlene Sirosky	Lorraine O'Meara
Dec 24 - 10:30		Linda Beaupre	Margaret Rose	Mary Elizabeth McDonald
Dec 24 - 5 pm		Ron & Anneke Thompson	Christine Woods	Wilma Turcotte
Dec 24 - 10 pm		Budgie Mabee	Lorraine O'Meara	Wilma Turcotte
Dec 25 - 10:30 am		Frank Fair	Sabrina Gifford	Maureen Deir
St. Philomena				
Dec 24 - 8:30 am			Lector Robert Spurrier	Holy Communion Fr. Christian
Dec 24 - 7:30 pm			Hugues Bonin	Fr. Christian

Please consider donating towards decorations to enhance our Christmas experience here in St. John's. If you wish your donation to be in remembrance of a loved one, please indicate the name(s) on a sheet of paper and insert with your donation in the "special offering" envelopes that are provided at the back of the church and mark "Christmas Decorations" and drop in the collection basket by December 17th. Names of the remembered will be published in a pamphlet for the Christmas season. Christmas. Thank you!



AN ADVENT PRAYER

Precious Lord, as I embrace this Advent Season, please open my eyes to see the great value and blessing of Your Incarnation. Help me to discover Your hidden presence in this world and within my own soul. I desire to see, understand and experience the profound effects that Your Incarnation has on my life and I desire to receive those effects more fully this Advent. May I become a sanctuary in which

You dwell so that I, like Your dear Mother, may bring Your presence into the world.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

Gananoque Food Bank is currently in need of the following: peanut butter, jam, ketchup, mayo, chunky soups, tinned meats-ham or chicken, pasta sauce, juice, and canned fruit. Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you.



Please pick up your 2024 Church Donation envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

You may not have the same envelope number as previous yours as we have ordered less this year to save the expense of unused and unclaimed boxes.

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.

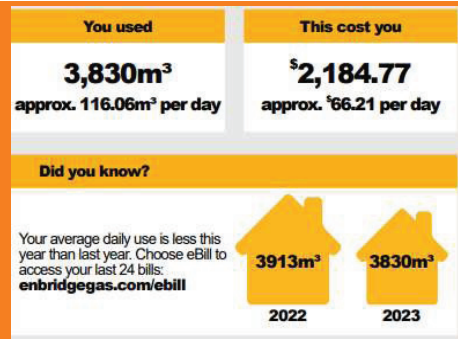


We are selling tickets after weekend Masses on a Christmas Food Basket. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The draw will take place after Mass on December 17, 2023.



St John's Natural Gas Consumption for November.

Down some from 2022



Notice: This bulletin and the two to follow had to be compiled early to accommodate the printers who take Christmas week off. Sunday offering for December 10th will be reported in the next issue. Thank you for understanding.

From Our Visitor's Book - Thank you! We came from Mississauga to celebrate my wife's birthday and were blessed to attend 8:30 mass and adoration. Beautiful church.

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request to us.

- 1) An announced Mass intention is a donation of \$20; an unannounced Mass is \$10.
- 2) An intention may be placed well ahead of time if you want a specific date.

How to donate to the Church in memory of someone special? Donations to the St. John the Evangelist Church or for St. Philomena Church can be done anytime. Place a cheque in an envelope along with your name, address and your special intention. A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end.



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