

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND

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Christmas (Dec. 25) & Solemnity of Mary (Jan. 1)



Stain glass window at St. John's Church

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS AT ST. JOHN

Sat., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Sat., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	10:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Sun., Dec. 25 Christmas Day	<u>10:00 am</u>	For the people of the parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS AT ST. PHILOMENA

Sat., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 7:30 pm For the people of the parish



Stain glass window at St. Philomena

Please note that the regular weekend schedule has been modified for both Christmas and New Year's. Both of these Feast Days fall on a Sunday this year.

Mass this week

No Masses on Monday, Dec. 26, Tuesday, Dec. 27, Wed. Dec. 28, Thurs. Dec. 29

Friday, Dec. 30 - Feast of the Holy Family 8:00 am O'Gorman Vincent



Stain glass window at St. John's Church

JANUARY 1, 2017 SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Sat., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve at St. John	5:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Sat., Dec. 31 New Year's Eve at St. Philomena	7:30 pm	For the people of the parish
Sun., Jan. 1 New Year's Day at St. John	<u>10:00 am</u>	For the people of the parish

Mass Intentions for the week

No Masses from

Monday, January 2 to Friday, January 6th

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, Jan. 7

5:00 pm at St. John: Helen Covell

Sunday, Jan. 8

8:30 am at St. Philomena: Bob Foley

10:30 am at St. John: Nadine Plumpton

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed Dec. 25 to 27 for Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2 for New Year's!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for JANUARY -

Christian Unity That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.





A Christmas Community Dinner will take place at the FoxRun Retirement Centre on Christmas Day. Social Hour Noon until 1 pm followed by full turkey dinner with all trimmings at 1 pm. 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 reserve your seating. Photo: countylive.ca

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IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially George Javornik, Angela Keyes and for fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially those who are not with us since last Christmas.

*Dear Parishioners:
It's really great to see so many people here on this feast of Christmas. Glad to have you here as we celebrate our faith together.*

The birth of the Christ who dwelt amongst us is a true inspiration to grow in our relationship with him. When we come to worship together it is a solid statement of our gratitude to God for caring enough to love us where we are at in life.

May this Christmas time be a blessing for you and may you be graced with your family and friends. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you.

Fr. Sebastian Amato, pastor

Holy Innocents Candlelight Vigil will be held on Wed., Dec. 28, from 7 to 8 pm in front of the Kingston General Hospital. Gather at 6:45 p.m. across from KGH on Stuart St. for prayers and hymns. You may bring your own candle, however, some will be on hand there. On this feast day of the Holy Innocents which is in the Christmas Season, we remember the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child to kill him. In our modern times there have been many "innocents", killed by abortion. For the more information please call 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

A letter and registration form will be sent home from school in mid January the candidates for Confirmation that are in grade seven. A parent and candidate meeting will be held in late January or early February. Parents of candidates who do not attend St. Joseph School are asked to please contact the office to register. Stay tuned.

Ministries for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

St. John the Evangelist

	Sat. Dec. 31st 5 pm	Sunday, Jan. 1st 10 am
Greeters	Barbara Lynch, Joey Lynch	John Cornish, Linda Beaupre
Reader	June Nalon	Margaret Rose
Communion	Sharon Carmichael Lorraine O'Meara Anne O'Neill	Marlyn Jacobsen Bernadette Egan Diane Hebert
Gifts	Ron & Anneke Thompson	The Duffy Family

St. Philomena - New Year's Eve: Saturday, Dec. 31st 7:30 pm

Reader: Marilyn McCauley **Communion:** Jim McReynolds

Ministries for January 7/8

St. John the Evangelist

	Sat. Jan 7th 5:00 pm	Sunday, Jan. 8th 10:30 am
Rosary	Mary Wray Brennan	
Carveth		Marlyn Jacobsen, Budgie Mabee
Greeters	Irene Tozer, Anne Brennan	Emily Bernardino, Alice Mangan
Reader	Joan Dillon	Wilma Turcotte
Communion	Diane Hebert	Sharon Carmichael
Gifts	Bill & Sherry Turcotte	Brendan & Maggie Duffy

St. Philomena - Sunday, January 8th 8:30 am

Reader: Gordon McCauley **Communion:** Dianne Dowling

**Glimpse in the New Year:
Faith Development Study**

Beginning Thursday, January 26 at 6:45 pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish (with the help of the Knights of Columbus) will be doing a six week faith development study group every Thursdays. We will utilize the facilities at St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street.

Faith, being a gift from God, is not something that we are to stop developing once confirmed or out of school – but a lifelong process. Please join us. Invite family & friends.

We will be using a series of six short videos presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron looks at six people in the bible and gives us a glimpse of their conversion story.

The evenings will be structured in the same manner each week. They'll begin with a short video, a time for discussion in small informal groups. Refreshments available. It will be a great way to get to know fellow parishioners while learning our faith together. The evenings will be about 1 ½ hours or so. Hope to see you there!



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