

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

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Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 20, 2015 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Times and Intentions for the following Two Weeks

Saturday, Dec. 19	5:00 pm	Loretta O'Meara
Sunday, Dec. 20	10:30 am	Ruth Pritchard
Monday, Dec. 21	8:00 am	Orazio Amato
Tuesday, Dec. 22	8:00 am	Fred Flowers



DECEMBER 25, 2015 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Thurs., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	10:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Friday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day	10:00 am	For the people of the parish



DECEMBER 27, 2015 – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 26	5:00 pm	Jean Dawson
Sunday, December 27	10:30 am	Colin Prior
Monday, Dec. 28, Tuesday, Dec. 29, Wed. Dec. 30		No Masses



JANUARY 1, 2016 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday., Dec. 31	5:00 pm	For the people of the parish
Friday, January 1	10:00 am	For the people of the parish
Saturday, January 2	5:00 pm	Michael Lekx
Sunday, Jan. 3	10:30 am	John and Eileen Bulger

PLEASE NOTE:

The parish office will be closed Dec. 25 to 30 for Christmas and Jan. 1 for New Year's!

ST. PHILOMENA:

Sunday, December 20	8:30 am	Brian Dwyre
Thursday., December 24 - - Christmas Eve	7:30 pm	For the people of the parish
Sunday, December 27 at	8:30 am	Georgina Goodfriend
Thurs., Dec. 31 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	7:30 pm	For the people of the parish
Sunday, January 3 at	8:30 am	Frank Ottenhof



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Dec. 24 5pm	Dec. 24 10pm	Dec. 25 10 am	Dec. 26 5 pm	Dec. 27 10:30 am
Greeters: J. & D. Cornish	B. & S. Turcotte	A. Mangan/L. Beaupre	M. Haesler/L. Beaupre	L. & K. Scott
Lector: Emma McShane	Debbie Donaldson	B. Egan	June Nalon	Christine Greene
Gifts: Niles family/C. Gavin	Y. & D. Ouellet	Gifford family	S. & L. O'Meara	McShane Family
Holy Communion: Mary McDonald Wilma Turcotte; John Gavin	B. Mabee; J. O'Neill & Marg Rose	W. Turcotte & Marg Rose	A. Cliffe	Joy O'Neill
Ushers/Collection: Knights of Columbus			Rosary: B. Lynch	Carveth: S. & M. Brennan
St. Philomena	Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm	Dec. 27 at 8:30 am	Dec. 31 at 7:30 pm	Jan. 3 at 8:30 am
Reader: D. Dowling	M. McCauley	Bonnie Ottenhof	Norma Gaudreau	
Holy Communion: M. McCauley/S. Garrah	A. Guindon	Jim McReynolds	Marg McReynolds	

Fourth Sunday of Advent: The simplicity of the Gospel still relates to those who are betrothed to objects (cell phones, laptops, iPods) or spend too much time at work, exercising or socializing without upholding one's soulful needs to spend time with God. This week, be conscious of how you spend your time, and how the Holy Spirit lives within you. Like Joseph, awaken your spirit to heed the commands given, be it in Scriptures that you read daily this week or through the evidence God leaves to guide your life. (Sourcebook)



Welcome to St. John's Parish & St. Philomena, Howe Island! Please know that we are here to support and encourage you on your faith journey. If you are visiting, we thank you for coming. If you are new to the parish - welcome. You are invited to complete the Registration Form found at the entrance of the Church or call Lise the parish secretary at 613.382.2017. We hope you will find great joy and friendship among the parishioners at St. John and St. Philomena. **We wish you many blessings throughout the New Year.**

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Prayer for you & your family on New Year's

Day: Every good gift comes from the Father of light. May He grant you His grace and every blessing, and keep you safe throughout the coming year. Amen!

+ IN OUR PRAYERS + We remember those who have died in 2015 + We also pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the Lord Grant Them Eternal Rest. We pray for *healing, peace and contentment* for our family members and friends.

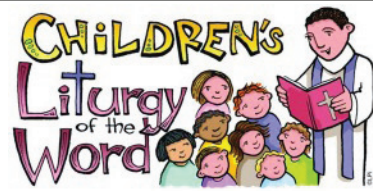
Holy Innocents Candlelight Vigil will be held on Monday, December 28, 2015 from 7 pm until 8 pm in front of Kingston General Hospital. At this time, during the Christmas Season, we remember the Holy Innocents, the babies who were killed by Herod seeking the Christ Child. We will gather to pray for our "innocents", the more than 35,000 babies killed at KGH by the sin of abortion. Please join us at 6:45 p.m. on the hill across from KGH (Stuart St.) for prayers and hymns. If possible, please bring your own candle in a glass jar (flashlight for children).

The Churches of Gananoque will begin 2016 with a month long study of the bible. **Walk Thru the Bible** is a program to ignite our passion for the Word of God. It will take place on Wednesday evenings from January 6th to 27th beginning at 6:45 pm to 8 pm at the Cornerstone Church Hall.

A Christmas Community Dinner will take place at the FoxRun Retirement Centre on Christmas Day from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Guests may arrive anytime after 12:30 pm for a glass of punch and a cheese appetizer. 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 let them know you will be coming for dinner.

	St. John:	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1,961.00	\$532.50
Loose:	200.90	26.00
Fuel:	225.00	
Restoration:	161.00	
Thank you very much! Next Pre-Authorized Christmas Donation Debit: Dec. 22.		

**Happy
New Year!**



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The Mass at 5 pm on Christmas Eve, will involve the children. They'll gather for the homily at the front of the church. Following

the homily, they will sing a couple of delightful songs and then return to be with their families. Bring your children and grandchildren, family and friends. It may be a "bit" noisy but the children will warm your hearts with their joy!

Sing Out Loud on Christmas Day You are invited to join your voice with our choirs and song leaders this Christmas:

- Come early and join in the singing 20 to 30 minutes before the 5 pm and 10 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. John's and before the 7:30 pm Mass at St. Philomena and join in some Christmas Carols and Songs.
- On Christmas Day, join the Choir (from the pews or go up to choir loft) following the 10 am Christmas Day Mass for a Carol Sing-a-long with familiar songs and hymns.

Let's celebrate this great day that God has given us!

St. John's Cemetery Committee is proud to announce that a new Columbarium has been installed at our cemetery. This wonderful addition is a structure which contains niches, a safekeeping place for urns holding a person's cremated remains. The committee agreed to purchase a columbarium since families are increasingly turning to cremation as a way to care for their loved ones after death. The purchase of the columbarium has been made possible by a donation through the estate of John and Eileen Bulger. There will be more information forthcoming regarding pricing for the niches.

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