

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE  
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND  
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***Feast of the Holy Family***





**Children's Liturgy is offered during Sunday Mass at St. John's**

**Offertory Envelopes**

It's that time of year again! Your 2026 envelopes are at the back of the Church. If you do not see your envelopes, please contact the parish office.



The St John/St Philomena CWL would like to thank members for renewing their membership dues for 2026.

If you have not done so, know that there is still time. The annual fee is \$35.00

The next regular meeting is January 15, 2026 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Mark your calendar for March 6th, 2026 as St. John's is hosting this event.

**Here at St. John's** we have a second collection where by we ask for loose change that you might have in your pocket/wallet/purse. We call it the **Loonie/Toonie** collection. It is a contribution to our building/maintenance fund. Thus far in 2025 we have raised over **\$7296!** Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

Offerings	St. John Dec 14	St. Philomena Dec 14
Regular Offering	\$1,655.00	\$115.00
Loose cash	\$241.00	
Christmas	\$50.00	
Electronic Transfer	\$4,773.35	
Fuel	\$300.00	\$225.00
Donations	\$1,105.00	\$980.00
<b>RESTORATION: Building Fund Loonie/Toonie</b>	<b>\$320.00 \$183.85</b>	

**Special Note**

Beginning January 1, 2026 requests for replacement copies of certificate of baptism, first communion, confirmation or marriage will incur a charge of \$20 for each copy. You are asked to make payment in advance via cash, cheque or e-transfer.



**December 27 is the Feast of St. John the Evangelist**

John is known as "*the disciple who Jesus loved.*" He laid his head on Jesus' chest at the Last Supper, and he is the one who tells us "*God is love.*" St. John is the author of the Fourth Gospel.

He is also known as a **Christmas Saint** who was greatly committed to Mary. For example, rather than hearing about a baby in a manger, most heard John's majestic poetry at Christmas Mass because of his Gospel "*In the beginning was the Word, ... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.*"

John is there at the foot of the cross and it was there that Jesus put him in Mary's charge. He would have heard stories of Jesus directly from her that shaped his own theology.

Lastly, John showed Mary celebrating. It is through John that we know the story of the wedding feast at Cana, when Mary initiated Jesus' first public miracle, thus, **The Feast of John the Evangelist** is associated with **wine**.

So, let's raise a glass to our beloved St. John.



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