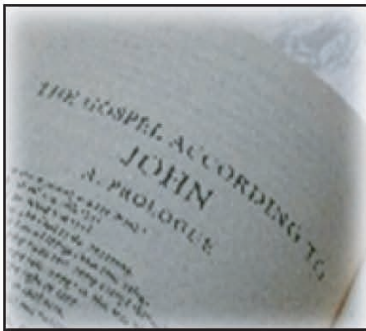


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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

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



MAY 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

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 2 **5:00 pm** - † Millie Garrah
Sunday, Dec. 3 **10:30 am** - † Dick O'Neill

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 3 **8:30 am** - † Mary MacPherson

St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Monday, Dec. 4 **No Mass**
Tues., Dec. 5 - **8:00 am** - † Mary Battams-Rochefort
Wed., Dec. 6 - **8:00 am** - † Roland & Phyllis Clancy
Thursday, Dec. 7 - **8:00 am** - † David Harper
Friday, Dec. 8 **9:45 School Mass** † Donald Cameron
1:30 pm Carveth Mass - † Mary O'Hearn

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 9 **5:00 pm** - † Irene Gavin
Sunday, Dec. 10 **10:30 am** - Intentions of
Gerry Levesque

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 10 **8:30 am** - † Brian Dwyre

MASS CARD HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF GIVING A GIFT OF THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS? WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING TO GIVE A LOVED ONE FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES OR ANY OCCASION. YOU WILL ALSO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL MASS CARD TO GIVE TO THE PERSON OR FAMILY AS A KEEPSAKE.

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.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: *We pray for all parishioners who died in 2017, and family and friends who are remembered in our Parish Books.*

Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes

will be sold at St. John's Church-Gananoque after all Masses on **Dec. 2/3 & Dec. 9/10.** For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake; or bar cake for \$18.00. Also offered is an all-natural and hand-made chocolate bars from the COCO chocolate company. They make great Christmas gifts! Parish Contact: Gerry Brosso 613-382-1084.

Archdiocese of Kingston Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:

All parishioners are invited to the Archdiocesan Liturgical Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 pm. A reception to follow.

Saturday, December 9

Rosary: Steve Brennan **Gifts:** Bill/Sherry Turcotte

Lector: Mary Wray Brennan

Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Cunningham

Holy Communion: June Nalon

Sunday, December 10

Carveth: Marlyn Jacobsen & Budgie Mabee

Greeters: Marilyn Thivierge & Alice Mangan

Lector: Diane Hebert

Gifts: MacDonald & Portieous family

Holy Communion: Krista Jenkins

Children's Liturgy: Amanda Dickson

At St. Philomena for Sunday, December 10

Reader: Kim N. **Communion:** Marg McReynolds

First and Second Advent

Celebrating Advent will help keep your children focused on Jesus and will give them day-to-day activities to make that endless month of December go by more quickly. **"So what do I need to know," you may ask, "to begin the celebration of Advent?"**

1. Create or Choose Your Church's Advent Wreath

Choosing an Advent wreath is helpful and beautifully symbolic of the season. A basic Advent wreath consists of a circle with four candle holders with one candle in the middle. It may be garnished with holly or pine boughs.

2. Learn About the Advent Candles

· Candle one (purple) represents hope. It is often called the prophets' candle. · Candle two (purple) represents peace. It is often called the angels' candle. · Candle three (pink) represents joy. It is often called the shepherds' candle. · Candle four (purple) represents love. It is often called the Bethlehem candle. Many advent wreaths also include a Christ candle in the middle of the wreath.

3. Decorate a Jesse Tree

A Jesse tree (named after King David's father) is covered with ornaments that represent people and stories in the Bible. For example, you might hang an ark, a rainbow, or a dove ornament to represent Noah or a harp to represent David. You can use a table-top Christmas tree as your Jesse tree, hanging an ornament each night and reading a passage in the Bible about the character you have chosen.



Donations of Cookies and Squares! Do you have a great cookie recipe you enjoy baking and would love to share these cookies with others? If you do not bake anymore - store bought cookies are great too! The Catholic Women's League will once again hold their two special events and would love to receive your sweet treats:

1) **Bake Sale** scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8th at TD Bank. Please drop off your sweets before 9 am; then buy more.

2) **Cookies for Homebound/Shut-ins:** Your squares or cookies may be delivered to St. John's Church at the office any time before noon on Wed., Dec. 13. The cookies will be repackaged into uniform containers starting at 1 pm in the sacristy. Volunteers required. Come out and have fun! Please call Mary Wray 613.382.2664 or Jo-Anne McReynolds 613.5416.4893.



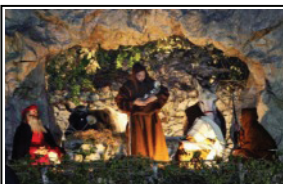
NEXT Sunday, Dec. 10 from 2 pm - 3 pm: Confessions at St. John's Church

Guide to Confession Based on the Beatitudes. Examples:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Do I criticize or ridicule those who suffer for their beliefs? Am I embarrassed to step out of the mainstream to stand up for a principle? Have I called myself Christian without making my life a witness to the teachings of Jesus?

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Do I live confident of the promises of Jesus? Do I surrender to pessimism and anxiety?

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Sunday, December 10 at 6 pm: "The Birth of Jesus

- A Franciscan Christmas"

Here at St. John the Evangelist Church

This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by The Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation on the "Birth of Jesus" promises to be a high point in our Advent season. **Goodwill donation.**

The Christmas mystery play is not a Christmas pageant, but attempts to portray the events surrounding the Lord's birth as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocent (because of this, it may not be for small children). **Come with family, friends and neighbours to this wonderful play.**

Today – Dec. 3 at 2 pm: Christmas on the Silver

Screen Gananoque Choral Society Concert. Come and hear many of our parishioners who are members in this choir. Firehall Theatre.



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Blessing of Expectant Parent(s)

If you are an expectant parent(s) and would like to receive a blessing, please approach Father Dale before or after Mass or you may contact the parish office.



Dec. 6 - 9 at 7:30 pm A Christmas

Carol. Royal Theatre, Gananoque. Featuring local actors and singers including Fr. Amato on Wed. Dec. 6th.

Sunday, December 17 at 2 pm:

Oh Holy Night Concert

St. John the Evangelist Church Choir presents Oh Holy Night a beautiful multi-choir concert including adult and children choirs & brass band. Starting at 2 pm take an afternoon off from the busy and commercial aspect of Christmas and come to our Concert. All proceeds to Food Bank. Adults \$10; Children \$5; Family \$25.

	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Philomena</u>
COLLECTION - Nov. 26		
Offering Envelopes	\$1,611.00	\$571.50
Loose Collection	141.00	55.00
Fuel	45.00	
Priests' Retirement	1,000.00	
Renovation	40.00	
Pre-Authorized this month	\$4,239.35	\$250.00

Can you help us sell more tickets? 26 of 57 tickets sold.

Hockey Game on Saturday, January 6, 2018

Vancouver Canucks vs Toronto Maple Leafs in Toronto

FUNDRAISER - Great Christmas Gift \$210 per ticket includes ticket, transportation & dinner. Bus leaving Gananoque St. John's Church parking lot 2 pm; Kingston Toys R Us parking lot 2:30 pm Contact: Mary Elizabeth 613-382-9876. Tickets available after Mass/at the office

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