

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

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Parish Secretary: Anne Marie Young
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
613-382-2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

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130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

The First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023



First Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 2

5:00 p.m. - † Joan Dillon

Sunday, December 3

10:30 a.m. - † Teresa Donald

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 3

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. - † Mary McNally-Orser

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. - † Joan Dillon

Thursday, December 7

8:30 a.m. - Intentions of Kelvin Young

Friday, December 8

8:30 a.m. - † Joan Dillon

Second Sunday of Advent

St John Parish

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. - † Deceased Members of the
Turcotte Family

Sunday, December 10

10:30 a.m. - † Alfred Rose

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, December 10

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.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember Pixie Wilder and Sheila Petch and those who have entered into eternal life.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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.
Monday, December 25	8:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 31	8:30 a.m.
	7:30 p.m.
Monday, January 1	8:30 a.m.

Ministry Schedules:

<u>St. John</u>	<u>December 9</u>	<u>December 10</u>
Rosary:	Dianne Plumpton	
Greeters/Ushers:	Maureen Deir	Michael Roney
Lector:	Lorraine O'Meara	Yvonne Harper
Holy Communion:	Marlene Sirosky	Yvonne Harper
<u>St. Philomena</u>		<u>December 10</u>
Holy Communion:		Fr. Christian
Lector:		Dianne Dowling

Family Advent Celebration - Choral & Instrumental Music for the Season Sunday,

December 10, 3:00 pm - CFB Kingston Spiritual Fitness Centre (formerly Trinity Chapel) 33 Lundy's Lane, Kingston Start your holiday season with familiar and charming sacred choral and vocal music from Canada, Germany, Ukraine, Renaissance Spain and Italy, and Baroque England, along with instrumental music for strings from Austria and Italy! Introducing: Trinitas Youth Singers; Jeffrey Moellman, director. With special guest Christine Helferty, soprano. This 1-hour concert is perfect for the whole family -- children are encouraged to attend!



MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE SOLEMNITY OF THE PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 10:30AM

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
279 JOHNSON STREET
KINGSTON, ONTARIO
CONFESSIONS AVAILABLE AT 9:30



Gananoque Food Bank is currently in need of the following: peanut butter, jam, ketchup, mayo, chunky soups, tinned meats, pasta sauce, juice, and canned fruit. Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. 220 area families depend on the Food Bank.

NOTICE: Members of St. John Cemetery Board will be taking note of any flowers (including artificial) left at the cemetery and removing them as per our By-Laws. The By-Laws can be found on our website stjohnsgananoque.ca.

Thank you for contributing generously to the new "2nd Collection - Loonie/Toonie". As we said every little bit adds up!

Nov 19, 2023	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,281.00	\$175.00
Loose cash	\$92.50	
RESTORATION:		
Maintenance Fundraising Drive	3015.00	
Loonie/Toonie Collection	100.45	
Fuel	\$45.00	
Priest's Retirement Fund	\$20.00	
Missals	\$214.00	\$45.00

Next Regular Meeting - December 15, 2:00 p.m.

We will be putting the Christmas basket together and intend to be making rather merry for the season. All are welcome!



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

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. Both churches are in need of requests.

- 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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