

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
ST. PHILOMENA – HOWE ISLAND
ST. PATRICK – LANSDOWNE
ST. BRENDAN - ROCKPORT**

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**Welcome 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 Saturday Mass or by appointment with Father Tom.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday Mass at St. John's.

Marriage:

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact the office to make an appointment with Father Tom at least 9-12 months in advance.

Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form and information on the requirements of this sacrament.

St. John and St. Philomena Cemeteries:

Please contact the Parish Office.

Join 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.

St Joseph Elementary School:

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Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School:

130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

Second Sunday of Advent: December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 6 4:30 pm: † Special Intention
Sun, Dec 7 10:30 am: † Nick Vacarro

St. Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 7 12 noon † Ted Bootsma

Second Week of Advent

St. John Parish

Wed, Dec 10 8:30 am : † Lucas Bruder
Thurs, Dec 11 (school Mass)
10:00 am † Sylvie Trudeau
Fri, Dec 12 8:30 am : † Dr. Richard and
Pixie Wilder

Third Sunday of Advent

St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 13 4:30 pm: † Angela and
Ernest Rose
Sun, Dec 14 10:30 am: † Anna Rose

Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 14 9:00 am: † Grover & Lena
Reid

You are not forgotten.

The Pope's Intention for December



For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

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, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Judy Weir, Alice Manga, Barbara MacNeill, Barbara Mulcair, Colleen Buchanan, Carol Laclair, and Anna O'Hearn

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

Please remember all those who have entered into eternal life.

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



To prepare for the **Word Incarnate**, a spotless and holy tabernacle, God created Mary in grace and endowed her from the moment of her conception with all the perfections suited to her exalted dignity. This feast invites us to meditate on the virtue of purity.

PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS

Prayer to St. Michael

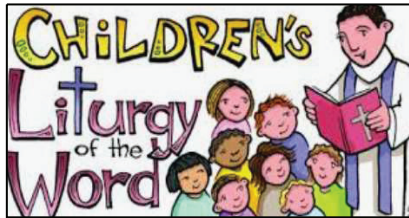
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.



Confessions are held at 4:00 pm:
One half hour before Mass on Saturday or by appointment .



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

The next Children's School Mass is on **Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.** Please note: There will be **no** 8:30 am Mass on this day. All are welcome to attend.



Offertory Envelopes

It's that time of year again! Your 2026 envelopes will be at the back of the church December 1. Please give generously.



The CWL is collecting socks, mittens and toques (new or homemade) for the needy. A box is located at the back of the Church for your donations. Thank-you!

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 **\$6892!** Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

Offerings	St. John Nov 30	St. Philomena Nov 30
Regular Offering	\$2,284.00	\$50.00
Loose cash	\$202.15	
Priest's Retire Fund	\$40.00	
Donation	\$1,000.00	
Fuel	\$725.00	
Candles	\$355.15	
Needs of Church of Canada	\$10.00	
RESTORATION:		
Building Fund	\$130.00	
Loonie/Toonie	\$144.85	
Donation Box	61.20	

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.

Reconciliation During Advent

In addition to Saturday at 4:00 pm, confession will also be heard on Friday, **December 19 from 3 - 5 pm** by Special Confessor **Father Brian McNally** and Father Tom Stephan



The Archdiocese of Kingston is Celebrating its 200th Anniversary!

December 8, 2025 - December 8, 2026

This celebratory year begins with an opening ceremonial Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral on Dec 8 at 10:30 am.** The theme for this year is from Philippians 3:10: *"To know Christ and the power of His resurrection."*

Events will be hosted throughout 2026. Please enjoy the pew inserts; the prayer cards are yours to keep.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE NEEDED

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.

An announced Mass intention is \$20

An unannounced Mass is \$10.

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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