

**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 Christian.

Rosary:

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 p.m. 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 Christian 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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Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE



Second Sunday Of Advent

St. John Parish

Saturday, December 7 - 5:00 p.m. - † Donna Brown

Sunday, December 8 - 10:30 a.m. - Volunteers of
St. John & St. Philomena

St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, Dec 8 - 9:00 a.m. - Irene Lappan

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 10 - 11 a.m. - Mass at Fox Run

St. John Parish

Wed., December 11 - 8:30 a.m. - † Sylvie Trudeau

Thurs., December 12 - 8:30 a.m. - † Ralph & Dorothy
Haesler

Friday, December 13 - 10:00 a.m. - School Mass and
for † Alfred Rose

Third Sunday Of Advent

St. John Parish

Saturday, December 14 - 5:00 p.m. - Wilma Turcotte

Sunday, December 15 - 10:30 a.m. - † Ronald Moran

St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, Dec .15- 9:00 a.m. - † Ed Lappan

December: For Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis requests this month's prayers "so that this Jubilee strengthens us in faith, helps us recognize Christ risen in our lives, and transforms us into pilgrims of Christian hope."



IN YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to theirs caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Father Don Cummings, Father Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Joanne Sneider, Wayne Ocolisan, Fr. Mac Burke., Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett and Jim Knudson.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



St. John Parish

Tuesday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 - 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.

St Patrick Parish

Tuesday, December 24 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 31 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.



Confessions are held one half hour before Mass on Saturdays or by appointment.

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.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

O Sacrament Most Holy! O Sacrament Divine!
All praise and all thanksgiving Be every moment
Thine. *(Repeat three times)*

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of
Christ, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me. Within Your wounds hide
me. Suffer me not to be separated from You. From
the malicious enemy, defend me. At the hour of
death, call me, And bid me come unto You that with
your saints I may live with You forever in Heaven.
Amen.

A Message from your Pastor

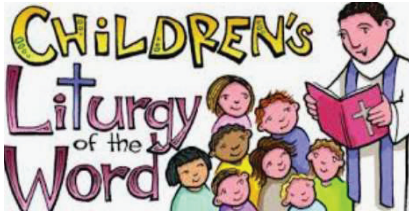
I would like to extend this as a special message to some very special people in our parish - our many volunteers.

Our volunteers include those on our committees: Parish Pastoral Council, Property & Finance Committee, St. John Cemetery Committee; and also includes the many altar servers, the catechist, the sacristan, the children's liturgy team, the altar decorators, the lectors and greeters, the musician and choir members; those who plant, water and weed the summer gardens, and those who fix things, paint things and other general maintenance duties. It does not go unnoticed!

Your commitment to our parish communities is so much appreciated and we could not be as active and vibrant without you. Your kindness and dedication make a difference every day. I am truly grateful for your willingness to serve and support our communities. Thank you, thank you, thank you!


Sunday's Mass intention is for you, the volunteers. May God bless you for your faithful service.

Father Christian



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

The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women's League




Buy your tickets now for a **Christmas Food Basket**.
\$5 each or 3 for \$10
Draw to be held after Mass on Dec 15th



The next regular CWL meeting will be held in the sacristy at St. John's on **January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.**
Note the new time. Everyone is welcome.

Have some fun for \$1
Guess how many candy in the jar?
Find us at the back of the church and buy a ticket to try your luck!




Christmas Decorations for the Altar

Please Consider donating toward the Christmas decorations for St. John's. You can do this in a dedication "in memory" of a loved one and /or "In Thanksgiving" for you and your family. Forms can be found at the back of the church.

Once completed, place in the envelope labelled for Christmas decoration donation. Enter your envelope number if applicable. Place in the collection by December 18th. A pamphlet will then be compiled for Christmas. Thank you.


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



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 10:30AM

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

GANANOQUE FOOD BANK



The Food Bank is currently in need of **Peanut Butter, Jam, Cereal, Chunky Soups, Canned fruit, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Meats-Ham, Chicken, Fruit juice-Canned, Bottle or tetra packs** Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you for your continued support!

Dec 1st	St. John's
Regular Offering	\$2,245.00
Loose cash	\$78.65
Christmas Offering	\$100.00
Fuel	\$495.00
Priest Retirement Fund	\$10.00
Christmas Decorations	\$305.00
RESTORATION:	
Building Fund	\$205.00
Loonie/Toonie	\$105.95



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