

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE  
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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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# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 2, 2025

## MASS SCHEDULE



### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, Feb 1 - 4:30 p.m. - † Nadine Plumpton

Sunday, Feb 2 - 10:30 a.m. - † Vicente Ramales

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, February 2 - 9:00 a.m.

### WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Weekday masses will not be celebrated during the month of January and until February 17<sup>th</sup> as Father Christian is away to his homeland Nigeria. Please pray for his safe travel and safe return. The church still be open for prayer during office hours.

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### St. John Parish

Saturday, Feb 8 - 4:30 p.m. - † Dorothy Haesler

Sunday, Feb 9 - 10:30 a.m. - For the People

#### St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, February 9 - 9:00 a.m.

**Please pick up your donations receipt for income tax purposes at the back the church. Thank you.**



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

## 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.

## 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.

## *The Pope's Intention for February - For vocations to priestly and religious life*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.



## 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, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. 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, Jim Knudson, and Tracie Yuille.

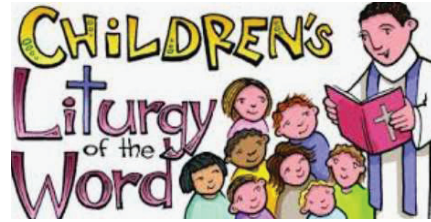
## The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family .

"Heavenly Father, we come before you as a family, seeking your divine guidance. Help us to love and support one another, and may our family be a source of unity and strength. We ask for your blessings and grace to be upon us always." Amen.





**Dear Parishioners** - Please sign up to be a prayer partner for one of our Confirmation candidates and/or one of our children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Your prayers will help them on their journey to Jesus. Spots are filling up so sign up soon!



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

### Why do we have to go to Mass?

Whether you're 8 years old or in your 80's, at some point in your life you've probably struggled with the question, "Why do we have to go to Mass?" You just may not feel like going at times. You may not like the music or the homilies in your parish. You may think Mass is boring. You may feel as if the parish is not welcoming. You may try to convince yourself that you can pray just as well outdoors or in the comfort of your own home. Even though you know that going to Mass is a good thing, you can talk yourself out of going by focusing on the negatives. At first, you may feel a little guilty, but eventually, you can justify your decision by convincing yourself that you are too busy, too tired, too bored or too frustrated.

*When that happens, you miss the great gift that God gives to us in the Eucharist.*

If you feel like skipping Mass, there are 10 good reasons to not skip: See a handout at the back of the church for those 10 good reasons.

*Credit: Loene Hanly Duquin*

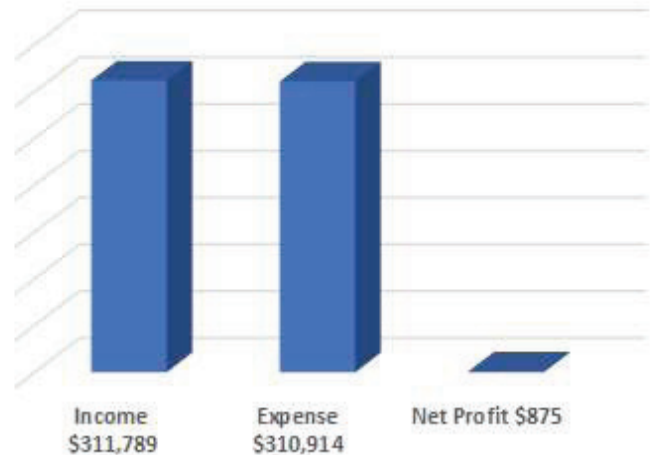
### The St. John/St. Philomena Catholic Women's League

The next regular CWL meeting will be held in the sacristy at St. John's on **February 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome.



*St John - A more detailed financial report will be presented after Father Christian returns from vacation.*

### At Quick Financial Look at 2024



### 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!

**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 fund. Thus far in 2025 we have accumulated \$673. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going support!

**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.**

1) An announced Mass intention is a donation of \$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.

| January 26, 2025                            | St. John   | St. Philomena |
|---|------------|---------------|
| Regular Offering                            | \$1,134.00 | \$95.00       |
| Loose cash                                  | \$173.00   |               |
| Fuel  | \$60.00    |               |
| Catholic Missions of Canada                 | \$5.00     |               |
| <b><u>RESTORATION:</u></b><br>Loonie/Toonie | \$174.02   |               |



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