

**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
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Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School:

130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time - January 28, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE



St John Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27

5:00 p.m. - † Father Ed Keyes

Sunday, January 28

10:30 a.m. - † Vincente Ramales

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. - † Dick James

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Weekday masses will not be celebrated during the month of January and until February 20th as Father Christian is away. Please pray for his safe travel and safe return.

St John Parish

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3

5:00 p.m. - † Carmelita Rabina & Frelyn Florentino

Sunday, February 4

10:30 a.m. - † Olive Schijns

St. Philomena Parish

Sunday, February 4

8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions for Pauline & Bill Chamberlain for the occasion of their

50th wedding anniversary celebrated

February 2nd.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For the Gift of Diversity for the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



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, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Don Mills, Dale Rashotte and Al King.



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

O Divine Jesus, Thou hast promised that anything we ask of the Eternal Father in Thy name shall be granted.

O Eternal Father, In the name of Jesus, for the love of Jesus, in fulfillment of this promise, and because Jesus has said it, grant us our petitions for the sake of Jesus, Thy Divine Son. Amen.

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.



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

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion:

February 3

Maureen Deir

Terri McFaul

Marlene Sirosky

Anne O'Neill

February 4

Mary Elizabeth McDonald

Sabrina Gifford

Budgie Mabee

St. Philomena

Holy Communion:

Lector:

February 4

Fr. Ikedi

Dianne Dowling

Door Prize Spot Dance Prizes
ST PATRICK'S DAY DANCE
SAT., MARCH 16TH AT 7:30 P.M.
GANANOQUE CURLING CLUB
 300 William Street, Gananoque
 DJ: Daisy Entertainment
 Snacks at 10 p.m.
 \$25.00 per person
 Proceeds for St. John the Evangelist Church
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Watch for ticket sales for our St. Patrick's Day Dance at the back of the church at St. John's. Bring friends and neighbours or come alone; but just come! This will be such a fine opportunity to connect with your parish community. It will be entertaining and fun! Please plan to attend this very important fundraiser!

Fundraising Raffle at St. John's: The draw for the beautiful crotched angel, donated by Linda Beaupre, will be held after this Sunday's Mass. Tickets are available until the draw at the back of the church. \$5 each or 3 for \$10. All proceeds will go to the Restoration/Building Maintenance Fund. Next month a fabulous charcuterie board will be raffled. Thank you for your continued support.

Gananoque Food Bank is currently in need of **chunky soup, tinned meat: flakes of chicken, turkey, ham or luncheon meat, cereal and juice.** Please deposit your donation in the box provided in the church vestibule. Thank you.

NOTICE: Currently we are trying to arrange Mass for Ash Wednesday, February 14 at St. John's, but have not secured a priest to preside as of yet. For your information, however, there will be Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's in Lansdowne at 7 p.m. that day.

While Father Christian is away
 Father Ikedi Obikaonu is celebrating weekend
 Masses at both St. John and St. Philomena.
 Thank you Father!

Family, Parish, School

Sixteen beautiful children will be making their First Holy Communion here this April 28.

Family - The parental role includes preparation at home and bringing them to the Church a number of times before First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Here the children will receive instruction by our catechist for a half hour after Mass on specific Sundays. The first Sunday for their attendance is January 28. Resource material is being provided to both the children and the parents.

Parish - *"The proper place for catechesis and preparation of the reception of the sacraments is the local parish."* Parishioners will be able to participate in the preparation by choosing a child's name to be a prayer partner to them. A list of children's names is at the back of the church. Choose a name and place your name beside it. Take a card and write an encouraging note to your chosen child letting them know you are praying for them. If you are at a loss for words, there are great examples on-line. Such as: *"You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, dearly loved, and precious in his sight."* - Psalm 139

School - In addition, there will be supportive instruction at St. Joseph's each Wednesday afternoon until the children receive their sacraments.

January 21, 2024	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$1,466.00	\$155.00
Loose cash	\$154.85	\$20.00
Needs of the Church of Canada	\$20.00	
Initial Offering	\$35.00	
RESTORATION: Loonie/Toonie Collection	\$148.85	
Fuel	\$75.00	\$50.00

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.
- 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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