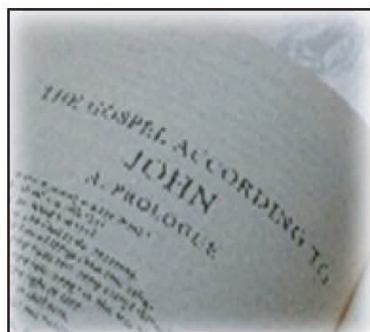


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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Welcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends, and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



MAY THE BLESSINGS and love of our Heavenly Father be yours in abundance today and everyday!



New Parishioners:

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

Reconciliation:

- 3:45 - 4:45 pm Saturday or anytime by appointment. Please call the parish office.

Rosary:

- Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

Marriage:

- Those who are planning to enter into the sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact Father Dale at least 9 - 12 months in advance.

Baptism:

- Please contact Father Dale to set up an appointment to meet for instruction.

Children's Liturgy:

- Children's Liturgy for young children is held during the 10:30 am Sunday Mass from September to June.

Prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle:

- The Church is open every day from 8 am to 4 pm for quiet prayer. Please use side entrances.

Join our Choirs (voice and instrumental):

- Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays at 7 pm
- Funeral Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 am

For the Sick and Shut-ins:

- Please contact Father Dale Wright if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. The Sacrament of the Sick is available upon request.

St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:

- Please contact the parish office for more information.

Bequests to the Parish:

- Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School:

- Principal: Tracy O'Brien
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9
613.382.2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
www.reginotredame.ca

Sunday, January 7, 2018 – Epiphany of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 6:

5:00 pm - † Covell & Salter Families

Sunday, January 7:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - † Joan Kane

10:30 am St. John - † Nadine Plumpton

Monday, January 8 - No Mass

Tuesday, January 9:

8:00 am - † Vincent Donnelly

Wednesday, January 10:

8:00 am - † Ioleen Bovey

Thursday, January 11:

8:00 am - Intentions of Marion Meagher

Friday, January 12:

9:45 am School - † Barbara Woodman

Please note: Carveth Mass will now be on the 3rd Friday of the month at 11 am.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13:

5:00 pm - † Pat McDonald

Sunday, January 14:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - † Judy Carty

10:30 am St. John - Intentions of Herman and Mary Overvelde

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Harold Bellmare, Richard Cliffe, Mary Ellen Douglas, Shelley Hunt from Kingston, Tracey Ferguson, Marian Meagher and Joan Thorne.**

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.

Thank you to organizers, musicians, singers, volunteers and especially to all who attended the Choir held on December 17, 2017. It was a



win-win in many aspects. The concert was beautiful and timely; and the Gananoque Food Bank received \$832.00 to help those who need our help. *May God bless those who open their hearts with their hands and in their prayers!*

Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 5 pm

Rosary: Bernadette Egan Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Cunningham

Gifts: Linda Beaupré & Anne Swinnard

Holy Communion: John Gavin Lector: Cheryl Gavin

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 10:30 am

Carveth: Sharon Sullivan and Monique Girard

Greeters: Joe and Patty Jansen

Lector: Elizabeth Knudson Gifts: McDonald & Portieous families

Holy Communion: Krista Jenkins

Children's Liturgy: Jacey Kellar

At St. Philomena for Sunday, January 14

Reader: Marilyn McCauley Holy Communion: Marg McReynolds

To Sing or Not to Sing at Mass: You have heard many sayings such as: "We should fully participate in the Mass" "Mass is not an event for spectators. Participate!" "Say all the prayers and sing all the songs". Well, what if you are not comfortable singing and all the parts of the Mass are being sung including Glory to Be and Our Father?

For the next few months at the 5 pm Saturday Mass, Father Dale will omit the singing of some parts of the Mass such as Glory to Be and Our Father to encourage EVERYONE to participate during the Mass. Parishioners should feel part of the Liturgy either by saying or singing the words.

Also, welcome to the Traditional Choir who will be here along with Doug Gifford, organist/Choir Director at the 5 pm Mass for the next 3 months (except for Jan. 13). We need more voices! Plus join us even if you cannot attend our Wednesday's practices at 10:30 am.

St. Francis Xavier Relic Visit

A famous relic of St. Francis Xavier—his right forearm and hand, with which it is thought he baptized over 100,000 people—is coming to Canada. The relic rarely leaves Rome. Everyone is welcome to come venerate this great saint. Come at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston on Wednesday, January 10th. cco.ca/relic for details or the poster.



Event Dates:

First Communion: Enrolment Mass on Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 am

Confirmation: Enrolment Mass on Sun. January 28 at 10:30 am



The History behind the Three Kings/Wise Men/Magi in the Christmas Story

After Jesus was born, Wise Men came to look for Him, probably from an area which is now in either Iraq, Iran, Saudi Arabia or the Yemen. Although they are often called the 'Three Kings', the Bible does not say how many there were, or that they were kings. One theory is that they might have been Kings of the Yemen, as during this time the Kings of Yemen were Jews. Three is only a guess because they brought with them three gifts: but however many there were of them, they probably would have had many more servants with them.

They were definitely men of learning. They were certainly men of great learning. Today we'd called them astrologers. Back then astronomy and astrology were part of the same overall studies (and 'science') and went hand in hand with each other. The magi would have followed the patterns of the stars religiously. They would have also probably been very rich and held high esteem in their own society and by people who weren't from their country or religion. They had seen an unusual new star in the sky, and knew that it told of the birth of a special king. No one really knows what the new star in the sky was, and there are many theories including comets, supernovas, a conjunction of planets or something supernatural!

Herod asked the Wise Men to find Jesus and tell him where he was, not so he could go and worship him as he said, but so he could kill him! He thought that Jesus sounded like a new King that could come and take his power away.

When the Wise Men found Jesus and Mary, they would have been living in a normal house in Bethlehem, because by this time Jesus would have been aged between one and two. Then they gave their gifts to him. The gifts seem quite strange to give to a baby, but Christians believe that they had the following meanings:

Gold: is associated with Kings and Christians believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.

Frankincense: is sometimes used in worship in Churches and showed that people would worship Jesus.

Myrrh: is a perfume that is put on dead bodies to make them smell nice and showed that Jesus would suffer and die. The gifts are also all things that come from east of Israel in Arabia.

When the wise men were about to go to tell Herod where Jesus was, they were warned in a dream not to, so Herod could not carry out his horrible plan.

whychristmas.com/story/wisemen.shtml image: <https://fineartamerica.com>



St. Philomena's Rectory

Eric Emmerson, tenant at St. Philomena's rectory, is looking for an occupant/roommate. If you or someone you know love the island, wood stove heat, and time spent on porch, please call the office for information. 613.382.2017. January occupancy.

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2018 Offertory Envelopes
Please take a moment to pick up your Offertory Box. If you no longer want a box, or you wish to join the Pre-Authorized Plan, please call Lise at the office 613.382.2017. Thank you.



FLU SEASON and THE SIGN OF PEACE

With the cold and flu season underway, each of us has the responsibility of taking precautions to prevent the spread of these illnesses.

For the next few months, we will refrain from shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

Please don't be offended if someone chooses not to shake hands with you during the Sign of Peace. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu virus might be to strive for **eye contact** rather than physical contact. You could **clasp your hands together and bow gently** to those around you, and with a **smile say "Peace be with you," or "Peace of Christ."**



Dec. 24	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Phil</u>	<u>Christmas</u>	<u>St. John</u>	<u>St. Phil</u>	<u>Christmas Auto-Withdrawal</u>
Envelopes	\$5,478.00	\$476.50	Envelopes	\$3,684.00	\$895.50	St. J: \$1,070.00 St. P: \$60.00
Loose	\$198.00	10.00	Loose	\$1,550.45	\$331.75	<u>Jan. 1st</u> <u>St. John</u> <u>St. Philomena</u>
Renovation	\$125.00		<u>Dec. 31</u>			Envelopes \$744.00 \$279.50
Fuel	\$1,000.00		Envelopes	\$1,317.00	\$451.50	Loose \$101.00
Renovation	25.00		Loose	202.45		Fuel \$175.00
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