

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!



Reconciliation:

- 4:15 - 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 Amato
at least 6 months in advance.

Baptism:

- Please contact Father Amato 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

- Are you an adult who has not been baptized or who
would like to explore being received into Full
Communion in the Catholic Church? If so, this
program is for you. Please contact the parish office.

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.

New Parishioners:

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

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 Amato 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

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 7

5:00 pm at St. John: **Helen Covell**

Sunday, January 8

8:30 am at St. Philomena: **Bob Foley**

10:30 am at St. John: **Nadine Plumpton**

No Masses from Mon. Jan. 9 to Fri. Jan. 13

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 14

5:00 pm at St. John - **Richard "Dick" O'Neill**

Sunday, January 15

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Georgina Goodfriend**

10:30 am at St. John - **Dawn Tennant**

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online - just go to stjohnsgananoque.ca

Welcome Father René Beshman. Father René is studying for his Masters in Theology in Ottawa and was kind enough to give us a helping hand for this weekend. Thank you Father René!

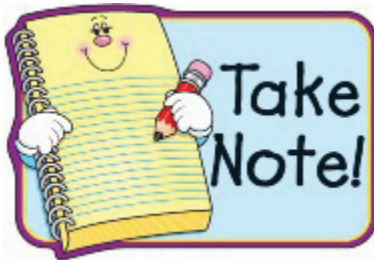


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IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Mary Battams-Rochefort, George Javornik, Angela Keyes and for fortitude to their caregivers.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will take place for our young people in grade 7 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. A letter and registration form will be sent home through the school early this week. A parent and candidate meeting will be held on Monday, February 6, at 7 pm at St. Joseph School. If there is a candidate who is not at St. Joseph's and would like to participate please call the parish office for more information and to register.



The **School Mass** has been moved to Friday, January 20th at 9:45 am.

The **Mass at Carveth** has been rescheduled to Friday, January 20th at 1:30 pm.

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Weekly contributions for these past weeks - Thank you!

	Christmas 2016		January 1	
	St. John	St. Philomena	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$2280.00	\$784.50	\$1,317.50	\$181.50
Christmas/ New Year:	\$4,599.00	\$755.00	\$942.50	\$198.00
Fuel:	\$55.00		\$160	\$25.00
Loose:	\$1,694.93	180.75	\$148.60	
Initial Offering			\$620.00	\$40.00
Restoration/ Donation	\$25.00			\$250.00

Stewardship Notes: On this feast of the Epiphany, when we hear how the magi brought gifts to our Saviour, how can we not think about the gifts we give to our Saviour? Everything we share with our church, our community, and with one another is a gift.



You are invited to: A Faith Development Study

Theme: A faith development study group to be held on 6 consecutive Thursday nights. A series of six short videos presented by Bishop Robert Barron. We will look at 6 people in the bible & a glimpse of their conversion story followed by discussion in small groups.

Dates: Thursday, January 26 at 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm; followed by Thurs. Feb. 2; 9; 16; 23 and March 2.

Where: St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque

Organized by: St. John the Evangelist Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council.

Information: Faith, being a gift from God, is not something that we are to stop developing once confirmed or out of school – but a lifelong process. Please join us. *Invite family & friends.* Refreshments available. It will be a great way to get to know fellow parishioners while learning our faith together.

See you there!

Photo: Wikipedia

**Thank you Letter & Event
from Salvation Army:**

Thank you for all your support with the Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. We were once again not only able to meet our quota, but exceed it, thanks to people like you who were willing to assist.

All money raised is used for assistance to people and families in this area, whether it is coats for kids, feeding hot lunches five days a week, assisting with outstanding utility bills, emergency foodbank, responding to a crisis and other worth while endeavors.

On January 11, 2017, Dave is having a get together to express his appreciation for your support. It will be at the Royal Canadian Legion at 6:30. Please come and meet other volunteers and enjoy something to eat. It will be a pleasure to have an opportunity to meet you and visit.

Sincerely yours,

Dave Harvey & Joanne Lancaster

**Such a Beautiful
Christmas Season!**



This Christmas Season has gone by and hopefully you were able to enjoy yourself and feel peace and tranquility surrounded by Jesus' love. Thank you to all who participated in Once in Royal David's City Concert - approx. \$1,625 was raised for Kevin & Frayne's endeavours for the Royal Theatre.

I wish to say thank you to everyone who filled our pews at Christmas and New Year's & to those who encouraged family and friends to join them. Thank you to the children and the adults involved as musicians, choir members and soloists. Many positive compliments were received following the children's Mass at 5 pm. To the many Liturgical Ministers (Greeters, Gift Bearers, Servers, Readers, those taking up the collection, Holy Communion Ministers) & Advent Candle families - thank you for giving your time and talent at a busy time of the year. Your smile goes a long way to welcome parishioners and visitors.

Thank you to Ken, Richard and Emily our cleaning crew - the churches sparkled; to decorators at St. John & St. Philomena - the decorations from the passage of Advent to Epiphany were very reflective; to Randy and his crew for clearing the snow and ice in order to maintain a safe environment. Thank you for your best wishes, your prayers, your cards and your gifts - all were very much appreciated.
God Bless You and Your Family in 2017!

Father Amato

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In the New Year: Why continue to search weekly for the correct change? - Join the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan by completing the Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Monday, January 16th, 2017.

January Monthly Schedules are ready. Please take your copy.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Bernadette Egan

Reader: Cheryl Gavin

Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Cunningham

Gifts: Linda Beaupre & Anne Swinnard

Holy Communion: John Gavin

ST. PHILOMENA JAN. 15 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Norma Gaudreau

Holy Communion: Marg McReynolds

SUNDAY JAN 15 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: Paul & Anne O'Neill

Greeters: Joe & Patty Jansen

Gifts: Junior Liturgy

Reader: Elizabeth Knudson

Holy Communion: Steve Brennan

Junior: Dale Sheppard

JUST FOR LAUGHS

AMEN - The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

PARISH BULLETIN - Your receipt for attending Mass.

CHOIR - A group of people whose singing allows the rest of the Parish to lip-sync.

HYMN - A song of praise usually sung in a key three octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.

INCENSE - Holy Smoke!

PROCESSION - The ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant, and late parishioners looking for seats.

RECESSIONAL - The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.



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