

**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 daily and 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.

Join our Choirs (Voice and Instrumental):

Sunday Choir: practices on Mondays 7 p.m.
Traditional Choir: practices on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

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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The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023



The Epiphany of the Lord

St. John

Saturday, January 7

5:00 p.m. - † Basil Brosso

Sunday, January 8

10:30 a.m. - † Anna & Hugh McGlade

St. Philomena

Sunday January 8

8:30 a.m. - For the People

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN'S

Weekday masses will not be said during the month of January and the first two weeks of February. Father Christian is away. Please pray for his safe travel and safe return.

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. John

Saturday, January 14

5:00 p.m. - † Robert McCauley

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m.- † Hal McCarney

St. Philomena

Sunday, January 15

8:30 a.m. - For the People

While Father Christian is away Father Louis DiRocco is coming to celebrate weekend masses at both St. John's and St. Philomena's. Thank you Father and welcome!

*We have come from the east to pay homage
to the King*

READINGS FOR January 15, Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 40.1+3a, 6, 7-8, 9 (R. 7-8)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.1-3

Gospel: John 1.29-34



We continue with caution these days not to spread the various viruses particularly during flu season. An appropriate gesture for those who are concerned about spreading the flu or corona 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."

	Weekly Contributions: Jan 1/23	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$1,244.00	\$45.00
Initial Offering	\$210.00	
Solemnity Of Mary	\$560.00	\$47.00
Loose	\$118.55	

	Weekly Contributions: Dec 25/22	
Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering:	\$3,914.00	
Restoration	\$258.00	
Missals	\$20.00	
Loose	\$244.00	
Fuel	\$1,033.00	
Flowers	\$50.00	
Candles	\$720.00	
Christmas	\$1,875.00	\$60.00

Ministry Schedules:

St. John

Rosary:

Greeters/Ushers:

Lector:

Holy Communion

January 14

Margaret Rose

Frank Fair

Donna McCauley

Lorraine O'Meara

January 15

Linda Beaupre

Gerry Brosso

Anastasia Cliffe

St. Philomena

Lector:

Holy Communion:

January 15

Sarah Walsh

Fr. DiRocco



**The Pope’s Intention for January:
For Educators**

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Church Donation envelopes can be found at the back of the church, please pick yours up. If you don’t see one for you, or if there is a mistake please call the office to advise, it will be rectified the following weekend. Thank you!



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>



There are still 2022-2023 missals available for a donation of \$5.00 and can be found at the back of the church. Thank you.



**FOR THE WEEK OF
January 7 to January 13**

Thankfulness for Blessings Received



Catholic Women’s League Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at
1:30 p.m. in the sacristy at St. John
Parish. Everyone Welcome!



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