

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE

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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 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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
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Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School:

130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

Third Sunday of Easter - May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

St. John Parish

Saturday, May 3 - 4:30 p.m. - † Terry Keyes

Sunday, May 4 - 10:30 a.m.- First Holy Communion
and † Fr. Frank O'Connor



St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, May 4 - 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ST. JOHN PARISH

Wed., May 7 - 8:30 a.m. - † Mary Szwojkowski

Thursday, May 8 - 10:00 a.m. - School Mass and
† Carmelita Orellano

Friday, May 9 - 8:30 a.m.- The intentions of Alessi
Maeve Torre Barcia

Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. John Parish

Saturday, May 10 - 4:30 p.m. - † Alice & Daniel
Brake

Sunday, May 11 - 10:30 a.m. - The intentions of
Rosita Ramales for her 93rd Birthday

St. Patrick's Parish

Sunday, May 11- 9:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion Candidates 2025

Blayke Carmichael
Paige Carmichael
Daryl Sayers
Jocelyn Huck-Hiemstra
Scarlett Pirie
Blake Montgomery
Paulene Mendoza
Olivia MacCulloch



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of faith and for the precious sacrament of Holy Communion. We give thanks for these children who are preparing to receive your body and blood for the first time. As they approach this sacred moment, we ask that you fill their hearts with joy, peace, and a deep understanding of the love you have for them. Guide them on their path as they grow in love for you and for one another. We ask for your blessing on these children and their families as they celebrate this important day. Amen.

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, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Joanne Sneider, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Anne Warren, and Judy Weir.



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

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.

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.



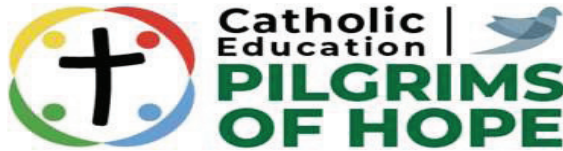
Children's Liturgy is offered at St. John's during Mass on Sundays.



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

Next regular meeting will be held **Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

In the sacristy at St. John's. Everyone is welcome.



**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK
MAY 4 – MAY 9, 2025**

Catholic Education Week in Ontario is a week-long celebration held annually in May, recognizing the contributions of Catholic education. This year, the week is from May 4th to May 9th, and the theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". The theme is inspired by the upcoming Jubilee Year and Pope Francis' call for everyone to be pilgrims of hope. Check out our St. Joseph's School on Facebook for their many activities for this week and plan to attend the School Mass on Thursday May 8, 2025 at 10 a.m.

7th Annual Rideau Canal Men's Retreat by canoe and kayak -Tuesday, August 5 - Thursday, August 7

Theme: Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The 7th Annual Rideau Canal Men's Retreat 2025 for Catholic men (18 years and older, and fathers with teenage sons) will be from August 5-7, 2025. As in previous years, the goal is to gather Catholic men in an outdoor adventure/retreat where we can share our faith and enjoy a little male camaraderie. We hope that all who are interested in participating in this enjoyable event can work their schedules and join us for this time of prayer, daily Mass, opportunities for Confession, and lots of fun, fraternity, exercise, and adventure. If you know other men who may be interested and are not on our distribution list, please feel free to forward an invitation to them. We anticipate being fully registered, so this is your chance to let us know if you are interested. Thank you for your consideration. For more details including the registration and waiver form, please visit

<https://romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/events/7th-annual-rideau-canal-mens-retreat>

GANANOQUE FOOD BANK is currently in need of: Canned Carrots, Potatoes, Ravioli and Fruit. Also Cookies, Mayonnaise, Toothpaste, Razors, Shampoo / Conditioner, and Deodorant



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. Thus far in 2025 we have accumulated **\$2,251**. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

BIRTHRIGHT is celebrating Mother's and Father's Day again this year by distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day weekend. If you want to make a difference in this **CHANGE FOR LIFE** campaign, please take a bottle, fill it with coins, paper money or cheques and return it on Father's Day weekend. The money we raise will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant women and girls who find themselves facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy. Thank you!



	St. John April 29	St. Philomena April 29
Regular Offering	\$1,480.00	\$45.00
Loose cash	\$114.60	
Easter Sunday	\$585.00	\$50.00
Needs of the church in the Holy Land	\$340.00	\$20.00
RESTORATION: Offering Loonie/Toonie	\$145.00 \$79.35	



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