

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

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm

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



**M**AY 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  
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# Sunday, November 13, 2016 -- 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## *This Week's Mass Schedule*

### Saturday, November 12 -

5:00 pm at St. John - John McMaster

### Sunday, November 13 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Brian Dwyre

10:30 am at St. John - Colin Prior

### Monday, Nov. 14 - Friday, Nov. 18 - No Masses

### Saturday, November 19 -

5:00 pm at St. John - Donald Yeldon

### Sunday, November 20 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Frank Ottenhof

10:30 am at St. John - Orazio Amato

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to [stjohnsgananoque.ca](http://stjohnsgananoque.ca)

### **Priest Retirement Fund**

Have you seen the poster? How many priests do you recognize? How many priests have you encountered during your own journey?

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember how they have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, **our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets.** The Priest Retirement Fund ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### **Prayer for the Faithful**

**Departed** Saint Nicholas of Tolentine, Patron Saints of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, fostered a profound devotion of prayer for the faithful departed. *Dear Saint Nicholas, you were attentive to the pleas of many needy souls and through your prayer and penance you hastened their enjoyment of the Vision of God. Look with compassion on our beloved deceased, and obtain for them by your prayers the full forgiveness of their sins so that they may experience the happiness and peace of the Father's presence. Amen.*

### **IN YOUR**

**PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Marnie Bourse, Fr. Wes Chochrek, Marcus Hacault, Tim Kane and for fortitude to their caregivers.

### **PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially Aime Bougie, David Rudyk, and Winston Yott.

**Enrolment Sunday:** On Enrolment Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am Mass, the parents/guardians present their child to the priest and the assembly, formally asking to receive this sacrament.

### **How can we help prepare a child for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist?**

Please, let us be plentiful at Mass to welcome these children and pray for their journey. As members of the parish community we are called to provide prayer and support which is needed for the children, their families, and their teachers throughout the formation period.

In Reconciliation (Confession), the child will learn the importance of forgiving and being forgiven by God and others for what they have done wrong. Most of us remember, at least vaguely, our First Reconciliation and Eucharist because these sacraments highlight the intimacy that God invites us to, and how that intimacy is experienced through the gathering of family, friends and fellow believers.

First Eucharist is the first sacramental milestone a child will experience since Baptism as she/he continues her/his journey with God and the Christian community. In the Eucharist, the child will finally be able to receive Communion with you as you come up to the altar to receive the Bread of Life.

Our spiritual selves cry out to be nurtured in our everyday lives. For the young this is paramount. We hold them in prayer and ask our loving God to hold them close to Him.

### **Memorial Book:**

We remember those of our parish who have died in the past year and parishioners are also invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. The book will be processed to the Sanctuary and remain there during November, the month the Church traditionally remembers, in a special way, the faithful departed. You may write, at any time, the names of deceased loved ones.

**Annual Diocesan Catholic Women's League Retreat is scheduled for November 19, 2016 from 9 am until 3 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Day's Road, Kingston. Please bring a brown bag lunch.**

## Mass Etiquettes

We learned many etiquettes in primary school and just forgot how or why we do them. For others, some Mass etiquettes may be new knowledge. Here is the first one of a series:



### Cross yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church.

This is a reminder of [our Baptism](#), which made us members of Christ's Church. Just try to remain mindful of what is happening when you do the sign of the Cross and remember to say a prayer of thanksgiving.

Taken in part from [aggieatholicblog.org](http://aggieatholicblog.org). Photo: Dominican Idaho

## ST. JOHN CHURCH: NOV. 19 2016 AT 5 PM

**Rosary:** Bernadette Egan **Reader:** Dianne Hebert

**Greeters:** Paul & Anne O'Neill

**Gifts:** Linda Beaupré and Irene Tozer

**Holy Communion:** Lorraine O'Meara

## ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH: NOV. 20 8:30 AM

**Reader:** Gerry Ross

**Holy Communion:** Steve Garrah

## ST. JOHN CHURCH: NOV. 20 AT 10:30 AM

**Carveth on Sunday:** J. Cornish & S. Carmichael

**Greeters:** Gerry Brosso and Joan Dillon

**Gifts:** Children's Liturgy Class

**Reader:** Christine Woods

**Holy Communion:** Mary Wray Brennan

**Junior Liturgy:** Kally Portieous

**BE MY PARTNER** Next Sunday, several children will participate in the Enrolment Rite as they formally begin their sacramental formation process of preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist. Having the ceremony during Sunday Mass is a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in their formation.

There is a sheet at the back of the church with the names of the children preparing for these sacraments. I would like parishioners to partner with a child and their families. All that is required is to commit to pray for a child and for his or her family during these months of preparation. Your prayers will certainly be an assist to them and to the whole parish. - Fr. Amato

2016 Sun. Nov. 6	St. John	St. Philomena
<b>Regular</b>	\$1,712.85	\$406.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$333.05	\$20.00
<b>Fuel</b>	\$894.00	\$190.00
<b>Priests' Retirement</b>	\$123.00	
<b>Cemetery</b>	\$10.00	
<b>Others</b>	\$20.00	

**This month: Fuel; Priests' Retirement Fund.**

### Kettle Drive for Christmas

The list is at the back at St. John's Church. Please sign up today! 100% money collected stays in Gananoque to help those in need. Everyone is invited to The Kettle Kick Off on **Thursday November 17th** at 7 pm at Christ Anglican Church. Refreshments afterward.

### Finance/Property:

Monday, November 21 at 5 pm

### St. John's Parish Council:

Tues., Nov 22 @ 7:30pm

### Catholic Women's League:

November 16 at 6:30 pm

**Funeral Choir Practice:** Wed. 10:30 am - Singers welcome!

**Sunday Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm. Join today.

### Time for a Review?

Thank you to all who give donations on a weekly/monthly/yearly basis and in memory of a loved one. We try hard to manage the money to cover as many projects possible while building a fund for the future. At this time of the year, we ask that you pray and take the time to review your donations. Here is a math equation for a 5% increase. \$5.00 is \$5.25, \$10.00 is \$10.50; \$20.00 is \$21.00. If you need Offertory Envelopes, please call Lise, secretary, at 613.382.2017.

Note to parishioners donating through the **Pre-Authorized Debit:** to add to your amount is very easy. Just write a note indicating your revised amount & sign your note. Or stop by the office.

### Christmas

#### Concert:

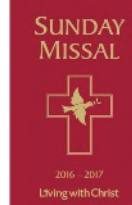
Come out and see many familiar faces singing you in a new Christmas Season - Paul Harding & forty-three members of the Choral Society are cordially inviting you to this year's Christmas Concert scheduled for **Sunday, November 27** at 2 pm at the Firehall Theatre. The cost is only \$10 per person or \$25 per family for a wonderful start to your holiday season. Bring your family and friends. Food also served after the concert.

See you there! [disonlibrary.org](http://disonlibrary.org)



### How to Prepare Ourselves for the Year Ahead - Buy your own Missal

This Missal has more than just Sunday's readings and Introduction to each Mass. You can also learn about the Pope's Prayer Intentions, information on Matthew's Gospel, Music During Liturgy, Traditional Prayers, The Rosary, The Way of the Cross, Inspiration from the Saints, Prayers for Cemetery Visits, and much more. All for \$5. Take it home; highlight favourite passages, and make it your very own Missal. Words, with study, can become your prayers.



By popular demand the **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS** for Advent & Christmas will be at the back of the church next weekend. The content is different from last year. The format is the same; a short scripture and reflection for each day as well as little tidbit for each day.

**"CURSILLISTAS:** You are invited to an **ULTREYA** on Sunday, November 27, 2016 at St. John the Apostle Church Hall. Contact Mike and Diane Foley  
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