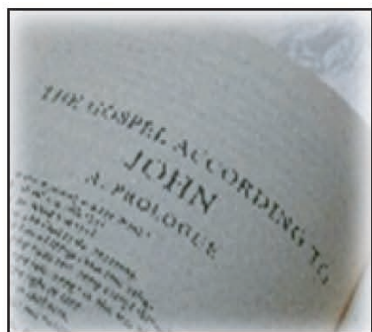


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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**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!



#### **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](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

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- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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# SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2017 - 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen!

## This Week's Mass Schedule

### St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Sat., Nov. 18 5:00 pm - † Father Paul McAvoy

Sun., Nov. 19 10:30 am - † Hal McCarney

### St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, November 19 8:30 am - † Ted Beseau

### St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Monday, Nov. 20 No Mass

Tues., Nov. 21 *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 am - † Eileen Cain

Wed., Nov. 22 *Feast of St. Cecilia*

8:00 am - For our intentions

Thurs., Nov. 23 8:00 am - † Mary Ellen Vinkle

Friday, Nov. 24 *Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

8:00 am - † Joseph Hebert

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sat., Nov. 25 5:00 pm - † Bobbie Lee

Sun., Nov. 26 10:30 am - † Theo Denis

### St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, November 26 8:30 am - † Joan Kane

## **THANK YOU FOR PRAYING FOR ME:**

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially those who we hold dear in our hearts including **Mary Ellen Douglas, Debbie Gray, Shelley Hunt from Kingston, Tracey Ferguson.**

## **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

***We pray for all parishioners who died in 2017, and family and friends who are remembered in our Parish Books.***

### Saturday, November 25

Rosary: Mary Haesler Lector: Lorraine O'Meara

Greeters: Irene Tozer & Barbara Lynch

Gifts: Ron & Anneka Thompson

Holy Communion: Nettie Robertson

### Sunday, November 26

Carveth: Marlyn Jacobson & Budgie Mabee

Greeters: Jennifer Nalon & Emily Bernardino

Lector: Elizabeth Knudson Gifts: The Jansen Family

Holy Communion: Mary Elizabeth McDonald

Children's Liturgy: Jacey Kellar

### At St. Philomena for Sunday, November 26

Reader: Norma Holy Eucharist: Dianne & Marilyn

## **A** BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

You are invited to write in the book the names of deceased loved ones to be prayed for during Masses in November. This book will be brought to the foot of the altar during the Preparation of the Gifts. Enter names of your loved ones at any time.



**Sunday Missal** - Our new Sunday Missal begins December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent. We would appreciate your offering of \$5 to defray the costs. This missal contains a lot of information. Thank you.



### **World Day of the Poor - Sun., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>**

Pope Francis reminds Catholics that they believe Christ is found in every human person. Francis also puts forward three new ways Christians can be seen as blessed, in the style of Jesus' beatitudes. "Blessed ... are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are hands that bring hope," he says. "Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wounds of humanity."

"Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes:' they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters," he continues.

***How can we help?*** Through food and monetary donations to the Food Bank on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month; assisting with the Kettle Drive, by giving someone emotional support in time of need, be a volunteer driver, Breakfast Clubs... *How will you help?*

## Events in November & December 2017 - To help you in your planning!

### **Dec 4 to Dec 9: Kettle Drive for Christmas We need your assistance!**

We still have 44 spots to fill for the Kettle Drive. We, as a Church Community, can lend a helping hand to those in need of assistance during the week of Monday, Dec. 4 to Saturday, Dec. 9. We need approximately 12 volunteers **per day** to sit with the kettle, chat with people and to say thank you usually in 2 hours increments - but very flexible. A sign-up list is posted at the entrance of St. John's Church so you can write your name as many times as you wish. **St. Philomena parishioners:** Please call the office and we will gladly advise you of times available.



### **Nov. 23: Faith Development Series**

Come and explore your faith each Thursdays at 6:45 pm until 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's School, Georgiana St. Gananoque.

**Session 9: Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints** (Nov 23)

**Session 10: The Last Things: What Happens After We Died.** (Nov. 30)

*The format of the evening is simple - we watch/listen to a DVD projected on a large screen and then we hold a discussion to further our knowledge. Everyone is welcome! Sponsored by: St. John/St. Philomena's Knights of Columbus.*

### **Sunday, Dec. 10 2 pm - 3 pm:**

**Confessions for our Parish** - Guide to Confession Based on the Beatitudes. Here is a few examples.

- **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven:** Do I fear being poor, in spirit or otherwise, and prefer to be rich in money, intellect, or influence?
- **Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.** Do I grieve over loneliness, despair, guilt and rejection in the lives of others?
- **Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.** Do I understand nonviolence as a way to fight evil with good, and do I choose to live that way? Do I foster a cooperative spirit in my children?
- **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.** Have I failed to take time for prayer, solitude, reflection?
- **Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.** Am I willing to be a bridge in family and community arguments?

### **Dec. 10 at 6 pm: "The Birth of Jesus - A Franciscan Christmas"**

**St. John the Evangelist Church**

- Based on St. Francis' recreation of the nativity in Italy over 800 years ago.



The Christmas mystery play is not a Christmas pageant, but attempts to portray the events surround the Lord's birth as real as possible, from the birth to the slaughter of the innocent. Because of this, it may not be for small children.

The Birth of Jesus was written to renew the real meaning of Christmas, and in such a way that it can speak it's true message to our hearts, the world we live in, and our daily lives. It seems the Lord uses the Christmas Mystery play to bring people to a real sense of peace during the usual busy and hectic holidays.

This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by The Franciscan Players Teen Group of Clayton, N.Y. Through the use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation on the "Birth of Jesus" promises to be a high point in our Advent season. Goodwill donation.

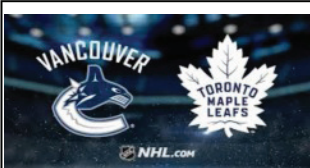
*Bring family and friends to this wonderful play.*

**Dec. 3 at 2 pm: Christmas on the Silver Screen** Gananoque Choral Society Concert (many parishioners), Firehall Theatre

**Dec. 6 - 9 7:30 pm A Christmas Carol.**

Royal Theatre, Gananoque. Featuring local actors and singers including Fr. Amato on Wed. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dec. 17 at 2 pm: St. John's Concert featuring many local area choirs.** Take an afternoon off from the busy and commercial aspect of Christmas and come to our Concert. More information next week.



**Buy your ticket today! Saturday, January 6, 2018:**

**Hockey Game in Toronto** Toronto Maple Leafs vs Vancouver Canucks

**FUNDRAISER - Great Christmas Gift** \$210 per ticket includes ticket, transportation & dinner. Only 57 tickets available. Bus leaving **Gananoque St.** John's Church parking lot 2 pm sharp; **Kingston** Toys R Us parking lot 2:30 pm

Contact: Mary Elizabeth 613-382-9876. Tickets available after Mass/at the office (8am-4pm)

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