

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

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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-- Sunday, November 20, 2016 --

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

### About this Solemnity:

Rather than calling up images of Jesus Christ dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. Iesus nazarenus rex Iudaeorum - Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews).

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Marnie Bourse, 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 including Pauline Bannon.

### NOV. 26 AT 5 PM

**Rosary:** Dianne Ouellet

**Reader:** June Nalon

**Greeters:**

Linda Beaupré and Mary Haesler

**Gifts:** Cheryl G./Anne Swinnard

**Holy Communion:** M. Rose

**Advent Candle:** Abigail Garrah

### NOV. 27 AT 8:30 AM

**Reader:** Gerry Ross

**Holy Communion:** Steve Garrah

### NOV. 27 AT 10:30 AM

**Carveth on Sunday:**

Sharon Sullivan and Ed Lanigan

**Greeters:** Medd Family

**Gifts:** Medd Family

**Reader:** Yvonne Harper

**Holy Communion:** Dianne Hebert

**Junior Liturgy:** Tricia Clark

**Advent Candle:** Hannah Medd

| 2016 Sun. Nov 13    | St. John   | St. Philomena |
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| Regular             | \$1,421.00 | \$372.00      |
| Loose               | \$223.05   | \$2.00        |
| Fuel                | \$70.00    | \$170.00      |
| Priests' Retirement | \$2,340.00 | \$520.00      |
| Donation            | \$5,000.00 |               |

**Thank you very much!**

### *This Week's Mass Schedule*

**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



**Mon, Nov. 21** at 8 am: *Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary* - Lappan O'Hearn

**Tuesday, Nov. 22** at 8 am: *Feast of St. Cecilia* - Stan Tozer

**Wednesday, Nov. 23** - No Mass

**Thursday, Nov. 24** at 8 am: *Feast of St. Andrew Dũng-Lac* - Doris Bovey

**Friday, Nov. 25** at 8 am -

Bobbi Lee

**Saturday, November 26 -**

5:00 pm at St. John -

Betty Knowles

**Sunday, November 27 -**

8:30 am at St. Philomena -

Lynda Norris

10:30 am at St. John -

Suzanne Fox

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



Dear Child: Today is Enrolment Sunday where your parents/guardians will present you to the priest and to all the people assemble here. We, as members of the parish community, will pray everyday for you, for your family and for your teachers throughout your journey towards the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. May God

<http://www.todaychristianwoman.com/>

bless you at home, at play and at school.



**Cemetery Flowers** As per Cemetery By-laws, all flowers have been removed from the headstones. Please call the office for your flower arrangements. You may place a beautiful winter wreath on stand or winter arrangements for headstones.

**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 the names of deceased loved ones.

**Safety Issues at St. Philomena's Hall:** Thank you to Randy Pilszak and his crew for rebuilding the ramp removing the potential of someone tripping. We are presently trying to get batteries for the emergency lights in the hall and replacing any 6+ year old fire extinguishers.

At this beautiful time of the year, we wish to say thank you to Paul Doornbus and his team at Thornbusch Landscaping. Paul donated time and machinery to cut, weed, fertilize the grass and rake the leaves at St. John's during the entire growing season. This is a substantial donation of \$3,876.03 for St. John's.



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## Next Fundraiser - Hockey Game

Toronto Maple Leafs vs Ottawa Senators in Toronto on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Leaving St. John's parking lot at 2 pm sharp.

Cost \$200.00 includes bus ticket; game ticket; pizza/hot dogs and cash bar. Only 34 tickets available. You have a ticket already? - ride with us for only \$60. Tickets available this weekend. Info: Mary Elizabeth 613.382.9876 or Brendon at 613.382.0402. [mapleleafshotstove.com](http://mapleleafshotstove.com)

**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 next **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)

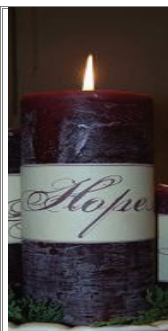


**Finance/Property:** Monday, November 21 at 5 PM  
**St. John's Parish Council:** Tues., Nov 22 @ 7:30pm  
**Catholic Women's League:** November 16 at 6:30 pm  
**Funeral Choir Practice:** Wed. 10:30 am - Singers welcome!  
**Sunday Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm. Join today.  
**Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm at the Fire Hall  
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**Mass Etiquette** Sometimes we do the action, but we have forgotten its meaning/purpose. Sometimes, we just do not know - it's new knowledge. Here is the next etiquette: **When we enter and leave our pew, genuflect toward the Tabernacle. If someone is physically unable to genuflect, then a bow is sufficient. Christ is present for our sake.** By allowing our right knee to hit the floor, we acknowledge He is our Lord and God. During Mass, if you pass in front of the altar, the tabernacle and when receiving Communion, bow reverently. Taken in part from [aggiecatholicblog.org](http://aggiecatholicblog.org). Photo: Catholic Sentinel

**Marriage Encounter** If you would like to improve your marriage, deepen your love, live more happily together, and draw closer to each other, the Marriage Encounter program can help. Marriage Encounter is an experience which focusses on communication between husband and wife. It is an opportunity to spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life and to concentrate on each other as a couple. The next Marriage Encounter weekend will be held in Ottawa from January 20-22. To register, please call Sally and Wayne Fink at 613-777-0262, or e-mail [wslovers98@gmail.com](mailto:wslovers98@gmail.com). Information [www.wvme.org](http://www.wvme.org).



### First Sunday of Advent – Next weekend

Place an Advent wreath in your home. Its circular shape and greenery symbolize eternity and everlasting life. 1<sup>st</sup> Candle: **The Candle of Hope:** We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God (Romans 15:12-13). As you light the candle, pray together, read a passage from the gospel for that Sunday, and sing an Advent hymn. (Sourcebook)

## How to Participate / to Learn / to Pray / to Help Others



**Your Very 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 is at the back of the church. 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. Free will donation.

### BE MY PARTNER

A poster is at the back of the church with the names of the children preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. 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



**Kettle Drive for Christmas** Volunteers are still required for the Kettle Drive. Let us, as a Church Community, lend a helping hand to those who need assistance. All the money collected stays in Gananoque. St. John/St. Philomena's week is Saturday, December 12 to Friday, December 17 usually in 2 hours increments. **St Philomena:** If you are interested, call the office. We will give you the times still available. We need approximately 12 volunteers per day to sit with the kettle, chat with people and to say thank you. A sign-up list is posted so you can write your name as many times and as long as you wish.

RND Arts Presents Disney's The Little Mermaid - A Broadway Musical, December 7 to the 10th at 7 pm. A Saturday Matinee will be performed Dec. 10 at 2 pm - We hope to see you Under the Sea!

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