

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

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



MAY 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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- Principal: Terry Daniels
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Feast of Christ the King

Sunday, November 22, 2015



Enrolment Sunday - Call to Eucharist: Today, during the Mass, the parents/guardians will present their child to the priest and the assembly, formally asking to receive this sacrament. Let us welcome these children and pray for their journey.

How do I help prepare my child for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation? First Eucharist is the first sacramental milestone your child will experience since baptism as she/he continues her/his journey with God and the Christian community. In the Eucharist, your child will finally be able to receive communion with you as you come up to the altar to receive the Bread of Life.

In Reconciliation (confession), your 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.

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. straphaels.ca/menu4-2sub2.htm

Family Mass next Sunday, Nov. 29

The Family Mass at 10:30 am is a wonderful way to get your children involved in the liturgy. Bring your family as we celebrate in our parish family. You'll be greeted by the children and adults. The children who normally go to Children's Liturgy will remain in the church with their families. At homily time Father will invite the children to come forward for a homily that is easy to understand for them. Following the collection some of the children will bring the gifts for the offertory of the Mass. Come as we worship God as we begin our new year.



St. John: Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Dianne Ouellet** Lector: **Joy O'Neill**
 Greeters: **Linda Beaupre and Cheryl Gavin**
 Gifts: **Ron and Anneka Thompson**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Margaret Rose**
Lighting the Advent Wreath: A family is required. Please call or see Father Amato.

St. John: Sunday, November 29 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **John and Dolly Cornish**
 Lector: **Emma McShane**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Steve Brennan**
 Gifts: **Children's Liturgy Class**
 Greeters: **Children & McShane Family**
 Children's Liturgy: **Family Mass**

Lighting the Advent Wreath: Kidd-Velkova family

St. Philomena: Sunday, November 29 - 8:30 am

Lector: **Norma Gaudreau** Eucharist: **Dianne Dowling**

Saturday, Nov. 21 5 pm **Colin Prior**

Sunday, Nov. 22

St. Philomena 8:30 am **In Thanksgiving**
 St. John 10:30 am **For the Holy Souls**

Monday, Nov. 23: 8 am **Austin Smith**

Tuesday, Nov. 24: *Feast of St. Andrew Dung-Lac*
 8 am **Bill Ryan**

Wed., Nov. 25: **NO MASS**

Thurs., Nov. 26: 8:30 am **John Ryan**

Friday, Nov. 27: 8 am **Johnny Savicky**

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Nov. 28 5 pm **Fr. Frank O'Connor**

Sunday, Nov. 29

St. Philomena 8:30 am **Bob Foley**

FAMILY MASS 10:30 am **Jeanne Adair**



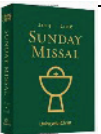
Cleaning the Church. We are looking for 1 or 2 people or a small group who can clean St. John's Church for the month of December on a weekly basis. Our regular custodian will be away for a month. Please contact the office if you are interested.

By popular demand the **LITTLE BLUE BOOKS** for Advent & Christmas are 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.

First Family Mini Retreat for St. John's Parish included a prayer, a meal, good company, new friends, crafts, and reflection cards being sent home with each family... Did you miss it and want the reflection cards? Let Jacey know. Already planning for our next family retreat.

How to Prepare Ourselves for the Weeks Ahead:

So often we hear: we all have time, we just need to be organized. How to start? Having the right resource is a beginning. Purchase your own copy of the Sunday Missal and take it home. You might study the scriptures and reflect, underline a favourite verse or put tabs to ease the turning of pages. The Missal also contains prayers, words on St. Luke and much more. A 52-week learning tool for only \$5.



CHRISTMAS CAKES: Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes: delicious custom baked Christmas Cakes will be sold at St. John's Church after all Masses on December 5/6 and December 12/13, 2015. For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed 900g. Christmas cake in a decorative tin. We also have a 680g. cake for \$15.00 They make great Christmas gifts! Contact: Gerry 613-382-1084.

Parish Support - Thank you!		
2015-November-15	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular Offering	\$2,054.00	\$364.50
Loose	\$170.00	\$1.15
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$2,400.00	\$325.00
Fuel & Donation	\$800.00	
November Pre-Authorized Plan	\$3,038.35	\$140.00
November's Collections: Fuel; Priests' Retirement Fund and Catholic Women's League Dues for 2016		

First Sunday of Advent – Next weekend

Place an Advent wreath in your home. Its circular shape and greenery symbolize eternity and everlasting life. The candles celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World. Violet is the liturgical colour of preparation, reminding us to turn our hearts to God, and the rose-coloured candle exhorts us to rejoice, for we are assured of our Lord's faithfulness. As you light the candles, pray together, read a passage from the gospel for that Sunday, and sing an Advent hymn. (Sourcebook)



Daily Church Goers: Please note that the Mass on Thursday, November 26th will be at 8:30 am.

All the Best Theresa! We want to say a great big *thank you Theresa* for all your volunteering work at St. John's as member of the choirs; money counter; and many fundraiser events. Your smile, musical voice, insights and your funny wit will definitely be missed. May the Lord keep you safe in your travels.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Bedford:
The Sounds of Christmas Candle Lite Service Sun., Nov. 29 at 6 pm at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church on Westport Road. Free will offering and refreshments to follow.

PARISH CALENDAR:
Finance/Property: Mon. Dec. 7 at 5 pm
Carveth: Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm
Catholic Women's League:
Parish Pastoral Council:
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am
St. John's Sunday Choir Practice:
 Mondays at 7 pm in the sacristy
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays; Sacristy
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Be part of our Climate Vigil!
 As part of Development and Peace's campaign *Create a Climate of Change*, prayer vigils are being organized all across Canada. Through prayer, silence and music, our Kingston vigil will be a moment to pray and be in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South who are currently experiencing the worst impacts of climate change. We will also pray for our leaders who will be at the COP21 negotiations in Paris, so that they come to an agreement that will address climate change. The Vigil will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 490 Days Road, on Monday, November 30th, 7:00 to 8:00 pm.

2016 Calendars are now available. Thank you to Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Homes for the donation.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Dawn Tennant and Aileen Wainhouse**.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died. May God bring comfort and peace to their families.

BE MY PARTNER This Weekend is the Rite of Enrolment Ceremony. The Rite of Enrolment marks the beginning of a "journey of faith" for children and their parents who are starting the sacramental formation process of preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist. It is also a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. Likewise, it shows children and their families that they are part of the larger faith community. The members of the parish community provide prayer and support which is needed for the children, their families, and their teachers throughout the formation period.

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

Food Bank in December This year, at St. John's Parish, donations to the Food Bank will be collected during the first two-weeks of December rather than at Christmas time. If you wish to donate a monetary donation, please enclose it in an envelope with your name & address and put in the collection basket. Suggested items: beans in tomato sauce; kidney or chick pea cans; juice; pastas; peanut butter; rice; soup; stew; tuna/ham/salmon cans. Thank you for thinking of others.



Christmas Concert: Clarice, Joan, Lise, Marian, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Ann, members of the Choral Society and our parish, are cordially inviting you to this year's Christmas Concert scheduled for next Sunday, November 29 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

Pre-Authorized Debit at St. John and at St. Philomena To join, complete a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan Form; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection, Canada Post or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Tuesday, December 15th, 2015.

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