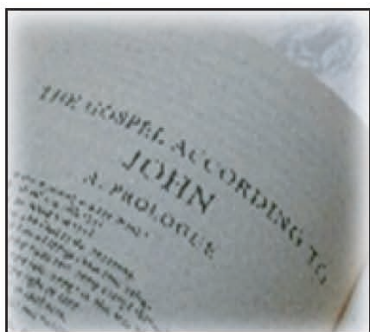


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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!



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

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2017 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Pope's Prayer Intention: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Saturday, Nov. 25 **5:00 pm** - † Bobbie Lee
Sunday, Nov. 26 **10:30 am** - † Theo Denis

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Nov. 26 **8:30 am** - † Joan Kane

St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque

Monday, Nov. 27 **No Mass**
Tuesday, Nov. 28 **8:00 am** - † John Cornish
Wed., Nov. 29 **8:00 am** - † Michael MacDonald
Thursday, Nov. 30 **Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle**
8:00 am - † Deceased members of the McMaster Family
Friday, Dec. 1 **8:00 am** - † Cheryl Duclos

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 2 **5:00 pm** - † Millie Garrah
Sunday, Dec. 3 **10:30 am** - † Dick O'Neill

St. Philomena - Howe Island

Sunday, Dec. 3 **8:30 am** - † Mary MacPherson

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, Shelley Hunt from Kingston, Tracey Ferguson.**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We pray for Ann Bickerton, Debbie Gray, for all parishioners who died in 2017, and family and friends who are remembered in our Parish Books.

Mass Intentions - Such a beautiful & meaningful gift: A Mass in thanksgiving; for the intentions of another person; for a birthday, an anniversary or Christmas gift; for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Intentions are \$20 (announced) or \$10 (not announced). These intentions help the individual(s) and supports the Church. Call the office:382.2017 for a date and a card.

Saturday, December 2

Rosary: Joy O'Neill Lector: Sabrina Gifford

Greeters: Tom and Sheila Petch

Gifts: Irene Tozer and Anne Swinnard

Holy Communion: Lorraine O'Meara

Sunday, December 3

Carveth: Steve and Mary Wray Brennan

Greeters: Christine Milks & Don Mills

Lector: Yvonne Harper Gifts: The Woods Family

Holy Communion: Anastasia Cliffe

Children's Liturgy: Tricia Clark

At St. Philomena for Sunday, December 3

Reader: Marg Holy Eucharist: Jim

Sunday Missal - This Missal contains more than the Sunday readings. Please take a moment to flip through pages 580-671. Our new Sunday Missal begins next Sunday December 3rd - 1st Sunday of Advent. We would appreciate your offering of \$5 to defray the costs. Enjoy!



Donations of Cookies and Squares!

Do you have a great cookie recipe you enjoy baking and would love to share these cookies with others? If you do not bake anymore - store bought cookies are great too! The Catholic Women's League will once again hold their two special events

and would love to receive your sweet treats:

1) **Bake Sale** scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8th at TD Bank. Please drop off your goodies at the bank before 9 am.

2) **Cookies for Homebound/Shut-ins:** Your squares or cookies may be delivered to St. John's Church at the office any time before noon on Wednesday, Dec. 13. The cookies will be repackaged into uniform containers starting at 1 pm in the sacristy.

3) We are looking for volunteers to assist at these two events. Come out and have fun! Please call Mary Wray 613.382.2664 or Jo-Anne McReynolds 613.5416.4893.

First Sunday of Advent – Next weekend

Place an Advent wreath in your home. Its circular shape and greenery symbolize eternity and everlasting life. 1st 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)

Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes will be sold at St. John's Church-Gananoque after all Masses on **Dec. 2/3 & Dec. 9/10**. For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake; or bar cake for \$18.00. Also offered is an all-natural and hand-made chocolate bars from the COCO chocolate company. They make great Christmas gifts! Parish Contact: Gerry Brosso 613-382-1084.

Billings Life The Billings Ovulation Method teaches a woman to understand her natural signs of fertility and infertility throughout her reproductive life. Next clinic is Mon. Nov. 27 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in room D from 7-8pm (patio entrance). Call us at 613-544-8495 or email: kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca.

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 many 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 at Metro; NoFrills or LCBO with the kettle, chat with people and to say thank you. Two 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. 30: Faith Development Series

Last one for 2017. **Session 10: The Last Things: What Happens After We Died.** (Nov. 30 at 6:45 pm until 8:30 pm at St. Joseph's School, Georgiana St. Gananoque.). Thank you to all who came out to the Faith Development Series. Thank you to Wayne Carpenter, Ian Hibbert, Stephane Beardwood, members of the Knights of Columbus and to the staff of St. Joseph School.

Parish Wide Bake Sale sponsored by Catholic Women's League will be held **Friday, December 8** from 9 am until noon at TD Bank. Do come & purchase a treat.

Saturday Dec 9th 9:15 am - 12 noon, St Mark's Parish in Prescott together with the Catholic Charismatic Services of Ottawa (CCSO). Two guest speakers, Frank E. Dalton & Ronald Pion, both committed Catholics, will speak on "What the Father is asking of us"? Please join us for a morning of teaching, prayer, praise, coffee & fellowship. Info: Rick Johnston 289-400-9534 (cell)

Sunday, Dec. 10 2 pm - 3 pm: Confessions for our Parish - Guide to Confession Based on the Beatitudes. Examples: **Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Do I criticize or ridicule those who suffer for their beliefs? Am I embarrassed to step out of the mainstream to stand up for a principle? Have I called myself Christian without making my life a witness to the teachings of Jesus?
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Do I live confident of the promises of Jesus? Do I surrender to pessimism and anxiety? www.acatholic.org

Dec. 10 at 6 pm: "The Birth of Jesus - A Franciscan Christmas" Here at St. John the Evangelist Church

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.

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.

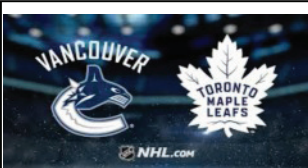
Bring family and friends to this wonderful play.

COLLECTION - Nov. 19	St. John	St. Philomena
Offering Envelopes	\$1,279.00	\$326.50
Loose Collection	179.50	
Fuel	95.00	
Evangelization Sunday	5.00	
Priests' Retirement	130.00	\$100.00
Pre-Authorized this month	\$4,239.35	\$250.00

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

Dec. 6 - 9 at 7:30 pm A Christmas Carol. Royal Theatre, Gananoque. Featuring local actors and singers including Fr. Amato on Wed. Dec. 6th.

Dec. 17 at 2 pm: St. John's Concert featuring choirs & brass band. Take an afternoon off from the busy and commercial aspect of Christmas and come to our Concert. More information soon.



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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