

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

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
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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First Sunday of Advent - - Sunday, November 27, 2016



This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, November 26 -
5:00 pm at St. John - Betty Knowles

Thursday, December 1 at 8:30 am: Jean Norris
(Note time of Mass)

Sunday, November 27 -
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Lynda Norris
10:30 am at St. John - Suzanne Fox

Friday, December 2 at 8 am - June Kendall

2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday, Nov. 28 at 8 am: Father R. Fleury

Saturday, December 3 -
5:00 pm at St. John - Millie Garrah

Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 8 am: Roland and Phyllis
Clancy

Sunday, December 4 -
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Mary MacPherson
10:30 am at St. John - Michael Lekx

Wednesday, Nov. 30 - No Mass

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DEC. 3 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Dianne Ouellet
Reader: Lorraine O'Meara
Greeters: B. Turcotte/F. Fair
Gifts: I. Tozer/A. Swinnard
Holy Communion: A. Cliffe
Advent Candle: Volunteer Needed

DEC. 4 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Natalie Nossal
Communion: M. McReynolds

DEC 4 AT 10:30 AM

Carveth on Sunday:
S. & M. Brennan
Greeters: Tom & Sheila Petch
Gifts: Jansen Family
Reader: Kally Portieous
Holy Communion: S. Carmichael
Junior: Dawn Kirkby Campbell
Advent Candle: Toni Jeroy

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Dick O'Neill, Mary Charboneau and for fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Sister Sheila McAuliffe, Patricia Barnes.

Pampered Chef Party

hosted by the Catholic Women's League, with consultant Kally Portieous, will be held on Sunday, **December 4 at 298 South Street from 2 - 4 pm.** Wrap up your Christmas shopping early and help the Catholic Women's League in their fundraising efforts!



Kally will showcase both new and tried & true Pampered Chef items!



A Prayer for the First Sunday of ADVENT

Great Giver of all that is, show us how much we have received through your abundant generosity. Satisfy our restless hearts with the assurance of your love for us, that we will grow to desire your potter's hands shaping and molding us. Amen.

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Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes:

Delicious custom baked Christmas Cakes made by the monks will be sold at St. John's Church-Gananoque after all Masses on **December 3 & 4 & December 10 & 11.** For a donation of \$25.00 to CLC's Pro-life work you will receive a beautiful boxed deluxe Christmas cake. We also have a regular bar cake for \$15.00 They make great Christmas gifts!

Also for the first time...we will be offering all-natural and hand-made chocolate bars from the COCO chocolate company. Parish Contact: Gerry Brosso 613-382-1084.

Archdiocese of Kingston Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

All parishioners are invited to the Archdiocesan Liturgical Celebration of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at St. Mary Cathedral, Kingston, on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 pm. A reception will follow at Ecole Cathedrale.



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Next Fundraiser - Hockey Game in Toronto

Toronto Maple Leafs
vs Ottawa Senators

Saturday January 21, 2017

Great Priced! \$200 per ticket

includes ticket, transportation & dinner.

Limited tickets available

\$60 bus seats available if looking for ride only.

Bus leaving

Gananoque St. John's Church parking lot 2 pm sharp

Kingston Toys R Us parking lot 2:30 pm

Contact: Brendan at 613-382-0402 or Mary Elizabeth
at 613-382-9876 . Tickets available after Mass.

Come cheer your team in person!

Not your team: come for the fun of it!

Christmas Concert: THIS AFTERNOON:

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!



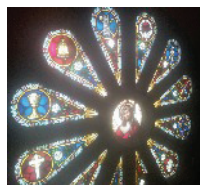
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Kettle Drive for Christmas Twenty volunteers still required. Only 2 hours of your time. Please see the list posted at the back of the Church. It would be great for St. John's and St. Philomena's Church to help others on this important fundraiser. St. Philomena parishioners: Please call the office and we will advise of times available.

Thank you from Archbishop O'Brien, ... I want to thank all those who supported The Archbishop's Dinner to feed the hungry, which was held on November 17th. Through the generosity of those who attended the dinner, as well as donors and sponsors, \$60,000 was raised for food banks throughout the Archdiocese of Kingston. My sincere gratitude to all of you.
+ Archbishop Brendan O'Brien

St. John's Rose Window

The Finance and Property Committee has recently approved repairs to our Rose Window (above the main entrance) including the replacement of the Plexiglas coverings which have obscured the view of the stain glass. The project would take place in the Spring/Summer of 2017. A committee is being created to lead, direct, and manage, the renovations. We are seeking someone who is willing to be committee chair as well as 3 - 4 other hard working parishioners to join our secretary, Lise Emmerson, in this endeavour. Those with accounting, managerial, public speaking and entrepreneurial skills are highly sought after. For those that are interested or would like to find out more please contact Father Amato or Lise Emmerson.



Advent Events

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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Four senior students are fundraising for a mission trip to Guatemala during their March break. The students are looking for some awareness and financial support to reach their endeavors of supporting a local Guatemalan family build a home. A pancake breakfast will be held from **9 am to 11:30 am on Dec. 11th** at Gananoque Secondary School. Many thanks for any support that you can offer.

HAM SUPPER: The CWL from St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston is hosting a ham supper with all the fixings on **Wednesday, December 7 at 5:30**. Cost is \$10.00 per ticket, \$5.00 for 5-10 year-olds, and free for under 5. Everyone welcome! Please contact Mary Amodeo at 613-544-2305 or Theresa Miller at 613-542-3117 to reserve your tickets.

REGI-NOTRE DAME ARTS PRESENTS DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

A Broadway Musical, December 7th to the 10th at 7 pm Tickets are \$12 for Students, \$20 for Adults. A Saturday Matinee will be performed Dec. 10 at 2 pm - Tickets \$15 Adults, \$8 Students, and \$6 for children. We hope to see you Under the Sea!

The Little Mermaid stars Emma Battel in the title role of Ariel, Mitchell Bruce as Prince Eric and Holly Crowson as Ursula. Regi's show also features Zach Betts as Sebastian, Ryan Lariviere as Scuttle the seagull and Sebastian Alamillo Falkenberg as King Triton. The musical features many of the songs you know and love from the movie such as: Under the Sea, Kiss the Girl, Poor Unfortunate Souls and of course Ariel (Emma) will sing a beautiful rendition of Part of Your World. Come and see a cast of 50 and a sixteen piece live orchestra present the Kingston premiere of this Disney classic. Tickets go on sale at the end of November and will be available at the school. We hope to see you Under the Sea!

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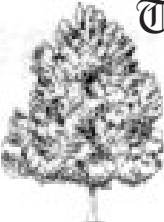
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