

# 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:**

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#### **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:**

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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[www.reginotredame.ca](http://www.reginotredame.ca)

# First Sunday of Advent - November 29, 2015

1st CANDLE - (purple) CANDLE OF HOPE - We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God.

**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

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**Monday, Nov. 30:** 8 am For the Holy Souls

**Tuesday, Dec. 1:** 8 am Scott Pannell

**Wed., Dec. 2:** NO MASS

**Thurs., Dec. 3:** *Feast of St. Francis Xavier*  
8 am Nadine Plumpton

**Friday, Dec. 4:** 8 am Betty O'Toole

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## Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, Dec. 5** 5 pm Millie Garrah

**Sunday, Dec. 6**

St. Philomena 8:30 am Mike Finn  
10:30 am Mary O'Hearn

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

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died especially **Aileen Wainhouse** (sister of Anastasia Cliffe) and **Sister Jean Higgins**. May God bring comfort and peace to their families.



**Archdiocese of Kingston Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Inauguration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy** Archbishop O'Brien invites all faithful to celebrate the Archdiocesan Feast of the Immaculate Conception on

**Tuesday, 8 December, 2015, 7:30PM, at St. Mary's Cathedral.** On this day, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, will inaugurate the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** and open the Holy Door of Mercy in the Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican. The Holy Father is asking that, in every diocese, there also be a celebration of the Rite of Opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church, so that all can participate and obtain the indulgences promised in this Jubilee Year. St. Mary's Cathedral will open the Holy Door on Sunday, 13 December, 2015, at the 10:30 AM Mass. All are cordially invited to celebrate and take advantage of this Extraordinary Year of Mercy.



## Family Mass

Today's Family Mass is a wonderful way to get the children involved in the liturgy. 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, Dec. 5, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Anne Warren** Lector: **Bernadette Egan**  
Greeters: **Bill and Sylvia Cunningham**  
Gifts: **Irene Tozer and Anne Swinnard**  
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Joy O'Neill**  
**Lighting the Advent Wreath: Ruby Campbell & family**

## St. John: Sunday, Dec. 6 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Paul and Anne O'Neill**  
Lector: **Dianne Hebert**  
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Margaret Rose**  
Gifts: **Brendan and Maggie Duffy and family**  
Greeters: **Alice Mangan and Joan Dillon**  
Children's Liturgy: **Amanda Dixon**

**Lighting the Advent Wreath:** We are looking for a family to light the Advent Wreath on Sunday, December 6 at the 10:30 Mass. If your child is preparing for First Communion, please call or see Father Amato.

**Help Wanted** **Cleaning the Church.** We are looking for a small group of people who could clean St. John's Church, in December, on Monday\* mornings following the 8 am Mass. Tasks in the church, sanctuary, sacristy, and bathroom areas would include: floors to be mopped, carpeting to be vacuumed, pews to be dusted, plumbing fixtures to be cleaned and disinfected; and all garbage cans emptied. Glass near door is to be cleaned as needed. Please call the office 613.382.2017 if you are interested. \*the choice of day may change depending on the volunteers.

**CHRISTMAS CAKES:** Campaign Life Coalition Christmas Cakes: delicious custom baked Christmas Cakes will be sold at St. John's Church next weekend - 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	\$1,654.60	\$349.50
Loose	\$160.21	\$2.00
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$30.00	
Fuel	\$60.00	
November Pre-Authorized Plan	\$3,038.35	\$140.00

**December's Collections: Building Maintenance Fund; Fuel; and Christmas Offering**

**We will not be exhausted when Christmas Eve arrives – we will be elated. So, how to do this?**

- 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day.
- 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the morning or the evening. These can be found in the Sunday Missal pages 633 & 637.
- 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day.
- 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone's name to Catholic Missions in Canada. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need.
- 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy. December is upon us, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare with a worthy Advent. Father Newman



[stmarysgvl.org/bulletins/first-sunday-advent/](http://stmarysgvl.org/bulletins/first-sunday-advent/)

### A Parish Wide Bake Sale

sponsored by the Catholic Women's League will be held **Friday, December 4** at 9:15 am until noon at the T.D. Bank. All parishioners are welcome to donate goodies (cookies, pies, bread, biscotti, brownies ...). Drop off your sweets at 9 am and then browse the selection for your own purchase. For pick-up of your donation, please call Annastasia at 613.382.2474. Thank you in advance in donating and/or buying our goods.



Come and see the Regiopolis-Notre Dame production of the **Kingston Premiere of Disney's MARY POPPINS** the Broadway Musical in the school Cafetorium, 130 Russell Steet. The show dates are Wednesday December 9 to Saturday December 12, 7:00 p.m. (Adults \$20, Students \$12). Additional matinee performance Saturday December 12 at 2 p.m. (Adults \$15, Students \$8, Children \$6). Tickets go on sale November 16 at the school or call 613-545-1902.

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

will be held at Holy Family School, 114 Wiley Street, Kingston, on Saturday, 5 December 2015 from 10am – 4pm and on Sunday, 6 December 2015, from 10am – 2pm. Free admission – items for Food Bank welcome; home baking; canteen; 27 artisans on hand.

### PARISH CALENDAR:

**Finance/Property:** Mon. Dec. 7 at 5 pm  
**Carveth:** Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm  
**Catholic Women's League:** Wed. Dec. 16 at 6:30 pm  
**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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm Firehall

### 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. Picture: <http://www.mrsbgroup.com/>



### BE MY PARTNER

Last Sunday several children participated in the Enrolment Rite as they formally begin their sacramental formation process of preparing for Reconciliation and Eucharist. Having the ceremony during Sunday Mass is a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in their formation. As members of the parish community we are called to 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



### TODAY - Christmas Concert:

Clarice, Joan, Lise, Marian, Mary Elizabeth and Mary Ann, members of the Choral Society and of our parish, are cordially inviting you to this year's Christmas Concert scheduled for today Sunday, November 29 at 2 pm at the Firehall Theatre. Only \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Tickets at the door. This is 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)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)** will take place on **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in St. John's Church. Another priest will be here to assist Fr. Amato. This a perfect opportunity to take advantage of this great sacrament as we begin the Year of Mercy.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This debit will include your Christmas Offering.

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