

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE  
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**Welcome parishioners, family members, friends and visitors.  
Your presence here makes all the difference!**

**New Parishioners:**

Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the church.

**Reconciliation:**

Confessions will be available one-half hour before Saturday Mass or by appointment with Father Tom.

**Rosary:**

Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday Mass at St. John's.

**Marriage:**

Couples who are planning to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony are asked to please contact the office to make an appointment with Father Tom at least 9-12 months in advance.

**Baptism:**

Please contact the parish office to obtain a registration form and information on the requirements of this sacrament.

**St. John and St. Philomena Cemeteries:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

**Join the Choir**

You are always encouraged to sing at our Masses, but joining a choir is also rewarding. Contact the office for more information.

**For the Sick and Shut ins:**

The sacrament for the Sick is available upon request if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home. Please call the office. Also, a request may be made through the nursing staff at hospitals for the Priest on call.

**Bequest to the Parish:**

Keep your love for your parish alive. Remember your parishes in your will and when recommending expressions of sympathy.

**Mass Intentions:**

Give a gift of a mass for someone's birthday, to someone who is ill or undergoing surgery.

**St Joseph Elementary School:**

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# First Sunday of Advent, Nov 30, 2025

## First Sunday of Advent

### St. John Parish

Sat., Nov 29 4:30 pm : - † The Rose Family

Sun., Nov 30 10:30 am : † George Karidis

### St. Patrick Parish

Sun., Nov 30 9:00 am: † For the deceased loved ones of our parish.

## First Week of Advent

### St. John Parish

Wed, Dec 3 8:30 am: †

Thurs, Dec 4 8:30 am † Anna Rose

Fri, Dec 5 8:30 am: † Anna Rose

## Second Sunday of Advent

### St. John Parish

Sat, Dec 6 4:30 pm: † Special Intention

Sun, Dec 7 10:30 am: † Nick Vacarro

### St. Patrick Parish

Sun, Dec 7 12 noon †

## The Pope's Intention for November



### **For the prevention of suicide.**

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually and fortitude to their caregivers. We pray for Jean Mulvihill, Fr. Don Cummings & Fr. Gus Mendonça, Brenda Wing, Joan Rowland, Mark Mabee, Dan Hall, Al King, Karen Wand, Fr. Mac Burke, Fr. Leo Bryne, Colleen Bennett, Tracie Yuille, Margaret Leeder, Lily Anne Metcalfe, Christine Folke, Judy Weir, Alice Manga, Barbara MacNeill, Barbara Mulcair, Colleen Buchanan, Carol Laclair, and Anna O'Hearn

### ***PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:***

Please remember all those who have entered into eternal life, especially Fred Turcotte.

## *The Book of Remembrance*

During the month of November, you are invited to write in the names of loved ones who have died. They will be prayerfully remembered during the month.



## PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS

### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations

Heavenly Father, please grant to Your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry out Your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in Your holy name. Please inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer Your call and participate in the fullness that You have planned for them. Amen.

## **The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.**

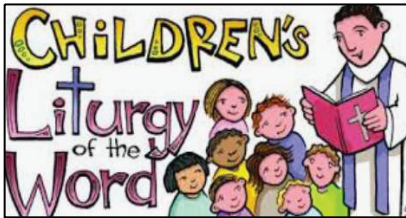


The souls in purgatory are on the path of purification and they rely on the prayers and intercessions of the living. Let us remember these souls with

compassion and empathy, understanding that they await the final purification to enter into heaven.



Confessions are held at 4:00 pm:  
One half hour before Mass on Saturday or by appointment .



**Children's Liturgy is offered during Sunday Mass at St. John's**

The next Children's School Mass is on **Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m.** Please note: There will be no morning Mass on this day.



**Offertory Envelopes**

It's that time of year again! Your 2026 envelopes will be at the back of the church December 1. Please give generously.

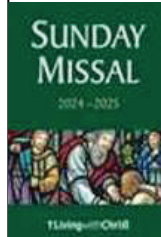


The CWL is collecting socks, mittens and toques (new or homemade) for the needy. A box is located at the back of the Church for your donations. Thank-you!

**Here at St. John's** we have a second collection where by we ask for loose change that you might have in your pocket/wallet/purse. We call it the **Loonie/Toonie** collection. It is a contribution to our building/maintenance fund. Thus far in 2025 we have raised over **\$6748!** Every little bit helps! Thank you for your on-going contributions!

**Volunteer Parish Custodian (Part-time)**

St. John's is looking for a volunteer part-time custodian. Responsibilities include minor repairs to church and rectory, as well as seasonal prep-work. This position can be shared by two people. If you have approximately two hours per week to commit, please call the parish office at (613) 382-2017



The First Sunday in Advent in 2025 is November 30. In preparation for the new liturgical year, Sunday Missals for 2025-2026 are available for \$5.00 and can be found at the back of the church.

**Church Bulletin Advertising**

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertising for St. John's beginning January 2026. Please support your bulletin by advertising your product or services. **Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.**

**Student Reconciliation and First Communion**

In preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion, St. John's is hosting "**Meet the Parents**" on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Attendance is mandatory for parents whose child is registered for the preparation program beginning in January. For more information, please contact Maureen Deir at 613-888-1277 or moedeir@outlook.com

**MASS INTENTIONS ARE NEEDED**

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request to us.

An announced Mass intention is \$20  
An unannounced Mass is \$10.

**How to donate to the Church in memory of someone special.** Donations to the St. John the Evangelist Church or for St. Philomena Church can be done anytime. Place a cheque in an envelope along with your name, address and your special intention. A tax receipt will be forwarded at year-end.

Offerings	St. John Nov 23	St. Philomena Nov 23
Regular Offering	\$1,185.25	\$45.00
Loose cash	\$331.40	
Priest's Retirement Fund	\$25.00	
Donation	\$1,520.00	
Missals	\$421.00	
<b>RESTORATION: Building Fund Loonie/Toonie</b>	<b>\$95.00 \$175.21</b>	



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