

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – GANANOQUE
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Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**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.

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 Christian 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:

235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, K7G 1M9
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Regiopolis-Notre Dame High School:

130 Russell St., Kingston 613-545-1902

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sept 28, 2025

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St. John Parish

Sat., Sept 27 - 4:30 p.m. - † John Mekarski

Sun., Sept 28 - 10:30 a.m. - † Dorothy Yeldon

St. Brendan Parish

Sat., Sept 27 - 6:00 p.m. - † The Donovan Family

St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, Sept 28- 9:00 a.m. - † Ed Lappan

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. John Parish

Wednesday, Oct 1 - 8:30 a.m. - Lea Sweet

Thursday, Oct 2 - 8:30 a.m. - Fr. Thomas Cacciola

Friday, Oct 3 - 8:30 a.m. - † Bernice & Floyd Young

Twenty - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Parish

Sat., Oct 4 - 4:30 p.m. - † Basil Brosso

Sun., Oct 5 - 10:30 a.m. - † Louis Tremblay

St. Brendan Parish

Sat., Oct 4 - 6:00 p.m. -

St. Patrick Parish

Sun., Oct 5 - 9:00 a.m. -

The Pope's Intention for September



For our relationship with all of creation.

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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, Colleen Buchanan, Carol Laclair and Anna O'Hearn.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Beloved Mother, who has suffered so much, give to us your courageous heart. Please pray for us to have strength so that we can be brave like you and



accept with love the suffering God sends our way. Help us to also accept all the suffering we inflict upon ourselves and the suffering inflicted upon us by others. Heavenly Mother, you, in union with Jesus, purify our suffering so that we may give glory to God and save our souls.

PRAYERS AT THE END OF MASS

Prayer to St. Michael

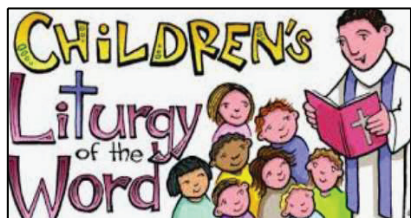
St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits, who prowl through the world,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



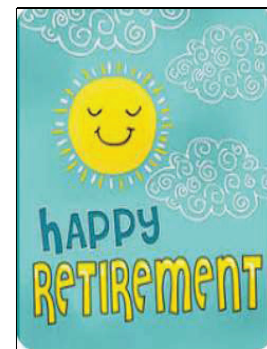
Confessions are held one half hour before Mass on Saturday or by appointment.



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

Raffle Fundraiser for Restoration Fund

Four beautiful pictures hand-painted on reclaimed slate shingles from our own St. John's roof have been generously donated to our Restoration Fund. All pieces signed by the artist. Tickets: 1 for \$5 / 3 for \$10 beginning Oct 4. Draw Nov 2, 2025. Good Luck!



We are saddened to announce that our beloved Administrative Assistant Anne Marie Young is retiring. Her last day is September 26. Please join us after Sunday Mass, September 28 to celebrate Anne Marie and to wish her a happy, healthy and exciting retirement!

Women's Fall Retreat 2025

You're warmly invited to the 16th Annual Women's Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 4th, from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at St. Michael Catholic High School, 2755 County Rd. 43, Kemptville, ON. This year, we are incredibly blessed to welcome Angèle Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach (CCO), as our inspiring guest speaker. Our retreat theme is taken from Psalm 51:10 — "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." We'll begin the day with the celebration of Holy Mass in the school chapel, followed by heartfelt talks from Angèle on forgiveness and God's mercy. There will also be time for prayer, quiet reflection, personal confessions, uplifting music and singing, and the beautiful opportunity to exchange prayer partners. The cost is \$50, which includes snacks and a delicious lunch. Please register by September 27th at www.womensfallretreat.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.

Dear Parish Family,

I am Rev. Tom Stephan, and it is with great joy and gratitude that I begin my ministry among you. I come from beautiful Kerala in southern India, shaped by its rich heritage of faith, family, and service. Ordained in 2007, I had the privilege of working as a missionary priest among indigenous communities in the province of Arunachal Pradesh, the foothills of the Himalayas serving in remote villages and sharing in the struggles and joys of people whose faithfulness inspires me deeply. In 2022, God led me to Canada, and I have been honoured to serve in the Diocese of Antigonish. Now, I feel truly blessed to be with you here, called to journey together in faith, hope, and love.

As I now begin my ministry among you, my heart is filled with gratitude and hope. I thank Archbishop Michael Mulhall for giving me the opportunity to serve in the Archdiocese of Kingston. A parish is not just a building where we gather on Sundays; it is a family of faith where each person is valued, where our diversity is a gift, and where Christ is at the centre of all we do. My prayer is that together we may grow closer to the Lord through the Eucharist, through acts of service, and through our care for one another. I look forward to getting to know you, your stories, your families, your struggles, and your joys—and to walking with you on this journey of faith.

Please keep me in your prayers as I begin this new chapter of ministry with you. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones that the Lord may continue to bless our parish communities with peace, unity, and joy. In Christ, **Rev. Tom Stephan**

Offerings	St. John Sept 21	St. Philomena Sept 21
Regular Offering	\$1,670.00	\$40.00
Loose cash	\$311.35	
Needs of the Church	\$65.00	
Cemetery	\$55.00	
<u>RESTORATION:</u> Building Fund Loonie/Toonie	\$5.00 \$207.50	



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