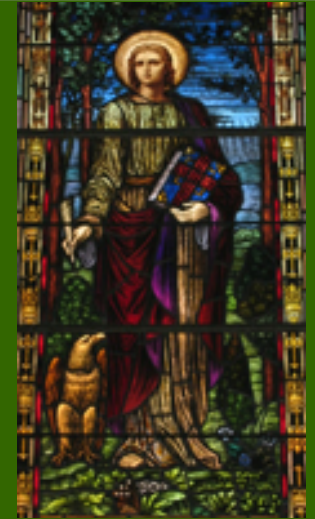


# St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Parish

Gananoque, Ontario, Canada

# The Mission of St. Philomena Roman Catholic Parish

Howe Island, Ontario, Canada



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## Ministries

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ROSARY STARTS AT 4:30 PM ON SATURDAYS

Monthly Schedules are available TWO WEEKS in advance. Please pick yours up before the start of the Month.

If you are unable to fulfill your Ministry (Rosary, Greeter, Lector, Eucharist Minister, Gifts, Carver, please call someone on the volunteer list or call Joy O'Neill (382-4604).

PLEASE TRY TO ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF MASS (GREETERS 20 MINUTES).

Father Amato is very grateful for all who are involved with the various ministries

## Choir

Brian Lucy is the organist at St. John the Evangelist Church and you are welcomed to join him and our choir for our Sunday Masses. Brian will take you through a vast array of sacred music. Brian is an excellent vocalist.

## Liturgical Ministries

Participation in the Holy Eucharist by all Catholics is an incredible privilege, available to us because we are made in the image of God and have been incorporated into His Body by His Son. It is a special privilege to be able to assist in the Eucharistic celebration as server, lector, Eucharistic minister or presenter of gifts, and if we accept these tasks we ought to try especially hard to live in a way which manifests the grace which we receive in the Eucharist. More people are needed in all these areas of service; please consider carefully whether you could make a contribution in one of the following ways.

## Altar Servers

Servers are needed for weekend Masses, weekday Masses and Funeral Masses. The basic tasks of a server are probably well known to you: holding the missal at the presider's chair, setting and clearing the altar during Mass, bringing forward the wine and water, the water and towel for the ablutions, and ringing the Sanctus bell. At more solemn Masses there is also the Crucifer or crossbearer, and candle bearers; at some Masses - and always at funerals - there is also the Thurifer or incense-bearer.

## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic

Eucharistic ministers have perhaps the most awe-inspiring role of all - to deliver to communicants the Body and Blood of Christ. They are approved by the Pastor and generally formally mandated for their task. Eucharistic ministers are needed not only at Mass but to take Communion to the sick at home

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

On Sunday, immediately following the Collect, Father Sebastian Amato calls the little ones for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children who have not received First Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Children will go in the sacristy and be assisted by adult volunteers. The little ones will hear the Gospel and pray their petitions in a manner suitable for their ages. No registration required.

## Lectors

The Lector, as s(he) proclaims the readings is the Voice of God, for God is present in His spoken Word. Copies of the readings are handed out with the schedule in order to prepare. Lectors also have to present the Prayer of the Faithful, which also needs careful study beforehand, especially for the pronunciation of names.

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Classes are held Tuesdays at 3pm. If you are interested, please call Father Sebastian Amato.

## Presenters of the Gifts

Presenters of the Gifts carry the bread and wine to be used in the Mass up from the centre of the main aisle to the celebrant at the altar.