

# 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:**

- Principal: Tracy O'Brien  
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9  
613.382.2361 [www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

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

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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# Third Sunday of Easter – April 10, 2016

At Easter, we are reminded of God's grace and how lucky we are for all the blessings in our lives.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 9

5:00 pm – Fred Flowers

### Sunday, April 10

8:30 am at St. Philomena – Brian Dwyre

10:30 am at St. John – Ioleen Bovey

**Monday, April 11:** 8:00 am Len Charboneau

**Tuesday, April 12:** 8:00 am Margaret Jamieson

**Wednesday, April 13:** No Mass

**Thursday, April 14:** 8:00 am Fred Delaney

**Friday, April 15:** 8:00 am Dorothy Field

**Saturday, April 16:** 5:00 pm Henry Knotek

### Sunday, April 17:

8:30 am at St. Philomena Fernande Bonin

10:30 am at St. John - Joe O'Toole

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

Also, PLEASE PRAY for the children of Grade 2 who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 24 and for the candidates who will make their Confirmation on Tuesday, May 10.

### PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

Please remember in your prayers those who have

### PARISH CALENDAR:

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tues. April 12 at 7:00 pm

**CWL:** Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm

**1st Eucharist Retreat:** Thurs., Apr. 21 9:45 am to 12 pm

**First Eucharist:** Sunday, Apr 24

**CWL Bake Sale:** Friday, May 6, 2016

**Finance/Property:** Monday, May 9 - 5pm

**Confirmation:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm

**Funeral Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am

**Sunday Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm

**Legion of Mary:** 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

**Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm at Firehall

**Children's Liturgy** We are blessed to have dedicated leaders helping our younger children every Sundays at the 10:30 am Mass. The Children's Liturgy is for children who are three years of age to grade two. The children are called forward at the beginning of Mass and will return to their families during the offertory. No sign-up is necessary. Confirmation candidates have been helping the adult leaders during the last few months. Many thanks to all of our volunteers.

## Our Family Social Activity

**Next Sunday, April 17:**

**12 pm - 2 pm at St. Joseph's School**

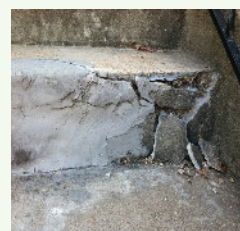
### COME PLAY AND PRAY

We welcome spring! We will be discussing the importance of making time as a family for prayer. There will be games, discussions and time for reflection. This is a pot luck event, please bring a dish to share.

**Everyone is invited to participate. It's a great way to meet other parishioners!**

If you are interested in helping out with these events or would like more information please contact Jacey Kellar [jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca)

April 3, 2016	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular	\$1,903.00	\$356.50
Loose	\$164.85	\$0.45
Easter	\$205.00	
Building Fund	\$485.00	



**BUILDING FUND -** Our spring and summer projects such as the repairs to wall & cement stairs plus repairs to steam traps are scheduled for upcoming seasons. Your donations to Building Fund will assist in maintaining safe areas in and around our beautiful buildings.

**The New Evangelization Summit Inspiring Catholics** LIVE from Ottawa, and webcast to host sites across North America! Streaming to Kingston, April 15-16 St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd. Tickets must be purchased in advance. For tickets and information visit [newevangelization.ca](http://newevangelization.ca) or call 613-929-2161.



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**St. John's: Apr. 16, 2016 at 5 pm**

Rosary: Ed Lanigan

Greeters: Irene Tozer and June Nalon

Lector: Anne O'Neil

Holy Communion: Chris Mangan Greene

Gifts: Steve and Lorraine O'Meara

**St. John's: April 17 - 10:30 am**

Carveth on Sunday: Ed Lanigan and Sharon Sullivan

Greeters and Gifts: Children's Liturgy Class with parents

Lector: Christine Woods

Holy Communion: Steve Brennan

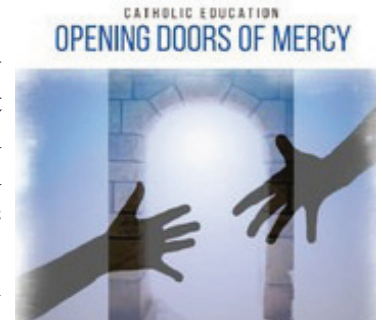
Junior Liturgy: TBA

**St. Philomena's April 17 - 8:30 am**

Lector: Marg McReynolds Holy Communion: Dianne Dowling & Marilyn McCauley

**Catholic Education Week 2016**

Catholic schools are Catholic communities. Catholic schools are faith communities. We – parents, students, teachers, administrative and support staff – walk and grow together in the faith which we received at our Baptism. And it is the 'together' that we grow. Our growth is primarily a relationship with God, who at our Baptism, called us by name. But the response of each of us to that growth is both personal and communal. We grow in our faith in the nurturing atmosphere of our Catholic community be that of our local parish, our home, or our Catholic school community. Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a Mass on Friday, April 29 at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



**Easter Continues - Life Message during this Year of Mercy**

**1) We need to open our eyes, ears and hearts wide to see, hear and experience the Risen Lord coming to our life in various forms, circumstances and events.**

**A) The Risen Lord gives us success and achievements:** We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the risen Jesus behind our unexpected victories, great achievements, job promotions, miraculous healings and success in relationships. Let us not foolishly attribute a success in our career only to hard work; our good health only to daily exercise coupled with moderation in food and drink; and our sound financial position only to frugal spending habit and good management of money. Let us remember the divine warnings, "Without Me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5); and "If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless" (Ps.127: 1).



**B) The Risen Lord is present in our pain and suffering:** Acts 9:1-13 tells us how the Risen Lord transformed the life of Saul by pushing him down from his horse onto the Damascus road and making him temporarily blind.

The same Jesus often visits us in the form of accidents, illnesses, the loss of dear ones, pain and suffering, and problems in relationships. When Cardinal Bernadine was hospitalized for the surgical removal of his gall bladder and one of his kidneys to arrest the growth of pancreatic cancer, he said: "Cancer augmented my faith in the presence of the Risen Jesus as actively involved in my life. I could experience Him in the hospital room more than any time in my busy pastoral life"

Bishop Desmond Tutu who was losing the battle against prostate cancer, spoke of how the disease had given him new ears, and new eyes, to see things and hear things he had so taken for granted – the

love of your spouse, the Beethoven symphony, the dew on the rose, the laughter on the face of your grandchild. Find more at: <http://en.radiovaticana.va/>

clipart: clipartpanda.com; pinterest.com

**The Diocesan Legion of Mary**

Acies will take place this afternoon, Sunday April 10 at 2:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Days Road, Kingston. The Acies will have Mass with Archbishop Brendan O'Brien. A reception in the hall will follow.

**Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced:**

Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? Come to the New Life Group Meeting: a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced on alternate Tuesday evenings. April 12: Legal Issues, Deborah Swartz, April 26: Self Care in Handling Inevitable Losses. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, 390 Palace Road, Kingston, (613) 548-4461. All faith denominations are welcome.

**Feel Free to take as much Easter Water that you would like from the containers at the front of both churches. Bring your own container. This water can be used to bless objects at home, your car, etc. Simply offer a prayer and sprinkle the water over them and entrust yourself to God!**

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