

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND

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Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, April 15:

8:30 pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sun., April 16 - Resurrection of the Lord:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - For your intentions

10:30 am at St. John - For your intentions

Monday, April 17 - No Mass

Tuesday, April 18 at 8:00 am - Mike MacDonald

Wednesday, April 19 - No Mass

Thursday, April 20 at 8:00 am - Mary O'Hearn

**Friday, April 21 at 8:00 am - Protection of the
Unborn Children**

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm - Timothy Prior

Sunday, April 23 - Divine Mercy

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Mary McPherson

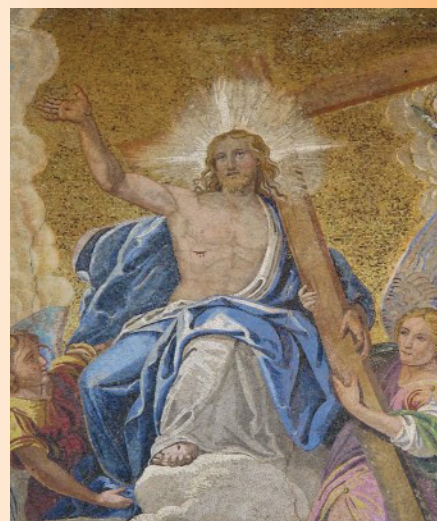
10:30 am at St. John - For the Communion
Candidates and their families

I love Easter! It is one of my most favourite times of the year. Someone invariably asks me, "don't you find this week to be hectic and tiring". It is true of course, with all the extra things that have to be done and each day is different that there are a few nerve racking times. In reality, for me, the differences are what gives life to these feast days. The Triduum in particular is so full of meaning that by the time Easter Sunday arrives there is a lot of joy.

The other beauty about Easter is that it continues ... for the next fifty days.

God bless you on this truly "wonderful time of the year". Jesus Christ has Risen!

Fr. Amato



*Tonight Sat. April 15,
following the Holy
Saturday Easter
Vigil, please join us
to celebrate Easter!
Refreshments for
everyone.*

**The Easter Season continues!
Everyone is invited to keep
reading in their Little White
Book. It has meditations for
each day during the Easter
Season as well as some
interesting tidbits.**

Catholic Women's League and Kindness Club's BAKE SALES

- The Kindness Club (children from St. Joseph's School) will be hosting a bake sale at the back of St. John's Church on Sunday, April 30, which is the start of Catholic Education Week.
- Thank you very much to everyone who donated, purchased or volunteered at the table of the Catholic Women's League Bake Sale held last Friday. Everything sold for a total of \$572.50.

Weekly Contributions: April 9, 2017		
	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$443.50	\$2,123.00
Loose:	\$20.00	\$198.55
Fuel:		\$55.00
Dev. & Peace /Easter /Holy Land		\$1,213.00
Flowers	\$105.00	\$410.00
Auto-withdrawal: Mon., April 17. Please look in your box for Easter & other donation envelopes.		

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually. PLEASE PRAY for the children who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** next Sunday, April 23 and for the candidates who will make their **Confirmation** on Tuesday, May 9.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.

Buy your ticket(s) today for cash prizes of \$3,000.

Sell the winning ticket(s) & win from the \$300 cash prizes.

You are invited to support our Restoration Projects by purchasing a \$20 ticket (or more). The draw is July 2nd, 2017. Good odds with only 500 tickets. We are looking for **sellers**. Everyone loves extra cash. Bring booklet(s) to your workplace and ask family & friends. Please call the office 613.382.2017 or see seller at the back of the Church.

ONLINE Faith Formation Courses

Info: www.newman.edu/CCS

A comprehensive selection of on-line courses on various aspects of the Catholic faith are available at the above website. Take an individual course for interest, or work toward one or all of the 21 specialized Certificates in Catholic Studies. This program is open to adults and youth of all backgrounds and education levels. The Certificate in Catholic Studies courses are approximately 25 hours each over a five week period. Each course requires the completion of readings, assignments, and participation in on-line discussions.

"CURSILLISTAS: You are invited to an ULTREYA on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston. The Ultreya will start at 2:00 p.m. and will consist of a witness talk, response, small groups, music, prayer and refreshments. All Cursillistas are invited to come out to renew old friendships and meet fellow Cursillistas. For more information contact Mike and Diane Foley in Kingston at 613-546-6224 mfoley8@cogeco.ca or Neil and Margaret Cameron in Brockville at 613-498-1702 cameron25@bell.net"

"HANDMADE ONLY" Craft Sale Looking for Vendors: Holy Cross is hosting a craft show on Saturday Oct. 14, 2017 from 10 – 3 pm. The cost to vendors is only \$30.00 per table with all this money going to the 2018 Jamaica Mission Trip. Vendors get to keep all profits from their sales. Admission to the show is FREE. Please contact J. Haley @ jandewy@yahoo.com to reserve your table(s) and arrange payment (before June 15).

Holy Cross Spring Cabaret: Holy Cross Arts Department invites you to their Annual Spring Cabaret in the Holy Cross Cafeteria on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$5.00 & refreshments will be available. Join the community of Holy Cross to watch our many talented dancers, singers, musicians, and performers. Come and enjoy our 'Tropical Themed' Cabaret Cabana and escape this rainy April weather.

Ministry's Schedule

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Joy O'Neill **Reader:** Cheryl Gavin
Gifts: Bill and Sherry Turcotte
Holy Communion: John Gavin

ST. PHILOMENA APRIL 23 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Dianne Dowling
Holy Communion: Marg & Marilyn

SUNDAY APRIL 23 AT 10:30 AM

Carveth: S. Sullivan & E. Lanigan
Greeters: St. Joseph's Kindness Group
Gifts: First Communion Children
Readers: 1st Communion Children
Holy Communion: Mary Wray Brennan
Junior Liturgy: Dawn Kirkby

Finance/Property: Mon., April 24, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan
Catholic Women's League: Info.: JoAnne McReynolds

Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am - Info: Doug Gifford

Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm. No audition. Info: Stephen B.

Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall. Info: Wayne Carpenter

Legion of Mary: 8:30 am on Tuesdays in the Sacristy

The Billings Ovulation Method

teaches a woman to understand her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages including breastfeeding, pre-menopause, and stressful times. This form of natural family planning is easy to learn and easy to use. The next information session will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Kingston. Call 613-544-8495 for information and directions.



St. John's Church Yard Sale is Coming Back!
Save your items & Save the Date - Saturday, June 24. Items will be collected starting June 1.

St. John's Cemetery - Spring News

Spring cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, April 29 from 9 am until noon. weather permitting. If possible, please bring items such as rake, shovel, wheelbarrow, pruner, hoe, gloves, sunscreen and water. Come and enjoy the sunshine & meet other volunteers. Work includes: flower boxes, clearing ditches, raking, levelling & more.

Please note: With the seasonal rains please be aware that the roads and grass area in the cemetery may be soft. Damage can be quickly caused by parking too far on the grass or driving too fast. **No driving on grass at any time.**



Youth News in our Archdiocese:

- World Youth Day Apr. 11
- Sunday Apr. 19 Parent Symposium "Parents and Schools Together: Building Resilient Children and Youth with Positive Mental Health" 5:30-8PM, St. Michael's C.S.S. Kemptville
- May 12 March for Life Youth Conference, Ottawa
- July 28-30 Steubenville Toronto
- 2017 TOTUS TUUS Summer Camps - see poster

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