

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

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**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 next Sunday 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 entered into eternal life.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Promoting Healing in our Church held April 6. Many thanks to the Healing Violence Committee of the Sisters of Providence for facilitating a difficult issue. If you have gotten something from this type of session, or have ideas for the ongoing healing process, please contact Father Amato.

**Development and Peace** Did you know that Ethiopia is going through its worst drought in 50 years? Development and Peace is making a difference in helping communities in Ethiopia overcome the many challenges they face. Development and Peace is supported by the annual Share Lent collection.



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### **First Holy Communion - This is a Parish Event**

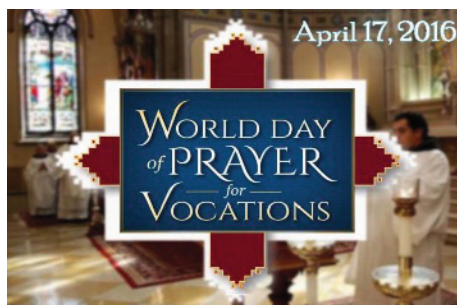
Please keep all of our children in your prayers this week, who will be receiving their First Holy Communion **next weekend, Sunday, April 24** at the 10:30 am Mass. It would be great to have many parishioners welcome the children and their families on their special day. They have been preparing for many months and are excited about receiving the Body of Christ for the first time. I invite you to pray that this spiritually enriching moment in their lives will be the first of many times. I also thank the parents, teachers and parish volunteers who mentored the children to this day.

Fr. Amato

The following are a couple of thoughts from the Eternal Word Television Network. More can be found on [www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/euchb2a.htm](http://www.ewtn.com/faith/teachings/euchb2a.htm)

**How should we prepare ourselves for Holy Communion?** We prepare ourselves for Holy Communion by thinking of Our Divine Redeemer whom we are about to receive, and by making fervent acts of faith, hope, love, and contrition. a) Be neat, clean, and modest in our appearance, and respectful and reverent in our manner. b) Each time we receive Holy Communion we are to be as devout and fervent as if it were the only Communion of our lives.

**What should we do after Holy Communion?** After Holy Communion we spend some time adoring Our Lord, thanking Him, renewing our promises of love and of obedience to Him, and asking Him for blessings for ourselves and others.



4th Sunday of  
Easter  
April 17, 2016

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

**Sunday, April 17:**

8:30 am St. Philomena: **Fernande Bonin**

10:30 am St. John: **J. O'Toole**

**Monday, April 18:** 8:00 am **Carmen Foster**

**Tuesday, April 19:** 8:00 am **Alice Reid**

**Wednesday, April 20:** **No Mass**

**Thursday, April 21:** 8:00 am **For your Intentions**

**Friday, April 22:** 8:00 am **Anna Park**

**Saturday, April 23:** 5:00 pm **Nadine Cunningham**

**Sunday, April 24:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena **Alfie Pallister**

10:30 am at St. John - **First Communion Candidates**

MASS



*SCHEDULE  
& INTENTIONS*

### **Our Family Social Activities TODAY - TODAY**

**Sun., April 17 at St. Joseph School from 12 noon to 2 pm**

We welcome spring! There will be games, discussions and time for reflection. Most importantly, to get to meet other members of the parish. This is a pot luck event, please bring a dish to share. **Forgot your dish? - COME OUT ANYWAY!** The more the merrier. **This event is for the whole family.**



## **PARISH CALENDAR:**

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Tues. April 12 at 7:00 pm  
**CWL:** Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30 pm  
**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat:** This Thurs., Apr. 21  
**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 the Firehall

### **St. John's Cemetery News**

- **Spring Cleaning Day** is scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 9 am until noon at St. John's Cemetery, off Georgiana Street. If possible, bring a rake, a shovel, a wheelbarrow, sunscreen and water and enjoy the sunshine, good company and a bit of history. Many hands make light work.
- **St. John's Cemetery Prayer Service** will be Monday, June 13 at 7 pm.

### **St. John's: Apr. 23, 2016 at 5 pm**

**Rosary:** Barbara Lynch  
**Greeters:** Linda Beaupre & Mary Haesler  
**Reader:** June Nalon **Holy Communion:** Margaret Rose  
**Gifts:** Bill and Sherry Turcotte

### **St. John's: April 24 - 10:30 am**

**Carveth on Sunday:** Marlyn Jacobsen & B. Mabee  
**Greeters:** Bernadette Egan and John Cornish  
**Gifts:** First Communion Children  
**Holy Communion:** Krista Jenkins  
**Readers:** First Communion Children  
**Children's Liturgy:** No Children's Liturgy so the children could be present for their friends making their First Communion

### **St. Philomena's April 24 - 8:30 am**

**Reader:** Gerry Ross  
**Holy Communion:** Marg McReynolds

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** Today, Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis in his message asked that "we ask the Lord to grant to all those who are on a vocational journey a deep sense of belonging to the Church; and that the Holy Spirit may strengthen among Pastors, and all of the faithful, a deeper sense of communion, discernment and spiritual fatherhood and motherhood." The Archdiocese of Kingston's Vocations Office has a new website we invite you to visit: [www.kingstonvocations.com](http://www.kingstonvocations.com) and anyone who feels that the Lord may be calling them to the priesthood or religious life can contact Fr. Jan Kusyk, Vocations Director at 613-259-2155 or email [frjankusyk@gmail.com](mailto:frjankusyk@gmail.com)

### **Prayer for Vocations**

*Father of mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are founts of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelization. Sustain these communities in their commitment to offer appropriate vocational catechesis and ways of proceeding towards each one's particular consecration. Grant the wisdom needed for vocational discernment, so that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth. May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God. Amen.*

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT!** Come and help "Raise the Roof" with an evening of Christian, Gospel and Inspirational music and singing at the St. Laurence O'Toole Church Choir concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening, April 23rd at the Spencerville United Church. Tickets are \$20.00 which includes goodies, tea and coffee at intermission. To reserve/purchase tickets or for more information contact Pauline Smith at 613-658-5292 or email: [pauline.smith4344@sympatico.ca](mailto:pauline.smith4344@sympatico.ca).

**Campaign Life Coalition's Pro-life meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 7 pm until 9 pm at the Kingston Public Library on Johnson St. (Wilson Room)** Mr. Jim Hughes, National President of CLC and Vice-President of International Right to Life will be the guest speaker and will be able to update us on the many pro-life/ pro-family issues facing our country and internationally. Please come and bring friends and relatives. More information call CLC at 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.

### **Catholic Education Week 2016 -**

**Your are invited to our SCHOOL MASS:** Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a Mass on Friday, April 29 at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH EVENING PRAYER**

**SUNDAY April 24<sup>th</sup> - from 6:30 pm until 7 pm – Year of Mercy**

The Sunday Evening Prayer is going well. A special thank-you to Joy and Bernadette for reading at the first two and Christine for presiding. Now we are looking for someone to do the readings and a presider for the next 2 - 3 months, different people for each month. Are you ready to hold your hand up? Please contact Debbie dancindeb.gma@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar to attend this beautiful Evening Prayer consisting of hymns, psalms, prayer, scripture and intercession.

April 10, 2016	St. John's	St. Philomena
<b>Regular</b>	\$1,721.50	\$406.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$177.45	\$10.00
<b>Easter</b>	\$630.00	
<b>Fuel</b>	\$130.00	\$70.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$120.00	
<b>Holy Land</b>	\$410.00	

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