

# 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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# Mass Intentions

- Saturday, April 22**  
5:00 pm - Timothy Prior
- Sunday, April 23 -**  
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Mary McPherson  
10:30 am at St. John – For the Communion Candidates and their families
- Monday, April 24 -**  
11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Bob Bird
- Tuesday, April 25 - St. Mark**  
8:00 am - Colin Prior
- Wednesday, April 26 - No Mass**
- Thursday, April 27**  
8:00 am - Nadine Plumpton
- Friday, April 28 - St. Joseph School Mass**  
9:45 am - For Your Intentions
- Saturday, April 29**  
5:00 pm - Roland and Phyllis Clancy
- Sunday, April 30**  
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Brian Dwyre  
10:30 am at St. John – Peter Vincent



We welcome sixteen children this morning to the Table of the Lord. Following the last four months, the children have been preparing to receive their First Communion. Let us welcome them and encourage their families to be an active part of our Parish. Please pray for the children and their families. Many thanks to the Prayer Partners who have been praying for the First Communion candidates.

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

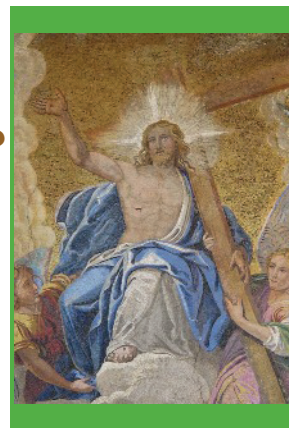
PRAY for the children receiving their **First Communion** today and the Confirmation candidates who will make their **Confirmation** on Tuesday, May 9.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Bob Bird, Dan Deir, Lucy Holmgren, Fr. James MacGillivray.

**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.**



**Please check the Bulletin Board in the vestibule as you come in from the parking lot for various events going on.**

**The Journey Diocesan paper is available at the back of the church. It's in a new format.**

**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.**

**Suggestions:** Clean linens, glassware, dishes, flower pots, tools & power tools, furniture, toys & games, baby items, bikes, skates, picture frames, clocks, jewellery (costume), books, tapes, CDs, art, camping and outdoor equipment, aid items, patio, suitcases, hats, kitchen utensils and more. Unfortunately items such as large appliances, computers, monitors, tvs, tires, magazines, encyclopedia and clothes will not be accepted as they are not big sellers.



**Kindness Club's BAKE SALE**

- 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.

Weekly Contributions: April 16, 2017		
	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$516.50	\$1,562.00
Easter Loose:	\$50.00	\$590.95
Easter:	\$420.50	\$3,780.00
Holy Land:		\$1,611.41
Easter Pre-Authorized	\$50.00	\$1,065.00



**Please feel free to take the Easter Water that was Blessed last weekend. You can bless your home, cars and yourselves. As a reminder of our baptism, let us always be sure that the Lord is with us.**

### St. John's Cemetery - Spring News

Spring cleaning is scheduled for next **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 are soft. Damage can be quickly caused by parking too far on the grass or driving too fast. **No driving on grass at any time.**

### St. John's Church grounds clean up.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be gathering at St. John's to clean up areas around the church this Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 pm. Please bring wheelbarrow, rakes, shovel and push brooms. Although this is being organized by the Knights, any parishioner who would like to help will gratefully be welcome. Please come out and help!

### ONLINE Faith Formation Courses

Info: [www.newman.edu/CCS](http://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.

*Thank you to all who helped out last week at out celebrations of Holy Week, The Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday. Your dedication, talents and participation makes these events very moving, dignified and uplifting.*

*The Lord has Risen! Alleluia!*

**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.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

### **Mass with First-Class Relic of St. Teresa of Calcutta**

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board and Mother Teresa Catholic School invite you to participate in a Mass celebrating the canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta. The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday May 3rd at 7 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 1111 Taylor-Kidd Blvd, Kingston. The school has received a first-class relic of Mother Teresa which will be present at the Mass and will remain in the church immediately afterwards for veneration. Reception to follow Mass.

**Catholic Education Week** 2017 begins on Sunday, April 30. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, *"Walking Forward Together."* **Please join the staff and students at the school Mass this Friday, April 28 at 9:45 am.**

### Ministry's Schedule

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29 AT 5 PM**

**Greeters:** Ron & Anneka Thompson **Rosary:** Mary Haesler

**Reader:** June Nalon **Gifts:** Dianne & Yvon Ouellet

**Holy Communion:** Lorraine O'Meara

#### **ST. PHILOMENA APRIL 30 AT 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Bonnie Ottenhoff

**Holy Communion:** Dianne Dowling

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 30 AT 10:30 AM**

**Carveth:** Anne & Paul O'Neill

**Greeters:** Linda Beaupre & Rodrigo Davreau

**Gifts:** The Duffy Family **Reader:** Sabrina Gifford

**Holy Communion:** Mary Elizabeth McDonald

**Junior Liturgy:** TBA



**Mark your calendars for a special Mass** on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7:00 pm invoking St. Anne. Father Guy Desrocher, C.S.S.R from the Shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre will be returning to St. John the Evangelist to lead this Mass. There will be prayers for healing and a candle light procession. The relic of St. Anne will be here. An opportunity will be available following the Mass for a blessing with the relic. Please let people know about this event. In particular, pass the word to those who seek any type of healing.

**Good St. Anne, pray for us!**

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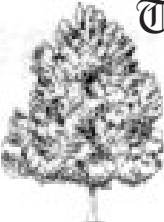
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