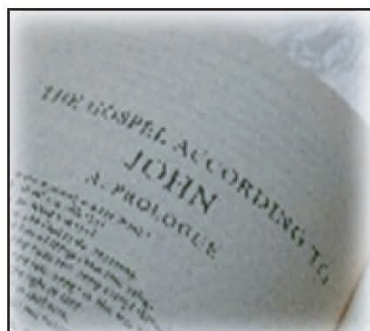


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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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## Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 24, 2016

**Congratulations to our First Communicants! May Our Lord Jesus Christ shower each one of you with His sweetest blessings and graces!**

### *This Week's Mass Intentions*

**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**

**Mon., Apr. 25:** 8:00 am Orazio Amato

**Tues., Apr. 26:** 8:00 am Catholic Women's League Deceased Members

**Wed. April 27:** No Mass

**Thurs. Apr. 28:** 8:00 am Nadine Plumpton

**Fri., April 29:** 9:45 am Feast of St. Catherine of Sienna  
Adaim Pauze

**Sat., Apr. 30:** 3:00 pm **Wedding: Anne Marie Young & Tim Hawkins**  
5:00 pm **Maureen Keyes & Kathy Keyes Ross**

**Sunday, May 1:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena: **Georgina Goodfriend**  
10:30 am at St. John: **Patrick Graham**



**Calling all Canadians to assemble on Parliament Hill and march through downtown Ottawa to draw attention to the injustice of abortion, the gravest human rights violation of our day. National March for Life Ottawa:**

A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 12, 2016** from St. Joseph's Church parking lot on Palace Rd. at 7:30 a.m. sharp to arrive in time for the Masses and prayer services. Cost is \$30.00 per person. (Please bring cheques made out to Campaign Life Coalition if possible) For more information and to reserve your seat call- 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084. We will make one stop in Gananoque. Please check the bulletin board for the full program of the three day (May 13-15th) event. Candle Pledge forms and more information are included in the information which you will find at [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com) click March for Life and on the pamphlets.

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School Mid-Term Report Cards will be issued to students on Thursday, April 28th.

### **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 receiving their First Holy Communion 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.



*Following Mass today, everyone is invited to join and congratulate our First Communion Candidates! Everyone is welcome to take photos; have a bite; and get to know each other a little more. Thank you to the students, parents and staff.*

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

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

Come tonight to participate in this beautiful Evening Prayer consisting of hymns, psalms, prayer, scripture and intercession.

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? Contact Debbie [dancindeb.gma@gmail.com](mailto:dancindeb.gma@gmail.com).

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - TUESDAY, MAY 10

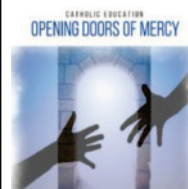
The parishioners of St. John's and St. Philomena's are all welcome to join the confirmation candidates & their families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Please come out in great numbers to witness Archbishop O'Brien confirm our candidates. A reception will be held after Mass.



### Catholic Education Week 2016

**We will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a Mass at St. John's this**

**Fri., April 29 at 9:45 am.** *Everyone is welcome.*



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. 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.

*Next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, Tracy O'Brien, Principal at St. Joseph's School, will speak at the end of Mass about Catholic Education Week and St. Joseph's Kindness Club. There are so many great things happening at St. Joe's and staff and students are eager to share with all of us.*

**You are invited to stay after the 10:30 am Mass and learn more about their community outreach programs and about the Kindness Club following the 10:30 am Mass.**

*If you are inclined to lend your support to these programs, it is very easy: by purchasing crosses made by the students and/or by purchasing treats from their bake sale. One hundred percent of the proceeds will be going to their Kindness Club. A few minutes of your time will strengthen and continue building a partnership between parishioners and our local Catholic School.*

The Catholic Women's League will be having a Bake Sale at the TD Bank on King St. On Friday, May 6th from 9:15 am to noon.



April. 26. 2015	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular	\$1,782.00	\$609.00
Loose	\$221.00	
Maintenance Fund	\$45.00	
PAD Apr. 15 2016	\$4,069.35	\$150.00

**Now that was fun! Last week we welcome Spring with many families. We say thank you to the organizer and families who came out.**

**More to come!**

**Next event: Grass Creek Park in June.**



SPRING IS HERE! Shed your big winter coat and come out for a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon of musicalortunity to give a free will offering in entertainment. The **Gananoque Choral Society** is presenting their Spring Concert Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's Church and Sunday, May 1 at 2 pm at Lansdowne United Church. Hear and see many familiar faces. \$10/per person; \$25/family. Tickets at the door. Come and feel the sunshine through beautiful voices.

### St. John's: April 30, 2016 at 5 pm

**Rosary:** Mary Anne O'Neill

**Greeters:** Ron Knapton & Nettie Robertson

**Reader:** Diane Hebert **Holy Communion:** Wilma Turcotte

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

### St. John's: May 1 - 10:30 am

**Carveth on Sunday:** Ed Lanigan & Sharon Sullivan

**Greeters:** Jacey Kellar & John Keyes

**Reader:** Yvonne Harper **Holy Communion:** TBA

**Gifts:** Kellar Family **Junior Liturgy:** Dawn Kirkby

### St. Philomena's May 1 - 8:30 am

**Lector:** Kim Nossal **Holy Communion:** Andrea Guindon

- **St. John's Cemetery Spring Cleaning Day** is scheduled for **next 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.
- **St. John's Cemetery Prayer Service:** Mon. June 13 at 7 pm.

## PARISH CALENDAR:

**Parish Pastoral Council:** tba

**Catholic Women's League:** May 2016

**First Eucharist:** Sunday, Apr 24

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

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

**St. John's Cemetery Prayer Service:** Mon. June 13 at 7 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

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people of faith to join nationwide in **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care on May 4, 2016**. This is designed to take place during the National Hospice Palliative Care Week (organized by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association) as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.

All parishioners, family and friends are invited to join in prayer and solidarity on May 4th at any time during that day.

The Catholic Women's League has organized a **Petition to the House of Commons to ask that palliative care** be defined as a medical service under the Canada Health Act. Sheets are at the back of the church. Your signature and address are required.

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