

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

Welcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends,
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



MAY 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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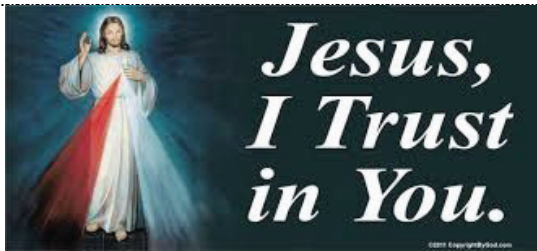
Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
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Divine Mercy Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 3, 2016

Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC: **A - Ask for His Mercy.** God wants us to approach Him



in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. **B - Be merciful.** God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. **C - Completely trust in Jesus.** God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. **The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.**

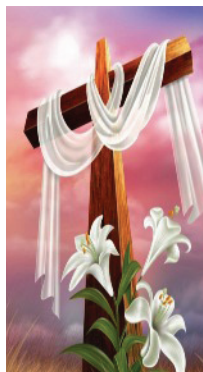
Blessed Pope John XXIII Catholic Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- Saturday, April 2**
5:00 pm – Leonard Lancaster; Mary Lancaster
- Sunday, April 3**
8:30 am at St. Philomena – Orazio Amato
10:30 am at St. John – Michael Lekx
- Monday, April 4 - The Annunciation of the Lord**
8:00 am – Lynda Norris
- Tuesday, April 5 - No Mass**
- Wednesday, April 6 - No Mass**
- Thursday, April 7 - Feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle**
8:00 am – Dolly Cornish
- Friday, April 8 -**
8:00 am - Frank Princ
1:30 pm - Carveth – Stan Tozer
- 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

Thank You!
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I would like to thank everyone who participated at our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. They were very inspiring days even though the weather wasn't great and the power outage on Sunday were glitches that couldn't be helped. Yet, the celebrations were in their own way very uplifting. I want to express thanks on behalf of the parish to those who worked hard behind the scenes. In particular, Wilma Turcotte, Lise Emmerson, Stephen Beardwood and the musicians and choir, Annastasia Cliffe, Christine Milks and Don Mills, the servers, readers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, the greeters, the Knights of Columbus, those who carried all the items to their proper places in the sanctuary at the Easter Vigil and those I may have forgotten.



At St. Philomena, I would like to thank Emily Wood-Quinn and all those who helped to prepare for Easter Sunday.

May these next seven weeks of Easter bring many blessings to you all. God Bless you.

Fr. Amato

PARISH CALENDAR:

- CWL:** Wed., Apr. 20 at 6:30 pm
St. John's Cemetery: April 7 at 6:30 pm
Finance/Property: April 4 - 5pm
1st Eucharist Retreat: April 21
First Eucharist: Sunday, Apr 24
CWL Bake Sale: May 6, 2016
Confirmation: May 10, 2016
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am
Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays 7 pm
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Promoting Healing in our Church

St. Joseph's Catholic School, 235 Georgiana

THIS Wednesday, Apr. 6 - 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Father Sebastian Amato has invited the Healing Violence Committee of the Sisters of Providence to facilitate a forum of dialogue regarding sexual exploitation and abuse in the Church. The material presented is based on the extensive research of Dr. Nuala Kenny, who is a physician and a member of the Sisters of Charity. This workshop is for everyone but especially those who might have felt the effects of the crisis of clergy sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and the denial and secrecy that has sometimes accompanied it and those who have experienced a loss of trust in Church leadership, even a loss of faith and who find themselves apart from the Church.

No need to register. Just come out to be informed and healed!



Our Family Social Activity

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. **If you are interested in helping out with these events or would like more information please contact Jacey Kellar jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca**

EASTER SEASON now until Solemnity of Pentecost (June 8): How can we celebrate the Easter Season? Here are some suggestions:
 1) Always encourage and help others; 2) Increase acts of charity to the poor and the needy; 3) Visit the housebound; 4) Appreciate the presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist. Treasure His presence in us; 5) Spend a few moments in the church for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle; 6) Read the scriptures daily.

St. John's Cemetery Spring is here! With the melting snow and seasonal rains, the roads and grass area in the cemetery are soft. Damage can be quickly caused by parking too far on the side or driving too fast. When visiting or attending a funeral, if possible, please park on Georgiana Street.

(2) Spring cleaning is coming shortly. Watch the bulletin for date and time.

(3) Niches in the columbarium are now available for sale. Single niche \$2,500 includes 1 niche for one urn, engraving, amount sent to trust fund (40% = \$1,000); opening and closing fees. Double niche: \$2,700 includes one niche for 2 urns; 1 engraving, trust fund (40%); 2 opening and closings.

The Summit Inspiring Catholics streaming to Kingston April 15-16 at St. Paul Parish, Taylor Kidd Blvd. For tickets/info: newevangelization.ca

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Douglas Hall**. PLEASE PRAY for the pupils of Grade 2 who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, April 24 and for students 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.

St. John's Saturday, April 9 – 5 pm

Rosary: Mary Haesler

Greeters: Bill and Sylvia Cunningham

Lector: Nettie Roberston

Holy Communion: Annastasia Cliffe

Gifts: Michelle Niles and family

St. Philomena's April 10 – 8:30 am

Lector: TBA

Holy Communion: TBA

St. John's – April 10 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: Steve and Mary Wray Brennan

Greeters: Mary Elizabeth McDonald; Joan Dillon

Lector: Emma McShane

Holy Communion: Joy O'Neill

Gifts: McShane family

Childrens's Liturgy: TBA

Easter Greeting from Archbishop O'Brien:

During the Easter season, it is customary in some cultures to greet people not by saying "hello" or offering some similar salutation, but with the words "Christ is Risen" - to which one replies "He is Risen indeed". By using the present tense of the verb, we affirm our belief in the enduring presence of the Risen Christ among us today.

The Resurrection is for us the sign that evil and suffering, though present in our world, do not have the power to defeat us. This confidence that comes from our faith in the Risen Lord urges us to be a sign of hope for others, to be a source of strength for those around us as well help one another to face our challenges.

During this Easter season, as we listen to the scriptural accounts of Mary Magdalene, and of Thomas and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, may we experience their conviction that "He is Risen indeed."

A Blessed Easter to all.

Parenting Conference Empowered to Connect is a bible and research based conference designed to help caregivers parent children from 'hard places.' Great for all parents, it has a special focus on parenting adopted or foster children. Held at St. Mary's Parish Centre, 260 Brock St, on April 8th-9th from 10am-6pm. To register contact Caitlin at etckingston@outlook.com or 613-766-1246.

| Easter Weekend | | |
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| | St. Philomena | St. John |
| Regular: | \$429.50 | \$1,774.00 |
| Easter: Env. & Loose: | \$373.56 | \$3,450.25 |
| Fuel: | \$20.00 | |
| Needs Holy Land | \$130.00 | \$1,887.35 |
| Dev. & Peace | \$20.00 | |
| Easter P.A.D. | \$65.00 | \$1,090.00 |

CONCERT - St. Laurence O'Toole Parish, Spencerville, is holding a Spring Benefit Concert at Spencerville United Church on **SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD AT 7 PM**. For more information Call Pauline Smith @ 613-658-5292 or email pauline.smith4344@sympatico.ca.

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