

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

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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
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9
613.382.2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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Holy Week Begins Today

Passion Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. Many people welcomed Christ as he rode on a donkey. Some people put their cloaks on the ground as a sign of honour as he progressed through the gate. They were waving palm branches and joyfully singing with shouts of hosanna. The people were certainly in a festive mood. This event signifies the acceptance of Jesus as the Messiah.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017



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- Our Liturgy begins outside the main doors of the church. The Introductory singing of Hosanna calls us to worship Christ as the Son of David and it calls on us to remember what we have done since Ash Wednesday to better ourselves in light of the Gospel during Lent.
- The palm branches are blessed and we hear the Gospel account of Christ entering the city.
- Parishioners who are gathered follow the priest into the church building waving their palms & singing the entrance hymn.



Today, Saturday, April 8
5:00 pm - † Members of DiSalvo Family

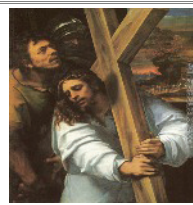
Today, Sunday, April 9
8:30 am at St. Philomena - † Susie Baird
10:30 am at St. John - † Anastasia McGlade

Monday, April 10: 8 am - † Len Charboneau

Tues., April 11: The Mass of Chrism Cathedral
at 7:30 pm (see box)

You are invited to the Mass of Chrism which will be celebrated this Tuesday evening, April 11 at 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston. You will witness the priests and deacons of the Archdiocese of Kingston renewing their ordination promises. Also, Archbishop O'Brien will bless the three oils: Oil of the Sick; Oil of Catechumens; and Oil of Chrism which will be distributed to parishes. A reception will follow this beautiful and moving Mass.

Holy Thursday - In sharing the bread of his life that is broken for us, in drinking of the cup of his blood that is poured out, we are nourished in eternal life; we are united to him and to one another; we commit ourselves to live in a manner that remembers his presence among us. In so doing, we proclaim his Death - and his life of self-giving - until he comes in glory.



Good Friday - Jesus said: "shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" (John 18:11). Aware of all to come, he did not waiver. Our lives are messy and strength is needed to claim our identity, be strong in it, and walk with God. Image: A1reproductions.com

Saturday, April 15 - The Easter Vigil liturgy is the *most beautiful liturgy* in the Roman Catholic Church. Although celebrated Holy Saturday evening, it is the dramatic Easter vigil liturgy that marks the beginning of Easter. All Catholics should try to attend this beautiful service. Four Parts **(1) Service of Light**: The atmosphere in the church is different: the holy water fonts are drained, all the lights are out, the tabernacle is empty. The service begins outside the church. A new fire is lit and blessed. **(2) Liturgy of the Word** (readings and the spectacular people procession with flowers, candles & decorations; **(3) Liturgy of Baptism**: Easter water is blessed, and a new member will be brought into the Church and **(4) Liturgy of Eucharist** - the Mass continues.

Good Friday: Parishioners from local churches will join together for this day of commemorating Christ's suffering and death on the cross. Please join The **Walk of the Cross** which begins this year at St. John's Catholic Church; then St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; to Grace United Church; processes to the Town Hall, and concluding at Christ Church Anglican Church for prayer and refreshments. Join in where you feel comfortable. The walk is done slowly and prayerfully.



Just a reminder that Good Friday is a day of fast and of abstinence of meat. On this day we take time to be thankful for what we have.

Good Friday Collection: The collection taken up on Good Friday is for the Holy Land. The proceeds of the Holy Land collection provide support to the Christian minority and assist with the preservation of shrines and archeological areas, interventions during crisis situations, liturgies in the holy places and educational activities.

The Sacred Triduum

Welcome to our parishioners, friends, family and visitors.

Holy Thursday, April 13 at 7:30 pm
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Followed by
 Opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm



Good Friday, April 14 at 3:00 pm
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion



There will be a special collection on this day for the needs of the Holy Land.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Jessica Baird, Augustine Funnell, George Javornik, Angela Keyes and for fortitude to their caregivers.

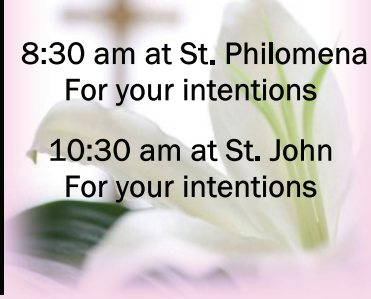
PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.

Holy Saturday, April 15 at 8:30 pm (notice time)
 Easter Vigil



HE IS RISEN
 CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US

Easter Sunday, April 16
Resurrection of the Lord:
 8:30 am at St. Philomena
 For your intentions
 10:30 am at St. John
 For your intentions



By Monday, April 10: Please submit your "Flowers for the Altar" Forms by tomorrow, Monday, April 10. Extra forms are available at the back. After this weekend, please bring it to the office.



Please take a Little White Book. This booklet is similar to the Little Blue and Black books. The Little White Book has meditations for the Easter Season.

Ministry Schedule for Easter: The Easter Ministry Schedule is not printed in the bulletin due to length. Please check the box at the entrance of Church to see if you are required for one of the Ministries. Thank you for being here for these special events.

Veneration of the Cross: We revere and venerate the wood of the cross, because our Savior was nailed there, and gave his life for us there. We want to be prepared to touch, kiss, embrace the cross with the greatest devotion we can express. We want our gesture to be able to ritualize our acceptance for the love, forgiveness and everlasting life that flows from that cross. We want to feel the love of Jesus, to feel it as being "for me," and to express our grateful response as reverence.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

Dear family, friends & visitors:

Next week, following the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, please stay & join Father Amato and fellow parishioners to celebrate Easter! Refreshments for everyone.

Helping Others As an act of generosity, you are encouraged to bring non perishable food or toiletries to any Holy Week celebrations you are attending.

Community Info. Night Town of Gananoque will be holding a Public Information Night regarding the Opioid Crisis and prevention strategies for our communities. You are invited to attend this Wednesday, April 12 at 6 pm at the Firehall Theatre, 185 South Street, Gananoque.

\$20 to win Cash - This year, the fundraiser prizes are cash - cash - cash (\$1,500; \$1,000 and \$500). Only \$20 and you help with our fundraiser and have a chance to win more \$.



If you are the seller, you have a chance to win too! Grab your ticket(s) or booklet(s) today after Mass. If you prefer, drop in at the office and see Lise Monday to Friday from 8 am until 4 pm.

Pre-Authorized Debit Participants - Please take a moment to check your box. Envelopes are available for parish, diocese & international donations.

Sunday Apr 2 2017	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1,572.00	\$313.50
Loose:	\$241.90	
Development & Peace	\$307.25	\$340.00
Restoration	\$470.00	Fuel: \$20.00

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