

St. John the Evangelist Parish - Gananoque St. Philomena's - Howe Island

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday

Reconciliation:

- ½ hour before weekday Masses
- 4:00 - 4:50 pm Saturday
- or anytime by appointment 613.382.2017

Marriage:

- Those who are planning to receive the sacrament of matrimony must meet with Father Sebastian at least 6 months in advance.
- Couples must attend a marriage preparation course provided by the Archdiocese.

Baptism:

- Pre-baptism preparation required for all parents. Please contact Father Sebastian to set up an appointment.

Parish Catechesis:

- Children who have not received their First Communion are encouraged to join the Children's Liturgy held at the Sunday Mass.

RCIA:

- Course if you would like to explore being received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Please speak with Father Sebastian.

Rosary:

- Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5 pm Mass.

New Parishioners:

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

- The Church is open all day for times of quiet prayer.

For the Sick and Shut-ins:

- The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins of the Parish. Please notify Father Sebastian if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home.
- The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are available upon request.

St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:

- Please contact the parish office.

Parish Bequest:

- 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: John Paul Elliot
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque
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**Sunday, Aug. 16, 2015 -
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Today's Gospel This is one of the most direct statements Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel. He says that the path to life – real life, a holy life, a fulfilled life – passes through him. Being with and in him is so essential that he refers to it as the basic nourishment we need for life. There may be many paths toward God, but none of them compare to what he says he offers. We who hear Jesus's words are faced with a choice to pursue or reject a life of communion with and in Christ. 2015 Sourcebook

Saturday, August 15: 5 pm - Mary O'Shaunessy
Sunday, Aug. 16:
8:30 am St. Philomena - Al Marsh
10:30 am at St. John - Anastasia McGlade
Monday, Aug. 17: NO MASS
Tuesday, Aug. 18: Protection of the Unborn Children
Wed., Aug. 19: NO MASS
Thurs. Aug. 20: † Feast of St. Bernard
Kathy Byford
Friday, Aug. 21: † Feast of St. Pius X, Pope
Orazio Amato
Saturday, August 22: 5 pm - Magdallena Son
Sunday, August 23:
8:30 am St. Philomena - Linda Norris
10:30 am at St. John - Patrick McDonald



Welcome Father Michael McCarthy! Thank you for your presence. Father Amato is away this weekend and will return in the office on Tuesday, August 18th. Let us keep Fathers Amato

and McCarthy in our prayers for safe travels. Image: metrolinecoaching.london

August 9, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,533.00	\$842.00
Loose	\$326.30	\$165.00
Restoration	\$155.00	

Welcome to our visitors.
Last week's visitors included St. Mary's Troop Boy Scouts of America from Uniontown, Pennsylvania, USA.

NEXT SATURDAY: Holy Family Parish (CFB Kingston) Family Picnic and Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Philomena: Father David Berezowski is inviting everyone to join in with his parishioners to a bilingual Mass on Saturday, August 22 at 5 pm at St. Philomena's Church & to the Family Picnic. Please see poster for details. Fr. Berezowski & his parishioners thoroughly enjoy coming to the Island. This is their third year being here.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Gordon McCauley, Dick O'Neill and Dawn Tennant.**
PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died especially **Frank Ottenhof** and for comfort and peace to their families.

Ministry Schedule:
St. John: August 22, 2015 at 5 pm
Rosary: Joy O'Neill Lector: Diane Hebert
Greeters: Ron Knapton and Joey Lynch
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Lorraine O'Meara
Gifts: To be chosen by the greeters
St. John: August 23 - 10:30 am
Carveth on Sunday: Sharon Sullivan and Ed Lanigan
Greeters: Judy Weir & Linda Beaupré Lector: Christine Woods
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist Margaret Rose
Gifts: To be chosen by the greeters
St. Philomena: August 23 - 8:30 am
Lector: TBA Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: TBA



Why do Catholics gesture before the Gospel reading?
When the Deacon or Priest announces the Gospel, the people make a small cross on their forehead, on their lips and over their heart saying, "Glory to you O Lord." This signifies that we have the Gospel in our minds consciously, that we speak about Christ and that he is dear to us since he is at the heart of our lives. In essence, our gesture reminds us to **THINK + RESPOND + ACT.**
Image: parishes.bne.catholic.net

For Your Information:

- If someone is seriously sick at home or in the hospital, please call the office. Father Amato will be happy to visit.
- When spending time in the hospital, please indicate that you are Roman Catholic. Friar David Collins OFM is the Catholic Priest Chaplain at KGH. A Pastoral Team brings Communion to patients at least once a week.

BEREAVED FAMILIES KINGSTON MONTHLY SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER. For more information call: 613-634-1230 bfo@kingston.net www.bfo-kingston.ca. All our programs are free of charge, and no registration is required. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The Following Support Groups Meet at #104-993 Princess Street:

- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston - Mothers' Night: A support meeting for mothers to share the loss of a child over age 1, due to any circumstances, with other mothers in a warm and confidential environment. Tuesday, September 8th from 6:30-8:00pm
- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston - Spousal/Partner Night: A support meeting for those who have suffered the loss of their spouse or partner to death. Thursday, September 10th from 6:30-8:00pm.
- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston Family: A support and sharing meeting for any adult who has lost a loved one to death. Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30-8:00pm
- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston - Baby Loss Night: A support meeting for parents who have suffered a miscarriage, stillbirth or death of a baby up to age 1. Wednesday, September 16th from 6:30-8:00pm
- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston – Suicide Support Group: A support meeting for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Tuesday, September 22nd from 6:30-8:00pm

The Following Support Group Meets at Gordon F. Tompkins Funeral Home – 435 Davis Drive:

- Bereaved Families of Ontario – Kingston - Mourning Coffee: A support meeting for those who have lost a loved one. Join other bereaved individuals for casual coffee-break chat. Tuesday, September 22nd from 10:00–11:00am, upstairs in the Trillium Room.

NEXT WEEK -

Event: MEET & GREET SOCIAL

When: Next Sunday, August 23rd

Time: Following the 10:30 am Mass at St. John's.

Where: In the parking lot.



Come out and join us for treats, coffee, juice and to take the

opportunity to say hello with other parishioners & with our visitors. Let us not be shy in saying "Hello, my name is ..."

Or "I see you at Mass, but I do not know your name". A few moment of our time creates a stronger parish for everyone.

Once again we request the assistance of a few strong people to help raise the tent (around 9am) and for take-down after the event. Thank you to members of the Catholic Women's League who provide the treats and to parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus for the set up and take down.

Consultation on Physician-assisted suicide On July 17, 2015, the Government of Canada announced the establishment of an External Panel of experts who will consult with stakeholders and with all Canadians on options for dealing with the Supreme Court of Canada's lifting of the prohibition against physician-assisted suicide.

Two levels of consultation will occur: (1) Bilateral or multilateral discussions with interveners in the Carter v. Canada case and relevant medical authorities; (2) Online consultations open to all Canadians and other stakeholders. The online consultation will have an interactive questionnaire to be launched in the coming weeks. You can sign up at the following link to be electronically notified once the questionnaire is available: English: <http://ep-ce.ca/en/home/> French: <http://ep-ce.ca/fr/accueil/>

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF) has developed a website with many resources on end-of-life issues which may be of assistance in responding to the online consultation. The COLF "Life-Giving Love" Campaign was launched in September 2014 with the support of the CCCB.

English: <http://www.lifegivinglove.com/english> French: <http://www.lifegivinglove.com/francais>

The Sacredness of a Catholic Cemetery The Code of Canon Law of the Catholic Church defines only two places as being sacred: the Church Building where Jesus resides in the tabernacle and the Catholic Cemetery, which is an expression of faith and an extension of the Catholic community. The land that a Catholic Cemetery rests on is considered "Holy Ground". Loved ones and family members are encouraged to come and pray for the souls of the deceased, knowing that they too will be together with them, one day, in the presence of Almighty God. Being buried in a Catholic Cemetery is truly a Holy Privilege.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A DEACON? The Archdiocese of Kingston is seeking men with a "DEACON'S HEART." If you feel called to serve God and the Church by following in the footsteps of Christ the servant please consider attending the next Diaconal Vocation Inquiry Day scheduled to be held at the Diocesan Centre, 390 Palace Rd., Kingston, on Saturday October 17, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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