

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
613.382.2361

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 2nd, 2015

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1: 5:00 pm Roland & Phyllis Clancy
Sunday, Aug. 2: 8:30 am St. Philomena - Barb Maczonis
 10:30 am at St. John - Edward & Betty Taylor

Monday, Aug. 3: NO MASS

Tuesday, Aug. 4: 8:00 am Ernie Caron

Wed., Aug. 5: NO MASS

Thursday, Aug. 6: 8:00 am Paul Bannon

Friday, Aug. 7: 8:00 am Clara Colgan
 1:30 pm at Carveth: Fred Delaney

Saturday, August 8: 5:00 pm Edward & Regena Gavin

Sunday, Aug. 9: 8:30 am St. Philomena - Fernande Bonin
 10:30 am at St. John - Marguerite Cunningham

Note: Father Amato will be away next week starting after Mass on Sunday Aug. 9 until Monday, August 17.

St. Philomena Cemetery News **St. Philomena's Cemetery Meeting held last Tuesday, July 28, 2015.**

What an promising start to this wonderful project. Approximately 33 people came out last Tuesday to hear the exciting news about the cemetery, ideas on upcoming projects and to meet Steve Watson from Global GPR.

Father Amato opened the meeting with a prayer and gave a short synopsis of what has transpired since last October including:

- items which were mentioned at the Thanksgiving Mass especially the need to raise funds for the cemetery;
- the telephone call from a couple willing to help out and the proposal suggested;
- and the special cemetery meeting to discuss the proposal. Everyone agreed to go ahead with the project.

Copies of the minutes of the above three items are on the table at St. Philomena.

Steve Watson then took the floor to explain the radar scan taken in January 2015. Copies of the report were handed out and Steve explained how the scanning worked, low areas in the cemetery and even indicated the findings of burials which are without a headstone.

Next steps:

- Father Amato will compile a To-Do List in order to prioritize items such as: raising the depth of the soil; conducting a survey of the headstones; contacting families; increasing operating fund by fundraising; finding out the history of people buried; writing newspaper articles; getting the word out; work involving physical aspect of the cemetery and more.
- Once the list is posted, people (in & out of the parish) will be invited to sign up in an area of interest to them. A committee will be put in place.
- Keep posted. More to come.

Eucharistic Ministers



This is Your Invitation

The Minister's Schedules for September & beyond are being put together at this time - Monthly schedules at St. John's & a six-month schedule for St. Philomena. Please consider adding your name for a Ministry.

Training is available. Your time is usually required only once every 4 to 6 weeks. Interested? Need more information?

Email stjohnstphil@gmail.com

Call the office at 613.382.2017

Or speak to Debbie Donaldson or Natalie Nossal

Altar Servers

Weekends: Adult and Youth after their First Communion can volunteer. Weekdays & Funerals - Adult volunteers.

Eucharistic Ministers - Lay Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist to the congregation during Masses on weekends. Monthly schedules are provided.

Offertory Gifts - Volunteers carry the gifts to the altar.

Lectors - Parishioners proclaim the readings.

Greeters - Responsible for finding seats for parishioners.

Junior Liturgy - Younger children are welcome to join the weekly celebration with a Gospel message for them. Adult volunteers are needed to lead children's liturgy. Interested? Please speak with Father Amato.

Music - Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in sharing their musical talents (voice/instrument). There are two choirs (Sunday morning and Funeral choir) ready to accept new members. Mondays at 7 pm in sacristy &/or Wed. 10:30 am up in the Choir Loft. Just come out & attend a practice.

July.26, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,253.00	\$509.90
Loose	\$275.45	\$91.00
Restoration	\$27.00	

Summer Offering: the expenses of the church continue throughout the summer. If you are away for an extended period of time and would like to leave a post dated cheque for your offering please place it in an offering envelope and write Post-Dated Cheque on the outside. Thank you.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Dick O'Neill and Dawn Tennant**.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died especially **Norma Lee** and for comfort and peace to their families.

SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS: Camp Camino is offering a camp for young women (ages 10 to 13 & 14 to 16) August 1-7 2015 at Providence Point, Lanark, Ontario. The camp offers daily Mass, sports, games, bonfires and a lot more. Camp Camino is run by a dedicated group of people deeply invested in the Catholic faith formation of young women. There are many opportunities to help the camp both spiritually and financially. For further information or to register go to: campcamino.ca

"A WALK IN FAITH" August 22, 2015 5pm to 9:30pm

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH , 296 CHURCH STREET, BELLEVILLE, T: 613-962-4634, <http://www.st-michaels-belleville.org> Led by Father Joby Kachappilly VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre Toronto , and the Divine team, Phone: 1-647-949-4932, www.divinotoronto.org Program will consist of: HOLY MASS, PRAISE & WORSHIP, PREACHING, ADORATION. "COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOUR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." (MATTHEW 11:28) Come and experience the love, mercy and healing touch of our Lord Jesus Christ, bring your loved ones and friends so they also can be touched by the Lord.

HEALING THE CHURCH CONFERENCE: In response to an overwhelming interest in the topic, an identical additional conference addressing clergy sexual abuse has been scheduled for Friday, September 11th from 9 to 4:30 pm at Providence Spirituality Centre. Register email: info@psck.org or phone 613.542.8826. \$25.00 and includes lunch. *Registration closes August 31st.*

FALL OUTING Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Kingston is hosting a 2-day excursion to St. Jacobs ON on Sept. 16 & 17. The price per person is \$200, which includes travel on a deluxe coach, hotel room, double occupancy, including a hot buffet breakfast, pool and hospitality room, buffet dinner, a \$40 tax receipt, plenty of time for shopping at the recently reopened Farmer's Market, the Outlet Mall and the quaint downtown shops. (Get an early start on Christmas Shopping, ladies!) and, if time permits, a guided tour of the area. Purchase your ticket early. Info, call Caroline Manley at 613-542-8473 or Theresa McKay at the Parish Office at 613-389-3532.

SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT will be held September 18-20, 2015, Glen House Resort near Gananoque. Theme: "Why Am I So Favoured". Reflection on Mary and Elizabeth and how we can bring good news to the world. Registration fee of \$325 (double occupancy) includes 5 meals, 2 nights accommodation and access to the resort facilities. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite you to join us for a weekend of nourishment and healing for your soul, fun for your spirit and some rest and relaxation with old and new friends. Info/Registration: womensfallretreat.com or contact Margie Ann McKinnon 613-548-4461 or Annette Larmour 613-258-7885. Pamphlets available on the bulletin board & entrance of the Church.

Ministry Schedule:

St. John: August 8, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Mary Haesler** Lector: **Yvonne Harper**

Greeters: **Bill and Sherrie Turcotte**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Joy O'Neill**

Gifts: **Barbara Lynch and Linda Beaupre**

St. John: August 9 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Dianne Ouellet and Adam Thompson**

Greeters: **John and Dolly Cornish**

Lector: **Elizabeth Knudson**

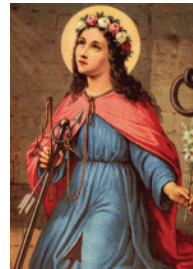
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist **Marlyn Jacobsen**

Gifts: **Don Mills and Christine Milks**

St. Philomena: August 9 - 8:30 am

Lector: **Natalie Nossal**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Marilyn McCauley**



ST. PHILOMENA'S FEAST

DAY: August 11

PATRON: Babies, Infants, and Youth Death: 304

Little is known of her life, and the information was received by private revelation from her.

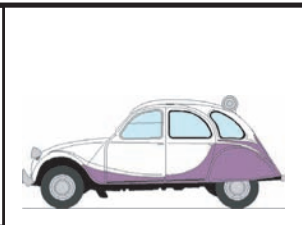
Martyred at about age 14 in the early days of the Church.

In 1802 the remains of a young woman were found in the catacomb of Saint Priscilla on the Via Salaria. It was covered by stones, the symbols on which indicated that the body was a martyr named Saint Philomena. The bones were exhumed, cataloged, and effectively forgotten since there was so little known about the person.

In 1805 Canon Francis de Lucia of Mugnano, Italy was in the Treasury of the Rare Collection of Christian Antiquity (Treasury of Relics) in the Vatican. When he reached the relics of Saint Philomena he was suddenly struck with a spiritual joy, and requested that he be allowed to enshrine them in a chapel in Mugnano. After some disagreements, settled by the cure of Canon Francis following prayers to Philomena, he was allowed to translate the relics to Mugnano. Miracles began to be reported at the shrine including cures of cancer, healing of wounds, and the Miracle of Mugnano in which Venerable Pauline Jaricot was cured a severe heart ailment overnight. Philomena became the only person recognized as a Saint solely on the basis of miraculous intercession as nothing historical was known of her except her name and the evidence of her martyrdom.

(CatholicOnline). **Booklet available at the back of St. Philomena's Church.**

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