

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
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*Sunday, August 30, 2015 -
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 29: 5 pm - Martha Kellogg

Sunday, August 30:

8:30 am St. Philomena - Frank Ottenhof

10:30 am at St. John - Members of the Mulcair family

Monday, Aug. 31: 8 am: Father Kyran Kennedy

Tuesday, Sept. 1: 8 am: Mary Porter

Wed., Sept. 2: NO MASS

Thurs. Sept. 3: † *Feast of St. Gregory the Great*
8 am: Sister Gertrude Hamilton

Friday, Sept. 4: 8 am: Stephen Greenwood

Saturday, Sept. 5: 5 pm - Jean Dawson

Sunday, Sept. 6:

8:30 am St. Philomena - Germain Guindon

10:30 am at St. John - Jean Norris

1000th Legion of Mary Meeting All members of the Legion of Mary are invited to the 8 am Mass on **Thursday, Sept. 10** to celebrate this milestone. Short prayers will follow at the Church and the celebration will continue with a breakfast at 9 am at the Ramada. Please call Wilma Turcotte 382.5282 to reserve for breakfast or for information. The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organization whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. At **St. John's Church**, the meetings are held after the 8:00 am Mass on Tuesdays. The members are continuing learning from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. In the upcoming weeks, the study will be on the Ten Commandments. The group is small and welcoming. Come and experience prayerful meetings.

Parish Screening Volunteers Required Immediately

Each parish in the Archdiocese of Kingston must have an active Parish Screening Committee, whose task it is to screen and provide ongoing support to staff and volunteers and to ensure a safe environment for all parishioners. It is our hope to recruit two or more volunteers to continue the screening programme in our parish. **Please speak with Father Amato before September 18** if you are interested or for information. The training session for new Parish Screening Team Members is scheduled for Saturday, 26 September 2015, 9 am – 2 pm, at the Pastoral Centre in Kingston, 390 Palace Road.

Ideas for this week:

St. James tells us, “humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.” This is an important message for the entire congregation, but especially to those **students who may be heading off to college this week**. St. Mark gives us a whole list of things that can happen when one's heart is not in the right place, and many of them are the things that young people become enslaved to under the guise of “freedom” as they enter college or the work world. Freedom is not simultaneous with irresponsibility. It goes back to last week. Again we must choose Christ. Special blessing for those beginning school and for the educators who help guide and shape their minds. 2015 Sourcebook

August 23.2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,286.00	\$659.50
Loose	\$279.50	\$102.00
Restoration		
Father David & Holy Family Parish		\$55.00

INVITATION FROM FATHER SHIM:

You are invited to join in the celebration of the Blessing of the New Addition (Narthex & Portico) to Holy Cross Church, Kemptville on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7:00 pm. We welcome Archbishop Brendan O'Brien for this Blessing and Mass of the “Exaltation of the Holy Cross”. All are invited to a Reception in the Parish Hall following the liturgy. We will also have an Open House on Sunday September 13th from 2 to 4 pm.

Steak BBQ Fundraiser Thank you to all parishioners, family and friends for participating in this fun event. The fundraiser totalled: \$1,255.75.

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

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died including **Joan Fawcett and Bobbie Breen** and for comfort and peace to their families.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule:

St. John: Sept. 5, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: Anne O'Neill Lector: Cheryl Gavin
Greeters: Ron and Anneka Thompson
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: John Gavin
Gifts: Anne Swinnard & Irene Tozer

St. John: Sept. 6 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: Steve and Mary Wray Brennan
Greeters: Emily & Heather Bovey Lector: Diane Hebert
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist Mary McDonald
Gifts: Linda Beaupré & Gerry Brosso

St. Philomena: September 6 – 8:30 am

Lector: Dianne Dowling
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Marg McReynolds

LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore – "Praise be to you, my Lord". These are the words that open Pope Francis's encyclical on ecology and care for God's creation. Pope Francis addresses Laudato Si' to "every person on the planet", for we all share a common home—the earth. He focuses on a number of important themes.

* **A Moral and Spiritual Challenge.** The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion—to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.

* **Care for God's Creation.** God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.

* **We are All Connected.** We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.

* **Impact on the Poor.** People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resources by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.

* **Called to Solidarity.** We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.

* **Technological and economic development** must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.

* **Supporting Life, Protecting Creation.** Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.

* **A Time to Act.** Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.

* **Hope and Joy.** "Injustice is not invincible" (no. 74) and we act knowing that we seek to live out God's vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation."

A Christian Prayer in Union with Creation

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,

for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is. God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.

Excerpted from Laudato Si', no. 246

Event: Pot Luck for all Liturgical Ministers

When: THIS Tues., Sept. 1st

Time: 6:30 pm

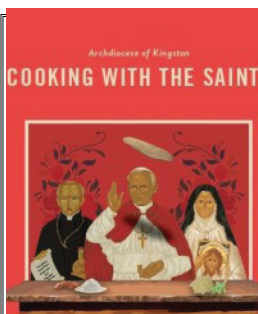
Where: Debbie Donaldson's house at 50 Water Street, Gananoque. Debbie is our volunteer who puts together the monthly Ministry Schedule.



A pot luck is being organized for St. John's Church's Liturgical Ministry volunteers (Rosary; Greeters; Lectors; Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist; Gift Bearers; Sunday helpers at Carveth). This is an excellent way for all to get to know one another and for Debbie to put names to faces. Feel free to bring your favourite dish whether it be a salad, main course or dessert.

Also, this event is a perfect opportunity if you are thinking of joining as a Minister. More volunteers are required as, at the present time, the same people need to volunteer several times in the same month. You will meet people to whom you may ask questions. You may choose to assist on Saturdays or Sundays, all year or not in the summer. We need extra help. Come out - no obligations.

Thank you to Doug Gifford the organist and to the two Choirs for joining your wonderful talent during last week's and today's Masses during Stephen Beardwood's absence.



"COOKING WITH THE SAINTS"

COOKBOOKS As a fundraiser for the upcoming World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland, the pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Kingston have compiled a cookbook entitled "Cooking With The Saints". We are very grateful to the parishioners across the archdiocese who contributed recipes. In addition to many amazing recipes, there are bios and interesting facts of patron saints of cooking and of countries that recipes originated from. There are also Polish saints included and the connection they have with our upcoming pilgrimage. We thank you in advance for your support of this faith experience and ask for your continued prayers. **Sign up sheet** at the entrance of the Churches or by contacting Nadia Gundert at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or call 613-484-2446. Fundraiser for \$25.



Got Faith?- There will be a Pizza lunch for students at Regi who identify with their faith and who are not afraid to share it! Some students were invited last year but certainly not all. If you would like to join us, let the chaplaincy team of Mary Elaine Carty, Fr. Amato or Friar Fukes know before Mon. Sept. 14th and we will send an invitation. **Email:** cartyam@alcdsb.on.ca or call 613-545-1902 extension 2530.

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