

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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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, Aug. 9th, 2015

This Week's Mass Intentions

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**
Monday, Aug. 10: NO MASS
Tuesday, Aug. 11: NO MASS
Wed., Aug. 12: NO MASS
Thursday, Aug. 13: NO MASS
Friday, Aug. 14: NO MASS
Saturday, August 15: 5:00 pm - **Mary O'Shaunessy**
Sunday, Aug. 16: 8:30 am St. Philomena - **Al Marsh**
 10:30 am at St. John - **Anastasia McGlade**

Eucharistic Ministers



We Need your Help!

The Ministry 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](mailto:stjohnstphil@gmail.com)

Call the office at 613.382.2017

Or speak to [Debbie Donaldson \(St. John's\)](#) or [Natalie Nossal \(St. Philomena\)](#)

Altar Servers

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

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - 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.

Fr. Amato will be away this week starting after Mass today and will be in the office on Tuesday, August 18th. Please welcome Fr. Michael McCarthy to our parish next weekend.

August 2, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,629.00	\$619.50
Loose	\$378.27	\$116.15
Restoration	\$600.00	

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.

Repairs, ongoing projects for 2015 at St. John's

Through good times and bad, the parish family of St. John has rallied to maintain and improve this church building. Each generation has responded to the needs and done its part to maintain and improve the building where we gather to offer our praise and prayers to God. Now it is our turn.

A green envelope is located in your box for the month of August. If you are able to donate towards the Maintenance Fund, we can continue to upgrade/repair this beautiful building. Here is an update:

The **front steps of the rectory** have been repaired. The Project Cost: \$3,842.00 (including taxes)

The **steps going into the parking lot:** As the safety of anyone using our property is paramount, a priority has been put on this project. Work has to be done to prevent the water flow from the parking lot to drain down the cement steps to the town's sidewalk and also down the cement ramp towards the entrance door off the parking lot. The goal is to get the water to drain in a catch basin which will then be directed under the steps flowing out of an opening on the south wall. A higher step than the present one will prevent water spilling down it and causing ice buildup especially during seasonal thawing of snow causing freezing and thawing. This also causes deterioration of the steps and wall. We are presently looking at getting another quote for this project. Cost: TBA

Parking Lot We would love to see this following project done this year especially for safety reasons by preventing a possible fall. Once again (like every year) dips have appeared where the school once stood. We keep patching, but the problem does not go away. It likely will continue. Quotes are being gathered to fix this problem on the funds we have. (To excavate the whole school area, including the breaking of the foundation walls and gravel fill was recently quoted at \$63,000.00. That is of course barring any unexpected costs that may arise if opening the site uncovers other problems). The proposal is to grind away the higher areas (the old school foundation) and pave over the school foot print. - Cost: TBA

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 **Frank Ottenhof** and for comfort and peace to their families.

ST. PHILOMENA FUNDRAISER Thank you to all family, visitors and friends who participated in the Steak BBQ held at St. Philomena's Hall last Saturday, August 1. It was wonderful to see the turnout. Congratulations to Francene Marche our draw winner. Thank you to everyone who helped out in the organization, selling the tickets, bringing food/drinks, cooking, serving, cleaning the hall ... Many great people with a successful outcome. The total of the fundraiser will be tabulated soon.

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.

Congratulations to **Pete and Sally Marsh** on their 50th wedding anniversary. May God bless them today & everyday.



Go With God!

Go with God! This is a summer prayer for you. Take it with you and keep it in your mind and heart.

As you leave for the summer, and you lay aside all your work
Go with God, for God goes with you.

As you begin new projects
Or a well deserved family vacation
As you meet and make new friends,
Go with God, God will guide you.

As you enjoy the summer sun and the summer's cool blue waters,
Be wise and safe. Respect the beauty of the earth as God's gift to you,
And go with God, for God has created you.

As you go to the quiet places to reflect and to pray,
To enjoy the peace, and the beauty of private space
And time off,
Go with God, for God always goes with you.

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Ministry Schedule:

St. John: August 15, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Mary Wray Brennan** Lector: **Joy O'Neill**
Greeters: **Linda Beaupre and Irene Tozer**
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Annastasia Cliffe**
Gifts: **Ron and Anneka Thompson**

St. John: August 16 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **MaryIn Jacobsen and Budgie Mabee**
Greeters: **Gerry Brosso and Alice Mangan**
Lector: **Bernadette Egan**

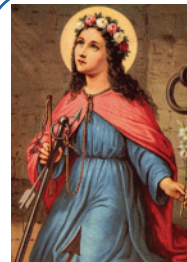
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist **Diane Hebert**
Gifts: **McShane Family**

St. Philomena: August 16 - 8:30 am

Lector: **Kim Nossal**

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Dianne Dowling & Steve Garrah



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.

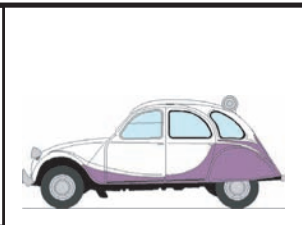
Martyred at about age 14 in the early days of the Church.

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, catalogued, 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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