

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

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm

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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Sunday, February 12, 2017 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm at St. John - Shirley Heasler

Sunday, February 12

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Brian Dwyre

10:30 am at St. John - Len Charboneau

Monday, February 13 -

8:00 am - Vincent & Anne McGarry

Tuesday, February 14

8:00 am - Lappan O'Hearn

Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7:00 pm - Living and deceased Catholic Women's League members

Thursday, February 16

8:00 am - For your own intentions

Friday, February 17

8:00 am - Gladys Vincent

Saturday, February 18

5:00 pm at St. John - Orazio Amato

Sunday, February 19

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Agnes Goodfriend

10:30 am at St. John - Mary Battams-Rochefort

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to stjohnsgananoque.ca

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **George Javornik, Angela Keyes, Fr. Jim MacGillivray** and for fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including **Mary Battams-Rochefort and Agnes Goodfriend.**



THE SACRAMENTS AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

- **Confirmation Enrolment** today, Sunday, February 12 at the 10:30 am Mass
 - **Confirmation:** Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm
 - **First Reconciliation:** (Confession) for children preparing for their First Communion Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 pm
 - **First Communion:** Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 am Mass
- Image: Holyredeemercc.org

Billings Ovulation Method Are you a couple looking to postpone or achieve pregnancy naturally? The Billings Ovulation Method teaches a woman to understand her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages including breastfeeding, pre-menopause, and stressful times. It is easy to learn and easy to use. The Natural Family Planning office will be holding its next clinic on **Monday, February 27** at 7 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church (1111 Taylor Kidd Boulevard). Our teachers also offer personal consultations at other times. Contact the NFP office (613-544-8495) or Christine Woods (613-888-5890 or omalley_christine@hotmail.com) for more information.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally. Be inspired, encouraged and healed. Come celebrate your faith at the largest Catholic rally in Canada. Saturday, March 4, 2017 (9 am – 5:30 pm) at the Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets: Adult rally \$25 or Youth rally \$15 (ages 13-18). Travel in comfort on our Deluxe Bus: \$40 per person (pickups in Kingston & Napanee). Contacts: Miriam Wright: unboundfreedom@gmail.com 905-979-1189, Ann Lyng 613-546-5521 ext 5, alyng@cogeco.ca



Thank you!	Feb. 5.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1672.00	\$369.50
Loose:	\$177.20	\$0.00
Fuel:	\$175.00	\$120.00
Scarboro	\$234.00	\$240.00

Tax receipts are ready for pickup.

Dear Lay Ministers:

The March schedule is now ready and Marg Rose is working on the Easter scheduling. Do call Marg (613.382.3528) as soon as possible if you are available during Easter celebrations. It will definitely help in the planning of these wonderful celebrations and speed up the process.

Installation of Officers



The Catholic Women's League extends an invitation to all parishioners to join them here at St. John's Church for Mass on:

Wednesday, February 15th at 7 pm.

It will be followed by the Installation of the new Executive. Thank you to every Executive and Auxiliary members for sharing your time and talent.

All are welcome to attend.

#3 - This THURSDAY, Feb. 16: Faith Development Study



A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

No sign up sheet - Attend when you can!

Dates: Join us this week on Thursday, Feb. 16 at 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm; followed by Thurs. February 23, March 2 and 9 at St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque. Organized by St. John the Evangelist Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council. **Invite family and friends to come with you.** Refreshments available. See you there!

In this study program, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one time event, but a life-long process. "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence," explains Bishop Barron. More information: <http://conversion.wordonfire.org>.

Have you ever wanted to go to the Holy Land? November 8th to 17th, 2017. Father Charles Enyinnia will be leading a group of pilgrims to many of the sites in the Holy Land. Come to a Presentation and Information Session on Thursday, February 23 at 7pm in St. Francis of Assisi Rectory hall, Frankford. \$3027.42 pp, double occupancy; full payment due by September 8, 2017. If you can't make it to the presentation, call the parish office for the itinerary and brochure (613-398-6745).

World Day of Prayer 2017 - at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church - Friday, March 3, 2017 at 2 pm "Am I Being Unfair To You?" Written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines. World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer. Through World Day of Prayer, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ & engage with the whole world, are enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures, share the burdens of other people by praying with them and for them, and use our own talents in the service of God's world. Prayer and action are inseparable and both have immeasurable influence in the world. Let's join our neighbours in celebrating World Day of Prayer.

St. Philomena's Pot Luck Breakfast

Today Sunday, February 12th following the 8:30 am Mass. *Welcome to everyone coming in to share this PotLuck with us.* If you do not have a dish, come anyway. We will share. The more the merrier. **Everyone is welcome!**



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Please welcome **Father David Berezowski**. Fr. David is a military chaplain at CFB Kingston. Close to retirement, he will be spending three months with us at St. John / St. Philomena as he transitions from the military to civilian life. During these three months you'll see him at the weekend Masses as well as a few other events. He still has some duties at the Base helping Fr. Anthony, the new chaplain, ease into his role.

Welcome to our parish Fr. David!

Lay Ministers:

SATURDAY, FEB. 18 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Anne Warren

Reader: Donna McCauley

Greeters: Lorraine & Steve O'Meara

Gifts: Mike and Doris Prior

Holy Communion: Anastasia Cliffe

ST. PHILOMENA FEB. 19 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Linda Pilszak

Holy Communion: Marilyn & Dianne

SUNDAY FEB. 19 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: M. Jacobsen/B. Mabee

Greeters: St. Joseph's Kindness Group

Gifts: St. Joseph's Kindness Group

Reader: Chase Kinsella

Holy Communion: Wilma Turcotte

Junior Liturgy: Jacey Kellar

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School Grade 8 Information Night

Thursday, Feb. 16. General Information Session 6 pm - 7 pm. IB Information Session 7-8 pm. Cafetorium, 130 Russell Street, Kingston 613.545.1907.

Cemetery Committee: Monday, February 13 at 7 pm Info: Basil Gavin
Finance/Property: Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan
Catholic Women's League: Mass on Wed. Feb. 15 at 7 pm
St. John's Parish Council: To be announced - Info: Steven Woods
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am - **We are singing at the 5 pm Mass - Do come up and sing with us.** Info: Doug Gifford
Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm. No audition. Info: Stephen B.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall. Info: Wayne C.

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