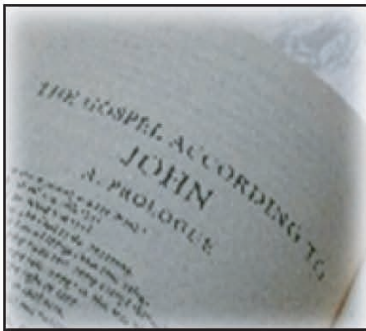


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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**W**elcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends, and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



**M**AY THE BLESSINGS and love of our Heavenly Father be yours in abundance today and everyday!



#### **New Parishioners:**

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

#### **Reconciliation:**

- 3:45 - 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 Dale at least 9 - 12 months in advance.

#### **Baptism:**

- Please contact Father Dale 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 from September to June.

#### **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.

#### **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 Dale Wright 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](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

#### **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:**

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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Sunday, February 18, 2018 – First Sunday of Lent

Pope’s Prayer Intention: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 17:

5:00 pm - † Suzanne Fox

### Sunday, February 18:

8:30 am-St. Philomena: † Brian Dwyre

10:30 am St. John - † Frances Egan

### Monday, Feb. 19

No Mass

### Tuesday, Feb. 20

8:00 am - † Agnes Goodfriend

### Wednesday, Feb. 21

8:00 am - † John Cornish

### Thursday, February 22:

8:00 am - † Augustin Song

### Friday, February 23:

8:00 am - For your intentions

### Saturday, February 24:

Mass at 9:00 am (followed by Stations of the Cross) † Mary O’Hearn



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Saturday, February 24:

5:00 pm - † Jean Cadue Oostrom

### Sunday, February 25:

8:30 am-St. Philomena † Fernande Bonin

10:30 am St. John - For the Living

Please join Father Dale for Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 9 am Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at St. John’s Church.



*Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones. Soothe Your suffering ones. Pity Your afflicted ones. Shield Your joyous ones, and all for Your love’s sake. Amen.*

Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially: Harold Bellmare, Mary Charboneau, Richard Cliffe, Mary Ellen Douglas, Shelley Hunt from Kingston, Tracey Ferguson, Marian Meagher, James Parsons, Patricia Purdun, Joan Thorne & Helen Tye.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially Jean Cadue Oostrom.

The Season of Lent



“What are you giving up for Lent?” It’s a question a lot of people will get these next few days. If you want to change your body, perhaps alcohol and candy is the way to go. But if you want to change your heart, a harder fast is needed.

So, if we’re going to fast from anything this Lent, Pope Francis suggests that even more than candy or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others. But when we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love. In fact, Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again. Jesus—the great protagonist of this holy season—certainly showed us the way. In him, God descends all the way down to bring everyone up. In his life and his ministry, no one is excluded.

**What will I add?** Some family have tried to approach the Lenten season with "What will I add?" not "What will I give up?" Things such as adding stillness in our lives. Adding more giving to those in need, what ever that might be - time tutoring a child who needs help in school, giving food to a shelter or food pantry, etc. Adding more prayer, more intentional time with God. The hope is that prayerfully practicing something God leads us to add to our lives will benefit others and keep our focus on Christ, not on ourselves.

(Image: litmus.dublindiocese.ie; excerpt from Lynne Sykora Stadler)



# Learning throughout Lent

## Divine Mercy Series

*“Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.”*

**Thursday, February 22,**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

(Note: none on March 15<sup>th</sup> due to school’s March break).

**Where: at Joseph Catholic School**

**When: Thursday evenings**

**Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm for 5 weeks**

Info: Maggie Duffy 613.328.5726

## **Divine Mercy is an urgent message of HOPE for our world!**

It is a message that is clear and understandable for everyone. Come learn the powerful devotions, graces, stories associated with it through the lives, messages of St. John Paul the Great, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Those who are new to the Divine Mercy message as well as those looking to achieve an advanced level of knowledge will find this series ideal.

**Fun learning. Refreshments will be provided.**

### Saturday February 24, 2018

Rosary: Steve Brennan Greeters: Ron & Anneka  
Lector: June Nalon Holy Communion: Mary Wray B.  
Gifts: Frank Fair and Betty Turcotte

### Sunday February 25, 2018

Carveth: Maryln Jacobsen and Budgie Mabee  
Greeters: Christine Milks and Don Mills  
Lector: Christine Woods Holy Communion: A. Cliffe  
Gifts: Portieous & MacDonald family  
Children’s Liturgy: Dawn Kirkby Campbell

### At St. Philomena for Sunday, February 25

Reader: Volunteer Holy Communion: Marg McReynolds

**Thank you to the St. Joseph School’s Kindness Club for helping out today!**

<b>Weekly Contributions: Feb. 11, 2018</b>		
<b>Thank you!</b>	<b>St. John</b>	<b>St. Phil</b>
<b>Regular:</b>	\$1,389.00	\$287.50
<b>Loose:</b>	\$169.15	\$33.75
<b>Fuel:</b>	\$530.00	\$140.50
<b>Missions in Canada:</b>	\$130.00	
<b>Pre-Authorized Debit</b>		
	\$4,239.00	\$250.00



### We Are Low in Mass Intentions at St. John Church and St. Philomena Church

Since the offering for a Mass was raised by the Archdiocese of Kingston to \$20.00, the request for a Mass Intention has greatly been reduced. We no longer have enough Masses to cover each day in 2018.

CARDS are now available for the living intentions. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for a Mass Intention - write your intentions along with your offering of \$20.00 (cheque payable to St. John’s Church for both churches) and place in the

Collection Basket, bring to the office, or call Lise at the office 613.382.2017.

**Message from Archbishop O’Brien:** I want to express appreciation to those who provided e-mail addresses for the Call for Conscience Campaign. The Coalition for Health Care will be following up with you shortly. Thank you for joining in this effort to provide conscience protection for doctors and medical facilities and increased funding for palliative care.

**The Billings Ovulation Method** teaches a woman to understand her natural signs of fertility and infertility throughout her reproductive life. Next clinic is Mon. Feb. 26 at St. Paul the Apostle Church, Room D from 7-8pm (patio entrance). Call 613-544-8495 or [kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca](mailto:kingston@naturalfamilyplanning.ca).

### **PARISH CALENDAR:**

**Finance and Property:** Wed. Feb. 21, 2018 at 5 pm  
**Catholic Women’s League:** Wed. Feb. 21 at 6:30 pm  
 (meeting to be held in the sacristy)  
**Rosary at Carveth:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays of the month  
**Knights of Columbus:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays



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