

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

**Pastor: Father Sebastian Amato**

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

**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!



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

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

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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**Sunday, February 19, 2017**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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, Mike McDonald** and for fortitude to their caregivers.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including **Anna Mary Ryan and John Taylor.**

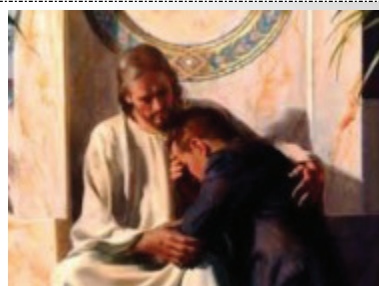


**THE SACRAMENTS**

**AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**

- **First Reconciliation** for children preparing for their First Communion Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 pm (see note below)
- **First Communion:** Sunday, April 23 at the 10:30 am Mass
- **Confirmation:** Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm

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**The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent** will be offered on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2017 from 4 to 5 pm. It will be preceded by the celebration of First Reconciliation

for our 7 year old children beginning at 3 pm. Father Justin will be here to help with the sacrament. It will also allow parishioners to come in the day time instead of an evening. Please avail yourselves this opportunity before Lent.

Thank you!	Feb. 12.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
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**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.

# This Week's Mass Schedule

**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

**Monday, February 20** No Mass

**Tuesday, February 21**

8:00 am - Lappan O'Hearn

**Wednesday, Feb. 22** No Mass

**Thursday, February 23** (Feast of St. Polycard)

8:00 am - Augustin Song

**Friday, February 24**

8:00 am - Jean Norris

**Saturday, February 25**

5:00 pm at St. John - Joseph Hébert

**Sunday, February 26**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Fernande Bonin  
 10:30 am at St. John - Stan Tozer

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to [stjohnsgananoque.ca](http://stjohnsgananoque.ca)

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**Ash Wednesday: Wed. March 1st, 2017**



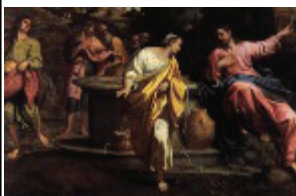
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rally in Canada. Saturday, March 4, 2017 (9 am – 5:30 pm) at the Toronto Convention Centre. Tickets: Adult rally \$25 or Youth rally \$15 (ages 13-18). Travel in comfort on our Deluxe Bus: \$40 per person (pickups in Kingston & Napanee). Contacts: Miriam Wright: [unboundfreedom@gmail.com](mailto:unboundfreedom@gmail.com) 905-979-1189, Ann Lyng 613-546-5521 ext 5, [alyng@cogeco.ca](mailto:alyng@cogeco.ca)

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## #4 of 6 - This THURSDAY, Feb. 23: Faith Development Study



### A LIFELONG JOURNEY OF CONVERSION

#### No sign up sheet - Attend when you can!

**Dates:** Join us this week on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm; followed by Thurs. 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.**



Using six stories from the Bible, Bishop Barron demonstrates how ordinary, sinful people are met by Jesus and called to a better life through him. Conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process of focusing our attention and energy toward an ever-deepening relationship with Christ. <http://conversion.wordonfire.org>.

### St. Philomena's Potluck Breakfast

It was with pleasure that additional tables and chairs were added to the circle at the potluck last weekend. It was a great turnout. It feels great to chit chat, get up-to-date on news, and mostly to get to know someone new. Thank you to everyone who brought delicious breakfast foods and goodies. Especially thank you for inviting friends and family to join us. Father David was pleased to meet you in a relaxed atmosphere.



Welcome & thank you to the children from St. Joseph's Kindness Club.

#### Lay Ministers:

##### SATURDAY, FEB. 25 AT 5 PM

**Rosary:** Mary Haesler

**Reader:** Judy Weir

**Greeters:** Barbara Lynch & (need volunteer)

**Gifts:** Betty Turcotte & Frank Fair

**Holy Communion:** Joy O'Neill

##### ST. PHILOMENA FEB. 26 AT 8:30 AM

**Reader:** Dianne Dowling

**Holy Communion:** Steve Garrah

##### SUNDAY FEB. 26 10:30 AM

**Sunday Carveth:** J. Cornish/S. Carmichael

**Greeters:** Joe and Patty Jansen

**Gifts:** Brendan & Maggie Duffy

**Reader:** Kally Portieous

**Holy Communion:** Krista Jenkins

**Junior Liturgy:** Natasha Medd

### 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.

**Today: In the Collect we pray that as we ponder spiritual things, such spiritual thoughts will not remain merely in the mind, but rather, that they will be put into concrete practice, so that "we may carry out in both word and deed/that which is pleasing to you."**



**Pancake Supper:** Tuesday February 28 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Grace United Church, 120 Pine St. Gananoque. Cost - Good Will Offering. Proceeds to the Breakfast Clubs at Linklater and St. Joseph Schools.

**YOU ARE INVITED! St. Patrick's, Napanee, Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Cape Shrine, Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec (including St. Joseph's Oratory, Montreal and Ursulines Museum at Trois-Rivieres), Monday June 5 through Wednesday June 7, 2017. Cost: \$365/single; \$315pp/double; \$310pp/triple. Pick-up and drop-off at specific locations between Belleville and Brockville. Includes transportation, accommodation, most meals, admissions to sites, and abundant blessings! Contact Alphonse Poitras, 6 1 3 - 3 5 4 - 7 6 4 3 , [alphonse.poitras@gmail.com](mailto:alphonse.poitras@gmail.com). Payment must be received by April 3<sup>rd</sup> to reserve your spot. Reserve early as space is limited.**

**Finance/Property:** Monday, March 13, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan

**Catholic Women's League:** Information: JoAnne McReynolds

**St. John's Parish Council:** Tues., Feb. 21 at 7:30 pm- 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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm Firehall. Info: Wayne Carpenter

**Legion of Mary:** 8:30 am on Tuesdays in the Sacristy

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