

# 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

**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  
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902  
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**Sunday, February 26, 2017**  
**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Lent Begins This Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

We will have two celebrations of Mass on Ash Wednesday. There will be a School Mass at 9:45 am and all parishioners are invited to join with our children. There will also be a Mass at 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence from meat as we enter into this penitential season.

The **Prayer Cross** is back.

You are invited to take a piece of paper with a Cross and the words "Lord, Hear My Prayer" located near the back of the church. Write your intentions on the reverse side and then tape your intention(s) onto the cross with the words, "Lord, Hear My Prayer" facing out. By writing and placing our intentions on the cross it symbolizes our **wishes, dreams and needs** which are lifted up in prayer. During each Mass in Lent, the Prayers of the Faithful will include the intentions on our Lenten cross. All of the intentions will be brought up with the cross on Good Friday.



**The Little Black Book** has returned with new insights. Start today. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days to walk through this book a page at a time. Six minutes. That's within reach.



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.

Thank you!	Feb. 19.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1502.00	\$371.40
Loose:	\$158.90	\$20.00
Fuel:	\$165.00	\$45.00
Scarboro	\$55.00	

# This Week's Mass Schedule

**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

**Monday, February 27**

8:00 am - Protection of the Unborn Child

**Tuesday, February 28**

8:00 am - Lynne Mulcair-Bahen

**Ash Wednesday - March 1**

9:45 am - School Mass

For staff & students' intentions

7:00 pm at St. John's -

For your own intentions

**Thursday, March 2**

8:00 am - Elizabeth Knowles

**Friday, March 3**

8:00 am - Dick O'Neill

**Saturday, March 4**

5:00 pm at St. John - Rita Fleurie

**Sunday, March 5**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Roland & Phyllis Clancy

10:30 am at St. John - Red & Bernice McCann



**— TODAY — TODAY — TODAY — TODAY —**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent**  
**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.



**2016 Report to Parishioners & 2017 Upcoming Fund Raisers**

It is with pleasure that we are presenting this report to our parishioners. Please take a copy home and read it. If you have any questions, please call me.

Fundraising is always a challenge and we are looking forward to our next two fund raisers – a yard sale on Sat. June 24 (drop-off start date June 1<sup>st</sup>) and a Cash Draw with approximately \$3,300 in prizes. Volunteers required for both fund raisers. More information next week.

## #5 of 6 - This THURSDAY, March 2 Faith Study

St. John the Evangelist Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council invites you to our continued Development Study on **Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** at **6:45 pm to 8:15 pm**; at St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque.

This is not a series. You may attend any of the studies. Using two more 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>

### Let's join our neighbours in celebrating: **World Day of Prayer 2017 – Friday, March 3 at 2 pm** at **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

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.

### Together in Faith

This is a new website created by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and promoted by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Its aim is to celebrate the distinctive nature of Catholic Education in Ontario.

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**Thank you so much for all your donations!**

### Youth Alpha

Hey teens! Looking for answers to life's biggest questions? Then come check out Youth Alpha! Join other teens to talk about what you believe and certain faith issues - whether you have a faith background or not. Our launch party is Sunday, Feb. 26th, at St. Paul the Apostle Church from 5-7pm in the parish hall. Join us for dinner, exciting games, and laughter!

Contact Kevin [stpaulkingstonyouth@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulkingstonyouth@gmail.com)

**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.

**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](mailto:unboundfreedom@gmail.com) 905-979-1189, Ann Lyng 613-546-5521 ext 5, [alyng@cogeco.ca](mailto:alyng@cogeco.ca)

### Lay Ministers:

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 4 AT 5 PM**

**Rosary:** Dianne Ouellet

**Reader:** Cheryl Gavin

**Greeters:** Ron Knapton & Penny Huntley

**Gifts:** Ron & Aneka Thompson

**Holy Communion:** John Gavin

#### **ST. PHILOMENA MARCH 5 AT 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Bonnie Ottenhof

**Holy Communion:** Marilyn McCauley

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 5 AT 10:30 AM**

**Sunday Carveth:** P. & A. O'Neill

**Greeters:** Emily Bernardino & Alice Mangan

**Gifts:** The Jansen family

**Reader:** Christine Woods

**Communion:** Mary Elizabeth McDonald

**Junior Liturgy:** Dawn Kirkby

### **PILGRIMAGE TO BARCELONA, LOURDES AND ROME**

The year 2017 marks the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Kingston. The Parish is hosting a Pilgrimage to Barcelona, Lourdes and Rome. The date is from Oct. 10-20, 2017. Seats may be reserved with a deposit of \$250 (refundable until April 11). This Pilgrimage of thanksgiving will take us to Lourdes, the very place where Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette. Please join us as we offer gratitude to Almighty God for the great blessings of the first fifty years of our beloved Parish. Info: please contact Anne Routhier at Maritime Travel: 613-389-8170.

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

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

**St. John's Parish Council:** 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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