

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
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Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 7, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

10:30 am - Funeral Mass for Frank Princ
5:00 pm - Doris Bovey

Sunday, February 7

8:30 am at St. Philomena-Hogan & Dwyre families
10:30 am at St. John - Sandra Stevens

Monday, February 8

8:00 am - Dolly Cornish

Tuesday, February 9 - (No Mass)

Ash Wednesday, February 10

9:45 am - For staff & students' intentions
6:00 pm - at St. John's: For your own intentions
7:00 pm - at St. Philomena **Stations of the Cross**
7:30 pm - at St. Philomena For your own intentions

Thursday, February 11 - World Day of the Sick

8:00 am - Protection of the Unborn Child

Friday, February 12

8:00 am - Leonard Lancaster
1:30 pm at Carveth: Roland & Phyllis Clancy

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm - Jeanne Adair

Sunday, February 14

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Colin Prior
10:30 am at St. John - Margaret Mulcair



Sign up with your ashes, the sign of your cross. Give us the grace to know your mercy, Lord. Renew our spirits and open our hearts. Help us remember the love you gave us. Help us **pray** so we might be closer to you and to God's family.

Help us **fast** so we might know the want of those within God's family. Help us **give** so we might share of what we have to serve God's family.

Sung by Grade 2s: <https://youtu.be/USqbA8RdL2Q>

Always remember that all parishioners are welcome at our monthly School Masses. It's always great to see the kids & adults in the church!



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Stations of the Cross

Beginning Tuesday, February 16th and every Tuesday during Lent at **7:00 pm**, the Stations of the Cross will take place at St. John's Church followed by **Mass at 7:30 pm**. The prayers that will be used will reflect the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Bob Bird, Pedro Reyes, Fr. David Norris. May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

Life is changed, not ended. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Leonard Lancaster and Frank Princ.

PARISH CALENDAR:

Catholic Women's League: February 17, 2016 7 pm
Parish Pastoral Council: to be announced
Finance/Property: Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at 5pm
Carveth: Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1:30 pm
Choir/Organ Practice: Wednesdays at 10:30 am (this choir will be singing at the 5 pm Mass until March).
Sunday (10:30 am) Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Little Black Book Every household is invited to take a book. It can be used anytime and anywhere. It travels easily in your pocket, purse, glove compartment. 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. And it pays big returns. No charge.

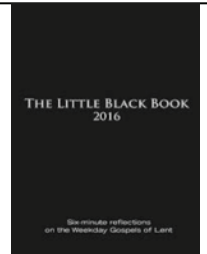


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St. John's Parish Family Activity - Note to all families:

We have rented the upstairs Rec Centre for Sunday, March 6th. Join in the public skating from 2:30 to 4pm then come upstairs for hot chocolate. Watch for more details in future bulletins.

Year of Mercy "Evening Prayer"

Our first Evening Prayer went very well. We will continue on the last Sunday of every month (Sunday, February 28 at 6:30 pm). You are invited to attend and participate. We are also looking for people to be the Presider - the Leader of the Service and for people to read the scripture readings. Training will be provided. Please contact the parish office 613.382.2017.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA

Our missionaries live and work in poor mission communities, where the Sunday collection is not enough to keep the church open or maintain a missionary presence. Your support helps our missionaries put food on their table, heat in their trailers and fuel in their trucks. Travel—in every kind of inclement or severe weather—is a way of life for all mission priests and religious sisters.

Letter from Father Vézina ministers in the remote Northern Ontario First Nations communities of Attawapiskat and Peawanuck:

Catholic Missions In Canada is our only source of financial support. Everything here is so expensive because it has to be flown in...the cost of food is so high because of that. We also have huge heating costs; it's hard to describe how cold it gets here. And without Catholic Missions In Canada, we would not have the books we need to teach the children about the Lord Jesus and prepare them for first communions... I could not get to Peawanuck...there's no road, the only way to go is by plane... - See more at: <http://www.cmic.info/mission-needs/support-missionaries/#sthash.rjskUL0j.dpuf>

The 2015 **tax receipts** are ready. Please pick up your envelope at the entrance of the Church as early as possible. In 2015 we had 245 regular donors at St. John's and \$14,035.49 in loose collection. At St. Philomena's, we had 42 regular donors and \$2,395.50 in loose.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

St. John: Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Barbary Lynch** Lector: **Joy O'Neill**

Greeters: **Bill & Sylvia Cunningham**

Gifts: **Steve and Lorraine O'Meara**

Extra Ordinary Minister of Eucharist: **A. Cliffe**

St. John: Sunday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Paul & Anne O'Neill**

Lector: **Kally Portieous** Gifts: **D. Mills & C. Mills**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **M. McDonald**

Greeters: **Niles Family**

Children's Liturgy: **Dawn Kirkby**

St. Philomena: Feb. 10 at 7:30 pm

Lector: **Marilyn McCauley** Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Dianne Dowling**

St. Philomena: Feb. 14 at 8:30 am

Lector: **Bonnie Ottenhof** Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Dianne Dowling**

The Ministry Schedule for March 2016 including Easter is now available for pick up at the entrance of the Church or in your email. Thank you to all the volunteers. You are GREAT!

REGI NEWS: Regi Helps Universal Missions will be supporting the good work of local groups traveling to Kenya this Lent as they bring food and water aid to rural communities as well as serve, teach and share the technology of Solar cookers to a community that struggles with the need for firewood and clean water. We hope to raise \$2500 and any donations made to Regi RHUM or CanAssist will be put towards these efforts. (tax receipts are available)

Grade 8 Parent night is Thurs. Feb. 11th at 6:30 in the Cafetorium off the Russell St. entrance.

Members of Grace United Church will be hosting their annual **Pancake Supper** on Tuesday, Feb 9 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, 120 Pine Street, Gananoque. Admission is by donation. The proceeds will be going to the breakfast clubs at St. Joseph's and Linklater Schools. Everyone is welcome!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent will be offered on Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 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. Another priest will be here to help with the sacrament. It will also allow older folks to come in the day time instead of an evening. Please avail yourselves this opportunity early on in Lent.*

It seems that we have just finished the Christmas season and we now find ourselves beginning Lent this coming Wednesday. The cross that we have been using for the last few years on Good Friday will be at the back of the church with a purple cloth draping it. It will be there during Lent. **This cross will be a prayer cross for us.** You are invited to take a small piece of paper to write your intentions. Then sticking it on to 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.

Weekly Contributions: January 31, 2016

	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$304.50	\$1,926.00
Loose:	\$0.00	\$126.35
Fuel:		\$30.00
Initial/New Year's		\$20.00
P.A.D. Feb. 16, 2016		

St. John's Parishioners: Please note that an error was made by the printing company regarding the Feb 7th Special Collection Envelope for Scarboro Missions and Catholic Missions in Canada. The envelope in the box reads: Missionaries of St. Charles. You may use the envelope and donations will be directed to the Catholic Missions in Canada and Scarboro Missions. Thank you.

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) at St. John and at St. Philomena 1. You may join at any time. 2. Complete a Pre-Authorized Debit Plan Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID. 3. Return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

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