

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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Baptism of the Lord – Sunday, January 10, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9

5:00 pm - Nadine Plumpton

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Tim Prior

10:30 am at St. John - Fred Delaney

Monday, January 11

8:00 am - Donald Yeldon

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am - For Your Intentions

Wednesday, January 13 – No Mass

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am - Patrick McDonald

Friday, January 15

9:45 am School Mass: Lappan & Mary O’Hearn

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm - Judy Montgomery

Sunday, January 17

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Lynda Norris

10:30 am at St. John - Stan Tozer

PARISH CALENDAR:

Parish Pastoral Council: Tues., Jan 12 @ 7 pm

Finance/Property: Monday, January 25, 2016

Catholic Women’s League: to be announced

Carveth: Friday, February 12, 2016 at 1:30 pm

Funeral Choir Practice: Wednesdays at 10:30 am (this choir will be singing at the 5 pm Mass Jan. 9 to March).

Sunday (10:30 am) Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm

Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays; Sacristy

Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Sacrament of Confirmation: A letter and registration form will be sent home this week with the candidates for Confirmation that are in grade 7. A parent and candidate meeting will be held later this month.

Get set for Kindergarten!

Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is now underway at St. Joseph School. French Immersion is offered at many of our Catholic schools. In addition, we offer before and after school programs, and on-site daycare at some locations. Please call St. Joseph School at 613-382-2361 for information on how to register your child.



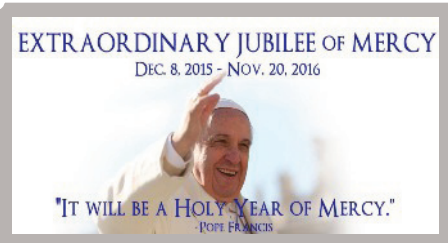
IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Eileen Bovey, Bob Bird and Dolly Cornish.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life including Frank Princ, Shelley Roy, Margaret Tedesco, and Dawn Tennant. May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

UPCOMING EVENT AT ST. JOHN’S CHURCH



**Year of Mercy
“ Evening
Prayer”
Sunday, Jan. 31st
From 6:30 - 7 pm.**

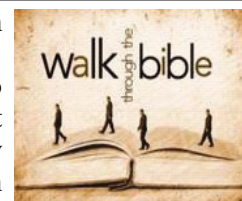
This will take place on the last Sunday of each month.

Evening Prayer is a tradition of the Church and another wonderful opportunity to come together as a community of the Faithful. An example of an Evening Prayer is found on page 637 of your Sunday Missal.

"Evening Prayer is a liturgy in use in the Roman Catholic Church and celebrated in the late afternoon or evening. It is also commonly known as Evensong, especially (but not exclusively) when the office is rendered chorally (that is, when most of the service is sung). Choral Evensong from the CBW III often remains in use because of the greater musical provision. Evening Prayer, like Morning Prayer (Lauds) and in contrast to the Eucharist, may be led by a layperson, and is recited by some devout Catholics daily in private."

We are also looking for people to be the “Presider” (the Leader of the Service). Training will be provided. We are also looking for people to read the scripture readings. Please contact Deb Donaldson at 613.382.1399.

The Churches of Gananoque has begun 2016 with a month long study of the bible. **Walk Thru the Bible** is a program to ignite our passion for the Word of God. It continues on **Wednesday** evenings January 13th to 27th beginning at 6:45 pm to 8 pm at the Cornerstone Church Hall. Join us anytime.



St. John’s Parish Family Mini Retreat - Note to all families

Family day is being set again for the month of February. Watch for more details in future bulletins.



In the Apostles' Creed: ...” he descended into hell”- What does this line mean? The soul of Christ “descended into hell” - that is, into the place where the souls of the just who had died before him were waiting for him. The hell into which Christ’s soul descended was not the hell of the damned - it was a place or state of rest. Christ’s soul went there to announced to the just the joyful news of their redemption. Meanwhile, the most holy body of Jesus Christ remained three days - but not three whole days - in the tomb: a part of Friday, the whole day of Saturday, and part of Sunday until dawn when he gloriously and triumphantly rose from the dead, never again to die. Christ reunited his soul with his body. *Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him.* (CCC 633)

Weekly Contributions: Dec. 25			December 27.		January 1		January 3.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena	St. John's	St. Philomena	St. John's	St. Philomena	St. John's	St. Philomena
Christmas	\$4,875.00	\$765.00	\$165.00					
New Year					\$1,045.00	\$274.50		
Loose:	\$1,566.50	\$214.25		\$30.00	\$409.05			
Fuel:	\$760.00						\$120.00	\$20.00
Regular:	\$2,710.00		\$1,230.00	\$504.50			\$1,452.00	\$723.50
Initial:					\$810.00	\$70.00		
Auto withdrawal	\$985.00	\$70.00						
Restoration	\$280.00							


Pre-Marriage Preparation Course 2016:
The next course is set for April 29 and 30 at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Kingston. Email stpaulrc@cogeco.ca or call Ruth at 613.389.8222.

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule
St. John: Saturday, Jan. 16 at 5 pm
 Rosary: **Dianne Ouellet**
 Lector: **Donna McCauley**
 Greeters: **Cheryl Gavin and Joey Lynch**
 Gifts: **Yvon and Dianne Ouellet**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **J. O'Neill**
St. John: Sunday, Jan. 17 - 10:30
 Carveth on Sunday: **Paul and Anne O'Neill**
 Lector: **Elizabeth Knudson**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **B. Egan**
 Gifts: **Wood's family**
 Greeters: **Joan Dillon / Mary Elizabeth McDonald**
 Children's Liturgy: **Tricia Clark**
St. Philomena: Jan. 17 - 8:30 am
 Lector: **Kim Nossal** Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Steve Garrah**

New Life Group for Separated and Divorced: Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce? Where do you turn for help? Come to the New Life Group Meeting: a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced on alternate Tuesday evenings. Next meetings: January 19, Topic: Surviving Life Transitions; Bridges to the New; February 2, Topic: Finances and Lifestyle, Speaker: Simon Robinson. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, 390 Palace Road, Kingston. All faith denominations are welcome.

Santo Niño devotees of Kingston invites you to our 11th Annual Santo Niño Fiesta Mass celebration on Saturday, January 16 at St. Paul the Apostle, 1111 Taylor Kidd, Kingston at 2:00 pm. Theme: Learning To Love Children and Youth as Jesus Loves Them.



Please bring your Santo Niño and children for blessings. All are invited to join us for a reception following the Mass. Food will be served by the devotees.

The Santo Niño (Holy Child) is a celebrated Roman Catholic religious vested statue of the Child Jesus venerated by many Filipino Catholics who believe it to be miraculous. Claiming to be the oldest religious image in the Philippines, the statue was originally given in 1521 as a baptismal gift by Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan. The Santo Niño image is seen in many homes and business establishments in the Philippines. The image is one of the most beloved and recognizable cultural icons in the Philippines, found in both religious and secular areas.

Last year's celebration was filled with “devotees” from different nationalities and “pilgrims” from all over Ontario. Today we are celebrating our 11th year Anniversary dedicated to Senior Santo Niño.

Happy New Year!

Pre-Authorized Debit at St. John and at St. Philomena You may join at any time. Just complete a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Friday, January 15, 2016.

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