

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
613.382.2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
www.reginotredame.ca

Sunday, January 22, 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 21

5:00 pm at St. John - Norton & Salter families

Sunday, January 22

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Colin Prior

10:30 am at St. John - John McMaster

Monday, January 23

8:00 am - Aileen Wainhouse

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 am - Dolly Cornish

Wednesday, Jan. 25

No Mass

Thursday, January 26

8:00 am - Frederick Offspring's intentions

Friday, January 27

8:00 am - For your own intentions

Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm at St. John - Alice Reid

Sunday, January 29

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Hogan & Dwyre families

10:30 am at St. John - Donna O'Neill

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to stjohnsgananoque.ca

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Mary Battams-Rochefort, Agnes Goodfriend, George Javornik, Angela Keyes, Fr. Jim MacGillivray** and for fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.



THIS THURSDAY: Faith Development Study

Theme: You are invited to a Six week faith development study group on Thursday nights. A series of six short videos presented by Bishop Robert Barron. We will look at 6 people in the bible & a glimpse of their conversion story followed by discussion in small groups.



Dates: Thursday, January 26 at 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm; followed by Thurs. Feb. 2; 9; 16; 23 and March 2.

Where: St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque

Organized by: St. John the Evangelist Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council.

Information: Faith, being a gift from God, is not something that we are to stop developing once confirmed or out of school – but a lifelong process. Please join us.

Invite family & friends. Refreshments available. It will be a great way to get to know fellow parishioners while learning our faith together.



“CDSBEO schools are now accepting **new student registrations** for September 2017! We invite parents to call the school to make an appointment to visit during Kindergarten Registration Week, which begins Monday,

January 16. Please visit the CDSBEO website at www.cdsbeo.on.ca for information on how to register your child. We look forward to welcoming your child to Kindergarten!”

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St. Joseph School is looking for a Breakfast Club Volunteer for Friday Morning 8:00 a.m. to about 9:20 a.m. If interested please contact the school 613-382-2361.

Thank you!	January 8	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1978.50	\$366.50
Loose:	\$249.80	
Fuel:	\$130.00	\$25.00
Other:	\$80.00	
Auto Withdrawal	\$4,129.35	\$250.00

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School

Grade 8 Information Night Thursday, Feb. 16. General Information Session 6 pm - 7 pm. IB Information Session 7-8 pm. Cafetorium, 130 Russell Street. 613.545.1907.

Brothers Knights, you and your fellow brother knights are invited to our Annual Diocesan Association Meeting this coming Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at St Mary's Parish Centre. The meeting hall is located at 260 Brock St., downtown Kingston and starts at 9:30 a.m. sharp. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.. Come a little early, register and enjoy a coffee and reacquaint with friends. Our annual meeting is the second of two meetings held by our association during the fraternal year and it is the meeting in which the members nominate and elect the new executive for the upcoming fraternal year. Also on the agenda are committee and chairmen reports updating you on cross district programs and activities.



"CURSILLISTAS: You are invited to an ULTREYA on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at St. John the Apostle Church Hall, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston. The Ultreya will start at 2:00 p.m. and will consist of a witness talk, response, small groups, music, prayer and refreshments. All Cursillistas are invited to come out to renew old friendships and meet fellow Cursillistas. For more information contact Mike and Diane Foley in Kingston at 613-546-6224 mfoley8@cogeco.ca or Neil and Margaret Cameron in Brockville at 613-498-1702

Your Offerings - Thank you to everyone who added \$1 or \$2 or more to their weekly donations. Every bit helps a lot. St. John's budget will be reviewed at Finance & Property Meeting on Monday, January 30.

Choir Singing at Saturday

5 pm Masses:

Doug Gifford and the choir are thrilled to provide the music and the singing at the 5 pm Mass for 7 weeks starting Jan. 28 to March 11. Do you usually attend Saturday night Masses? Why don't you join us?



Ella Fitzgerald says: "Anyone can sing. Many people come along to my choirs and groups saying 'I was told at school that I could not sing'. I say to them 'Can you breathe? Can you speak? - well, then you can sing!'. Why make it more complicated than this?"

Practices are set for Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am until 11:30 am. If you work, join us on Saturdays at 4:45 pm. Most hymns are well known. We would love additional voices up in the choir. No audition. You may later wish to join the choir or not. Up to you. Voices add to the beauty of our Masses. Just come up the choir stairs. It will be a pleasure to have you!

Development and Peace – Celebrating 50 Years

Did You Know? 2017 will be the 50th ShareLent campaign of the Catholic Church in Canada for Development and Peace! For over 50 years we have been working to end global poverty. You are invited to join us for a special 50th Anniversary Celebration and Mass with Archbishop O'Brien on Sunday February 5th 2017 – 10:30 am at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston. Come and see our special solidarity quilt as it makes its pilgrimage across Canada with every diocese contributing a patch, including ours! Please join us, following Mass, for a short ShareLent workshop and lunch from 12:30-2:00pm (St. Mary's Parish Centre) on the 2017 campaign entitled, "Women at the Heart of Change". Help us make our 50th ShareLent the best one ever in your parish!



THE SACRAMENT OF Confirmation will take place for our young people in grade 7 on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

A letter and registration form has been sent home through the school.

A parent and candidate meeting will be held on **Monday, February 6, at 7 pm** at St. Joseph School.

If there is a candidate who is not at St. Joseph's and would like to participate please call the parish office for more information and to register.

Lay Ministers:

SATURDAY, JAN. 28 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Barbara Lynch
Reader: Marlene Sirosky
Greeters: Heather Bovey/Ron Knapton
Gifts: Yvon & Dianne Ouellet
Holy Communion: Anastasia Cliffe

ST. PHILOMENA JAN. 29 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Gerry Ross
Holy Communion: Andrea Guindon

SUNDAY JAN. 29 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: Steve & Mary Wray
Greeters: Gerry Brosso/Marilyn Thivierge
Gifts: The Medd Family
Reader: Yvonne Harper
Holy Communion: Mary Elizabeth McDonald
Junior: Amanda Dickson



Catholic Women's League: Wed., Jan. 25th at 6:30 pm
 Finance/Property: Monday, January 30, 2017 at 5 pm
St. John's Parish Council: To be announced
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am - Singers welcome
Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm. Join today.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Fire Hall
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays Sacristy

November Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Justin Pulikunnel - Have you ever longed to visit the Holy Land during your lifetime, to follow in the footsteps of Our Blessed Lord, to pray, kneel and kiss the soil where his sacred feet trod? Would you like the Sacred Scriptures to be opened up in new and exciting ways? Or simply to give thanks to God for all the blessings? These and more are good reasons to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and Fr. Justin is leading one this Nov. 15th-24th, 2017. Email Fr. Justin directly (justinpulikunnel@gmail.com), and/or come to the orientation meeting on Tuesday, February 28th @ 7pm at St. FX Parish in Brockville (66 Church St). Cost \$3,290 CDN/pp, based on double occupancy. Fr. Justin personally designed practically everything about spiritual journey (holy sites, upgraded hotels, timing, etc.) and hopes you will prayerfully consider joining in what will be a once in a lifetime spiritual journey.

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