

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 31, 2016

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 30

5:00 pm - Alice Reid

Sunday, January 31

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Timothy Prior

10:30 am at St. John - Ioleen Bovey

Monday, February 1

8:00 am - Richard Robinson

Tues. & Wed., February 2 & 3 - No Masses

Thursday, February 4

8:00 am - Special Intentions

Friday, February 5

8:00 am - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, February 6

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

YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYER Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Bob Bird and Pedro Reyes. 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 especially Dolly Cornish, Jerome Brake and Sister Ruth Winnifred Resch, R.H.S.J.

PARISH CALENDAR:

Catholic Women's League: February 17, 2016 7 pm

Parish Pastoral Council: to be announced

Finance/Property: Monday, January 25, 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

Today's Gospel: Last Sunday's Gospel related Jesus' preaching in the synagogue in Nazareth. Today's Gospel shows the aftermath of that preaching. While the people were impressed by his preaching, they could not accept that it came from someone familiar to them. They wanted more proof. Jesus responds not with proof, but by reminding his listeners that God does not act in the way we expect. He seeks out those disregarded by others and he protects all of those he calls.

4th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time

Clipart: www.liturgytools.net

Tonight, SUNDAY January 31st

From 6:30 pm until 7 pm

Year of Mercy "Evening Prayer"

Beginning this evening and on the last Sunday of every month, you are invited to attend and participate in Evening Prayer.

If you have Evening Prayer hymns, psalms, and intercession. the Hours of Prayer is one of considered the church. Although priests, deacons, sisters and brothers make this prayer central to their vocation, the Liturgy of the Hours can be said by anyone. Usually, most lay people who have made this part of their prayer life will offer Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer. It can be prayed individually or communally.



never attended, consists of prayer, scripture The Liturgy of which Evening the hours is prayer of the

When Evening Prayer is celebrated communally, it is lead by a leader from the front of the church. The congregation also is involved through responsive prayer. The prayer lasts approximately 30 minutes. Please consider asking a friend to come along with you and take part in this peaceful reflection time.

Lent is early this year. Ash Wednesday is on February 10th.

Mass times on that day will be at 9:45 am (St. Joseph School Mass), 6:00 pm at St. John's and 7:30 pm at St. Philomena.



Beginning Tuesday, February 16th and every Tuesday 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. The Little Black Books will be available next weekend. They are a great aid to reflections during Lent.

Clipart: www.catholicsistas.com/

Ecumenical and Interfaith Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide The following is a note from Archbishop Brendan O'Brien, Archbishop of Kingston dated 19 January 2016:

This past October, The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada launched a joint Declaration on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. At the time of its release, the Declaration had been signed by 56 faith leaders across Canada. These signatories, including the CCCB, are now making a concerted effort to obtain signatures from a wide spectrum of Canadians who agree with the principles outlined in the Declaration. You are invited to show your support for this initiative. The Declaration and signatory option can be accessed at: www.euthanasiadeclaration.ca

Motivational Speaker: Holy Cross Catholic High School Council, Kingston, invites you to a presentation by Sami Jo Small, Canadian Women's Olympic Hockey Team Member, and motivational speaker. Sami Jo has earned 5 World Championships, 2 Championship MVP's and 2 Gold Medals. Come hear her inspiring message about the importance of hard work and determination on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

St. John: Saturday, Feb. 6 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Mary Wray Brennan** Lector: **June Nalon**
 Greeters: **Ron and Anneka Thompson**
 Gifts: **Niles Family**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of Eucharist: **Bernadette Egan**

St. John: Sunday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Dianne Ouellet & Adam Thompson**
 Lector: **Marg Rose** Gifts: **McShane Family**
 Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Wilma Turcotte**
 Greeters: **Gerry Brosso & John Keyes**
 Children's Liturgy: **Natasha Medd**

St. Philomena: Feb. 7 at 8:30 am

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

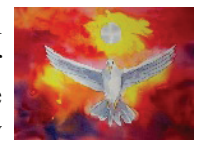
BUS TRIP 24th ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY Date: 5 MARCH 2016; 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Bus will leave St. Mary's Cathedral at 5:30 am sharp. We will stop for dinner on the return trip and should be back home by 9:00 pm. Cost for round trip transportation (admission ticket and dinner not included) is \$45. In addition, tickets to the rally are available at \$20 for adults and \$15 for youth. This rally always is, and promises to be this year, a fantastic spiritual experience of great speakers and wonderful liturgies and prayer. For reservations and tickets contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext 5 or at alyng@cogeco.ca

Catholic Women's League Members of the Catholic Women's League will be at the entrance of the Church this weekend. You are invited to ask questions, join the league, and pay your yearly dues of \$22. You may also place your dues in an envelope marked "Catholic Women's League" or use the blue envelope found in your Offertory Box. The money may be placed in the collection basket.

As League members begin to recognize their gifts, so too they respond to the call of sharing their gifts. The C.W.L. promote spiritual development, support the Christian family, encourage education, and are an integral part of the local community. As members, we pray for one another and are women of action. We care for the less fortunate and support our parishes of St. John and St. Philomena. Please join us as together we develop and share our ministry.

Sacrament of Confirmation:

A letter and registration form has been sent home with the candidates for Confirmation that are in grade 7 (to be returned by February 2). A mandatory meeting for parents and candidates and, if possible, confirmation sponsors will take place this **Thurs., February 4, from 7 pm to 8:15 pm** in the Gymnasium at St. Joseph School in Gananoque. Please call Father Amato if your child attends another school.



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Pancake Supper - Shrove Tuesday, February 9

Young adults from St. Paul the Apostle Church will be hosting a Pancake Supper from 5-7pm at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School, 1085 Woodbine Rd., in the cafeteria. Funds raised will help support their pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland this summer. Join us for pancakes, sausages, dessert & refreshments. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Nadia Gundert at 613-484-2446 or picked up at the door. \$5 a person, \$15 a family.

Weekly Contributions: January 24, 2016

| | St. Philomena | St. John |
|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Regular: | \$434.50 | \$2,024.10 |
| Loose: | \$0.00 | \$141.10 |
| Fuel: | | \$18.00 |
| Initial: | | \$10.00 |
| P.A.D. For Jan. 2016 | \$130.00 | \$4,090.70 |

St. John's Parishioners: Please note that an error was done in the printing of the Special Collection Envelope for Scarborough Missions. It reads: Missionaries of St. Charles. The correct envelope will be available shortly and be available at the entrance of the Church. All donations in the Missionaries of St. Charles envelope will be directed to the Catholic Missions in Canada. Thank you.

Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) at St. John and at St. Philomena You may join at any time. Just complete a Pre-Authorized Debit 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 Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

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