

**St. John the Evangelist Parish - Gananoque**  
**St. Philomena's - Howe Island**

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday

**Reconciliation:**

- ½ hour before weekday Masses
- 4:00 - 4:50 pm Saturday
- or anytime by appointment 613.382.2017

**Marriage:**

- Those who are planning to receive the sacrament of matrimony must meet with Father Sebastian at least 6 months in advance.
- Couples must attend a marriage preparation course provided by the Archdiocese.

**Baptism:**

- Pre-baptism preparation required for all parents. Please contact Father Sebastian to set up an appointment.

**Parish Catechesis:**

- Children who have not received their First Communion are encouraged to join the Children's Liturgy held at the Sunday Mass.

**RCIA:**

- Course if you would like to explore being received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Please speak with Father Sebastian.

**Rosary:**

- Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5 pm Mass.

**New Parishioners:**

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- The Church is open all day for times of quiet prayer.

**For the Sick and Shut-ins:**

- The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins of the Parish. Please notify Father Sebastian if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home.
- The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are available upon request.

**St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:**

- Please contact the parish office.

**Parish Bequest:**

- 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: John Paul Elliot  
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque  
613.382.2361

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Sunday, July 19, 2015**

*This Week's Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, July 18:** 5:00 pm Martha Crawford  
**Sunday, July 19:** 8:30 am St. Philomena - Mary MacPherson  
 10:30 am at St. John - Bill Stevens  
**Monday, July 20:** 8:00 am For your intentions  
**Tuesday, July 21:** 8:00 am Deceased family members of the  
 Amato family  
**Wed., July 22:** NO MASS  
**Thursday, July 23:** 8:00 am Barbara Thompson  
**Friday, July 24:** NO MASS  
**Saturday, July 25:** 5:00 pm Colin Prior  
**Sunday, July 26:** 8:30 am St. Philomena - Raymond &  
 Catherine Walsh  
 10:30 am at St. John - Mel & Mona Milks

**ANNUAL STEAK BBQ**

**Saturday, August 1, 2015  
 Happy Hour 5 pm - 6 pm;  
 Dinner 6 pm; Cash Bar.**

**Fundraiser Tickets: \$20  
 available at**

**the Parish Office (Mon-Fri 8 am - 4 pm) 382.2017  
 Jim McReynolds (546.4893),  
 Paul Beseau (541.0269),  
 Marilyn McCauley (545.3988),  
 Marg McReynolds (542.8349)  
 Natalie Nossal (542.1905).**

Church dinners are a welcome tradition for many churches. These dinners offer a time of fellowship with our families, friends and the community at large. It also provides an opportunity for many members of the congregation to work together while participating in great conversations.

BUY EARLY - to ensure your ticket & to help the organizers in the planning.



**IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Dick O'Neill and Dawn Tennant.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died especially Bev Baldree and for comfort and peace to their families.

*St. Philomena Cemetery News*

**EVERYONE is invited to a:  
 St. Philomena's Cemetery Meeting  
 Tuesday, July 28 at 7:30 pm.**

- Hear the exciting news about the cemetery
- Hear about upcoming project
- Hear about the results of the radar scan done by Global GPR
- Bring ideas on how to spread the news to people outside the Island.
- We will also look at where we go from here.

Please let any interested person know about this project. And remember that all parishioners are encouraged to be at this meeting. It's your parish!

Many parishioners will be needed to help in making sure that our Cemetery Project is done well. Regular parishioners, summer residents and others can be involved with this project since the hope is that we can work together to rebuild. We need your help!

It would be great to try to contact family members of those who are buried there to find out if they could help us. It would also be good to have some information regarding the persons buried there: Who were they? When were they on the island? What was their claim to fame? Etc.

**What's Happening at St. John's Cemetery?**

As was mentioned at few months back, a Columbarium is being installed across from the shed in the cemetery. The foundation has been poured and the columbarium will be installed within the next two months. There will be more news about this worthy place of entombment of cremated remains.

July.12, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,501.50	\$719.50
Loose	\$307.75	\$150.80
Maintenance Fund	\$25.00	
Educ. of Seminarians	\$20.00	Cemetery: \$50

**MEET & GREET SOCIALS NEXT Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 and Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**



St. John's next outdoor coffee socials are set and will be held in the parking lot immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. Please come & join us for treats, coffee, juice. Take the opportunity to say hello and introduce yourself to other parishioners therefore creating a stronger parish for everyone.

## Activities and Dinners in the Area

**TAIZE PRAYER EVENING:** The World Youth Day pilgrims from our Archdiocese invite you to join them for an evening of Taize prayer. Friday, July 24 at 8pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Light refreshments following prayer. For more info contact Nadia Gundert at 613-484-2446.

**SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH, BEDFORD** (2905 Westport Road) is hosting a Church Social on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, a live Band (Jeff Code and Silver Wings), silent auction, petting zoo, face painting, cotton candy, and kids games with prizes. Adults - \$15.00, Children - \$5.00.

**SUMMER CAMP FOR GIRLS:** Camp Camino is offering a camp for young women (ages 10 to 13 & 14 to 16) August 1-7 2015 at Providence Point, Lanark, Ontario. The camp offers daily Mass, sports, games, bonfires and a lot more. Camp Camino is run by a dedicated group of people deeply invested in the Catholic faith formation of young women. There are many opportunities to help the camp both spiritually and financially. For further information or to register go to: [campcamino.ca](http://campcamino.ca)

**HEALING THE CHURCH CONFERENCE:** In response to an overwhelming interest in the topic, an identical additional conference addressing clergy sexual abuse has been scheduled for Friday, September 11th from 9 to 4:30 pm at Providence Spirituality Centre. Register email: [info@psck.org](mailto:info@psck.org) or phone 613.542.8826. \$25.00 and includes lunch. *Registration closes August 31st.*

**FALL OUTING** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Kingston is hosting a 2-day excursion to St. Jacobs ON on Sept. 16 & 17. The price per person is \$200, which includes travel on a deluxe coach, hotel room, double occupancy, including a hot buffet breakfast, pool and hospitality room, buffet dinner, a \$40 tax receipt, plenty of time for shopping at the recently reopened Farmer's Market, the Outlet Mall and the quaint downtown shops. (Get an early start on Christmas Shopping, ladies!) and, if time permits, a guided tour of the area. Purchase your ticket early. For more info, call Caroline Manley at 613-542-8473 or Theresa McKay at the Parish Office at 613-389-3532.

**SIXTH ANNUAL WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT** will be held September 18-20, 2015, Glen House Resort near Gananoque. Theme: "Why Am I So Favoured". Reflection on Mary and Elizabeth and how we can bring good news to the world. Registration fee of \$325 (double occupancy) includes 5 meals, 2 nights accommodation and access to the resort facilities. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite you to join us for a weekend of nourishment and healing for your soul, fun for your spirit and some rest and relaxation with old and new friends. Info/Registration: [womensfallretreat.com](http://womensfallretreat.com) or contact Margie Ann McKinnon 613-548-4461 or Annette Larmour 613-258-7885. Pamphlets available on the bulletin board & entrance of the Church.

### Repairs and other work at St. Philomena

The roof and ceiling in the electrical room are to be completed soon. This room is west of the sacristy. Some water damage occurred. Cost: \$ 632.25



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The furnace in the church has sadly expired!! It did not pass the inspection. We are looking at a new furnace and possibly switching to propane. It will be installed before the Fall. Cost: TBA

### Ministry Schedule:

#### **St. John: July 25, 2015 at 5 pm**

Rosary: **Barbara Lynch** Lector: **Cheryl Gavin**

Greeters: **Ron and Anneke Thompson**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **John Gavin**

Gifts: **to be chosen by greeters**

#### **St. John: July 26 - 10:30 am**

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

Greeters: **Judy Weir and Linda Beaupré**

Lector: **Ed Lanigan**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Joy O'Neill**

Gifts: **To be chosen by greeters**

#### **St. Philomena: July 26 - 8:30 am**

Lector: **Gerry Ross**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Andrea Guindon**



#### **Used Uniform Shop at Regi-Notre Dame**

**Catholic High School, Kingston** is accepting

donations of gently used RND uniform pieces and other RND Garnet and Gold clothing both past and present (example: t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, etc). All proceeds from the sales will be used to help the youth of our community. Donations can be dropped off in the Main Office. The Used Uniform Sale will take place on Thursday, July 30th from 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the Life Skills Room at RND.

### Repairs, ongoing projects for 2015 at St. John's

The front steps of the rectory are being repaired. There were holes in the walls holding the main platform. The cement blocks were deteriorated requiring this action. The walls are being removed bit by bit and being replaced. Cost: \$ 3000.00

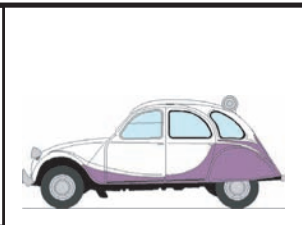
For safety reasons, a section of the parking lot will be paved sometime in the next couple of months. A couple of dips have appeared where the school once stood. The sins of the past are a perennial problem. Quotes being gathered. (To excavate the whole school area, including the breaking of the foundation walls and gravel fill was recently quoted at \$63,000.00. That is of course barring any unexpected costs that may arise if opening the site uncovers other problems).

The go ahead from the Town and Historical Committee to repair the wall in front of the parking lot has been given. Part of the wall (about 20 feet) will be removed near the entrance to the parking lot. Excavation behind the wall will be done. Wall repairs. waterproofing and a drainage Big "O" connecting to a catch basin on the north side of the steps is to take place. Cost \$ 25,000.

The steps going into the parking lot are to be replaced and raised one step to help prevent water from flowing over the steps especially during seasonal thawing of snow causing freezing and thawing. Thereby, creating a safety hazard as well as a deterioration of the steps and wall. Water from the catch basin that would be created from the above project will be directed under the steps flowing out of an opening on the south wall. Cost: TBA

A ramp is to be constructed from the Bell Tower to the parking lot. This happens to be an emergency exit. In the summer time the exit is sufficient. However, in the winter time the exit is blocked by snow and ice between the tower wall and the parking lot wall. Escape in an emergency would be facilitated with a ramp. Cost: TBA

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