

# 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

**W**elcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends,  
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



**M**AY 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](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

#### **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:**

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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You are invited to write and place your intention(s) onto Our Prayer Cross. This is a way to symbolize 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. On Good Friday, all of the intentions will be brought up with the cross.



**Lent:** Do you find that already more than a week has gone by in Lent and you have not quite thought about it? It's simple with the Little Black Book. So far, Prayer (How to Pray and Tips About Prayer) & Fast and Abstinence have been explained in easy terms. Did you know "Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep" appeared as part of an essay in 1711?

This Little Black Book is a wealth of fun and interesting facts to help us throughout Lent. Grab your book. Only six minutes a day.

**Spend some quiet time with the Lord.**

**Breakfast Clubs:**

\$841.65 was raised at the Pancake Supper at Grace United. This amount will be divided between Linklater & St. Joseph School breakfast clubs. Thank you for your support.

The CWL of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston is hosting a **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon** on Friday, March 17, 11 am to 2 pm in the parish hall. \$5/per person and includes soup, sandwiches, dessert, coffee and tea. **All welcome!**

Thank you!	March 5.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1782.25	\$341.00
Loose:	\$180.15	
Fuel:	\$1,017.00	
March envelopes: Fuel. Thank you for your continued support.		

**ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** – Each year the Kingston Centre of the RCCO has scholarships available for talented pianists of all ages who would like to be introduced to, and develop their playing skills on the pipe organ. The Kingston centre receives financial support for these scholarships from the National RCCO office, local individuals and parishes, and raises funds by sponsoring centre events. Scholarships provide 10 hours of free organ lessons with a qualified instructor. Each student has the opportunity to play in the student concert in late-winter and is invited to attend all local RCCO events. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 31, 2017. Auditions will be held for qualified applicants in April. Application forms and more information can be obtained from [www.rcco-kingston.org](http://www.rcco-kingston.org)

**Sunday, March 12, 2017  
Second Sunday of Lent**

- Saturday, March 11**  
5:00 pm at St. John - Joan and Stephen Knapton
- Sunday, March 12**  
8:30 am at St. Philomena - John Gubesch  
10:30 am at St. John - Al Beaupré
- Monday, March 13**  
8:00 am - Bob Vangeletos
- Tuesday, March 14**  
8:00 am - Doris Bovey
- Wed., March 15 - No Mass**
- Thursday, March 16**  
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:30 pm (approx) - For your intentions
- Friday, March 17**  
8:00 am - Aileen Wainhouse
- Saturday, March 18**  
5:00 pm at St. John - Patrick Graham
- Sunday, March 19**  
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Joan Kane  
10:30 am at St. John - Michael MacDonald

 **Stations of the Cross** **Thursdays, March 16, 23 and April 6th** at St. John's Church at 7:00 pm followed by Mass.

**2017 Upcoming Fund Raisers**  
**Yard Sale:** on Sat. June 24. Put aside your good quality items and treasures. Drop-off starting date is June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
**Cash Draw on Aug. 6, 2017:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$500. Money prizes for sellers of winning tickets. We need your assistance to sell 500 tickets. **To sell tickets** please call Mary Elizabeth McDonald 613.382.9876.

**PILGRIMAGE TO BARCELONA, LOURDES AND ROME**  
 Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Kingston is hosting a Pilgrimage to Barcelona, Lourdes and Rome. Oct. 10-20, 2017. Seats may be reserved with a deposit of \$250 (refundable until April 11). Info: Anne Routhier at Maritime Travel: 613-389-8170.

### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **George Javornik, Angela Keyes** and for fortitude to their caregivers.



### **PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially **Mike MacDonald**.

**Opioid Crisis** The Town of Gananoque is holding a Public Information Night



regarding the Opioid Crisis and prevention strategies for our community. You are invited to attend on Tuesday, March 14 at 6 pm at the Firehall Theatre at 185 South St. Gananoque. Spokespersons from Board of Health; Health Unit; Gananoque Police/ Municipal Drug Strategy. Q&A.

Info: Shellee Fournier, C.A.O. 613.382.2149.



### **Containers Required**

The Food Bank is in need of small containers such as Boost and Ensure to distribute soaps. Please bring your clean containers to the church or drop off at the Food Bank. Just a reminder that personal care items such as soaps, paper products, deodorant, razors or tooth brushes are always appreciated as well as the food. Thank you.

### **Please pick-up your Schedule**

#### **SATURDAY, MARCH 18 AT 5 PM**

**Rosary:** Anne Warren

**Reader:** June Nalon

**Greeters:** Tom and Sheila Petch

**Gifts:** Betty Turcotte & Frank Fair

**Holy Communion:** Margaret Rose

#### **ST. PHILOMENA MARCH 19 AT 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Gordon McCauley

**Holy Communion:** Dianne & Jim

#### **SUNDAY MARCH 19 AT 10:30 AM**

**Sunday Carveth:** Steve/Mary Wray Brennan

**Greeters:** St. Joseph's Kindness Group

**Gifts:** St. Joseph's Kindness Group

**Reader:** Emma McShane

**Holy Communion:** Wilma Turcotte

**Junior Liturgy:** Tricia Clark



Tonight Saturday,  
March 11, 2017

### **LEGION OF MARY - ACIES 2017**

The Legion of Mary warmly invites auxiliaries, former members & all interested parishioners to the Annual Consecration to Our Lady (Acies), Sunday, March 26 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kingston. The Legion prayers begin at 2 pm/Mass at 2:30 pm. A reception to follow.

### **Together in Faith –**

This is a new website created by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and promoted by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Its aim is to celebrate the distinctive nature of Catholic Education in Ontario. Our Catholic education system is designed to offer an inclusive learning environment, fostering spirituality to produce top academic and community-minded graduates. Our educational mission is the transmission of knowledge and the formation of the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Visit [www.cdsbeo.ca](http://www.cdsbeo.ca) and click on the Together in Faith link to sign up to support Catholic Education in Ontario.

### **Our Father, Who art in heaven ...**

– This prayer takes a mere 15-20 seconds to say, yet is filled with incredible meaning. If ever there was a prayer that summarized our faith and what's expressed in the Gospels, the Our Father is it.

### **Hallowed by Thy Name**

Hallowed is another word for holy or sanctified. When we say "hallowed be Thy name," we are not only telling God "I recognize that you are holy," but more importantly, we're asking that His name be recognized by everyone throughout the world as being the ultimate holy power—that one day (sooner rather than later) all will know Him to be righteous, powerful, and everyone's one true God.

[blog.catholicfaithstore.com](http://blog.catholicfaithstore.com)

### **The Discernment of Spirits:**

An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living Saturday Mornings: March 11, 18th, April 1, & 8th at St. Mary's Parish Centre from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Join Father Shawn as he explores St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules of Discernment to gain the insights that are necessary for spiritual growth today. These four "workshops" are for all who desire a greater awareness of God's action in their daily spiritual lives. So that we can plan handouts and hospitality please register by emailing [smarys@cogeco.net](mailto:smarys@cogeco.net) or call Suzanne in the parish office, 613-546-5521 ext. 3. See poster on bulletin board.

### **Join the Call for Conscience: February 6 - March 31**

The Ontario Government has introduced Bill 84, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Statute Law Amendment Act, which, at present, does not provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers who conscientiously object to taking part in Medically Assisted Dying. A "Call for Conscience" campaign has been initiated to encourage Ontarians to write to their local MPPs asking them to protect conscience rights – in particular, to support an amendment to Bill 84 that would provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers and create a care coordination service which protects both patients and health care workers. Further information can be found at [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca).

**Finance/Property:** Mon., March 13, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan

**Catholic Women's League:** Wed. March 22 Info.: JoAnne McReynolds

**St. John's Parish Council:** Tues. Mar. 28 at 7:30pm Info: Steven Woods

**Funeral Choir Practice:** Wed. 10:30 am - Info: Doug Gifford

**Sunday Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm. No audition. Info: Stephen B.

**Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm Firehall. Info: Wayne Carpenter

**Legion of Mary:** 8:30 am on Tuesdays in the Sacristy

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