

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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
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Fifth Sunday of Lent - Sunday, 13 March 2016

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm - Joan Knapton & Stephen Knapton

Sunday, March 13

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Mary McPherson
10:30 am - St. John - Mary Deryaw's Intentions

Monday, March 14 – 8 am - Carmel Lynch

Evening Mass/Stations of the Cross on:

Tuesday, March 15 - at St. John

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:30 pm - Mass - Greta Dopp/Special Intentions

Wednesday, March 16 - St. Philomena

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 17 -

8:00 am - Roland & Phyllis Clancy

Friday, March 18

8:00 am - Carmen Foster

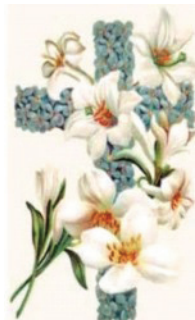
PALM SUNDAY:

Saturday, March 19

5:00 pm - Anastasia McGlade

Sunday, March 20

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Geoff Hobbs
10:30 am - St. John - Martias Park



Easter Flowers Form: The flowers compliment and enhance the beauty of our Churches. Sitting quietly in the Church, viewing altar flowers gives a sense of spiritual peace and emotional wellbeing to parishioners and visitors. Once again, you may provide an opportunity to give honour and glory to God and to remember someone special. You are invited to complete the

Flower Form found at the entrances and please submit by **Monday, March 21** via the office or collection basket. Any excess funds will be used for flowers for future special liturgical feasts.

YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Promoting Healing in our Church

At St. Joseph's Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street,
Wed., April 6, 2016 - 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Father Sebastian Amato has invited the Healing Violence



Committee of the Sisters of Providence to facilitate a forum of dialogue regarding sexual exploitation and abuse in the Church. The material presented is based on the extensive research of Dr. Nuala Kenny, who is a physician and a member of the Sisters of Charity. This workshop is for everyone but especially those

who might have felt the effects of the crisis of clergy sexual abuse in the Catholic Church and the denial and secrecy that has sometimes accompanied it and those who have experienced a loss of trust in Church leadership, even a loss of faith and who find themselves apart from the Church.



Please welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about **CHALICE**, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. Deacon Allard was here 3 years ago. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca.

Holy Week begins next Sunday with the celebration of Passion (Palm) Sunday. The Mass has a different structure at the beginning. The Palms are blessed and we hear the Gospel of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Passion Narrative of Jesus' Crucifixion will be proclaimed. This celebration sets the pace for us as the week unfolds!



Holy Thursday March 24: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm followed by an opportunity for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** until 10:30 pm

Good Friday March 25:

- Ecumenical Walk of the Cross beginning at St. John's Catholic Church at **10 am**
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion at **3 pm**

Holy Saturday, March 26:

Easter Vigil beginning at **7:30 pm**

St. John's Easter Sunday, Mar. 27: Mass **10:30 am**

St. Philomena's Easter: Mass at **8:30 am**

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IN YOUR PRAYERS Please remember those in our parish, community, family and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Bob Bird, Rose Mary Charboneau, Father Robert Flurey, Pedro Reyes, Fr. David Norris. May the Lord grant them healing and strength.

Assisted Suicide – protect the vulnerable and those who care for them. By June 2016, the Government of Canada is expected to pass legislation to legalize assisted suicide. The Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience is making an urgent appeal for your help. This group of like-minded partners, which includes 5,000 doctors across Canada, is committed to protecting conscience rights for health practitioners and facilities. You are invited to visit the Coalition's website, www.canadiansforconscience.ca for more information and to show your support. Through the website, you can write directly to your Member of Parliament to express your concerns. Since there is a tight timeline for the development of this legislation, you are asked to take action no later than **April 1, 2016**.

PARISH CALENDAR:

Catholic Women's League: March 16 at **6:30 pm**
Finance/Property: Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5 pm
Carveth: Friday, April 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm
Parish Pastoral Council: Tues., April 12 @ 7pm
First Eucharist: Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 am
Confirmation Retreat: Fri., May 6th at St. Philomena
Confirmation: May 10, 2016 at 7:00pm
Choir/Organ Practice: Wednesdays at 10:30 am
Sunday (10:30 am) Choir Practice: Mondays 7 pm
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Please Note: The Easter Ministry Schedule will not be printed in the bulletin due to length. Please check the bulletin board or your own copy.

St. John: Saturday, March 19 at 5 pm

Rosary: Anne Warren

Greeters: **Bill and Sherry Turcotte**

Readers: **Donna McCauley; Bernadette Egan and Nettie Robertson** Gifts: **Larry and Kathy Scott**
Extra Ordinary Minister of Eucharist: **Joy O'Neill**

St. John: Sunday, March 20 at 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Ed Lanigan & Sharon Sullivan**

Greeters: **Children's Liturgy with parents**

Readers: **Chase Kinsella; Christine Greene and Sabrina Gifford** Gifts: **Children's Liturgy Class**
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **M. Jacobsen**
Children's Liturgy: **Dale Shepherd**

St. Philomena: March 20 at 8:30 am

Reader: **Natalie Nossal; Linda Pilszak; Dianne Dowling**
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **M. McCauley**

Wood Carpentry Art: St. John's Church has a new location for Baptisms. We wish to say thank you very much to Rex Wallis for his imagination and carpentry skills in building wheels for the Baptismal Font; a base with wheels for the Paschal Candle; and the two beautiful tables. In addition, Rex has also put his skills at building the choir handrail, two book risers to hold the Missals, and risers for the organ bench at no cost. Rex's beautiful work is all around the Church including the ambry and the two cabinets at the front. To enhance the sanctuary, new altar cloths have been purchased. Many of these items were paid through donations. Thank you so much.

The Chrism Mass in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

In this Year of Mercy, Archbishop O'Brien and the clergy of the Archdiocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral, on Tuesday, 22 March, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** This Mass is: **A)** a manifestation of the communion of the clergy with their Archbishop; **B)** all priests and deacons will renew their ordination promises. Everyone is called to pray for our clergy that they may remain faithful ministers of Christ. **C)** In addition, at this Mass, the oils used for the Sacramental life of the Church will be blessed by Archbishop O'Brien and distributed to each Parish and Institution in our Archdiocese. **D)** A reception will follow at École Cathédrale. All are invited to participate in this special celebration.



What a week - it was a lot of fun!!

On Friday, the students and staff from St. Joseph School were joined with parishioners for a wonderful celebration Mass of their patron St. Joseph. Their beautiful voices echoed joyfully in the Church.

On Friday afternoon, our parishioners welcomed members of area churches to an ecumenical World Day of Prayer. Readers from all denominations read about life in Cuba and people brought items native to Cuba including sugar canes and flowers. Again voices were raised in songs including a spanish song called Encendiendo Sueños. Refreshment followed and everyone had a chance to get to know each other.

On the weekend, a note of appreciation to Doug Gifford and the choir for filling in while Tom was away. Thank you for the strong sound of the organ and uplifting voices. On Sunday, parishioners heard the beautiful music/voices of the Sunday choir including Kim, a new choir member.

Sunday afternoon was a treat for 30 young and old who took up skating at the rink and followed with refreshment. Lots of fun and giggles.

Our Church is alive because it anchors us, gives us spiritual strength, gives us opportunities to serve, provides fellowship, and especially shows us various ways of getting to know God. We are so blessed! image: holytrinity.ab.ca

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