

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, March 19, 2017
Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, March 20 - Feast of St. Joseph
8:00 am - Father Amato's intentions

Tuesday, March 21
8:00 am - Patrick McDonald

Wed., March 22 - No Mass

Thursday, March 23
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:30 pm (approx) - Lynne Mulcair Bahen

Friday, March 24
8:00 am - Marttias Park

Saturday, March 25
5:00 pm at St. John - Henry Knotek

Sunday, March 26
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Donna Woods
10:30 am at St. John - Jean Norris



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.



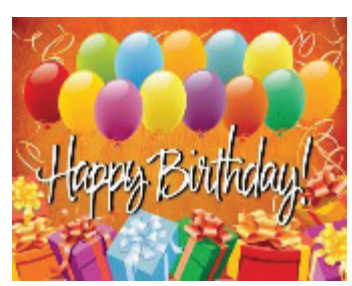
IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Augustine Funnell, George Javornik, Angela Keyes** and for fortitude to their caregivers.

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

Development and Peace **50 years of Share Lent!** On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will launch its 50th annual Share Lent campaign, entitled Women at the Heart of Change. Since the Organization's founding in 1967, money donated annually by Catholics during Share Lent provides essential support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, Development and Peace supports 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world! You can make Share Lent a part of your family's Lenten journey. Share Lent collection is Sunday, April 2nd.



Are you a couple looking to postpone or achieve pregnancy naturally? The **Billings Ovulation Method** teaches a woman to understand her natural signs of fertility through all her changing life stages including breastfeeding, pre-menopause, and stressful times. It is easy to learn and easy to use. The next information session will be held on Monday, March 27th at 7 pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church (1111 Taylor Kidd Boulevard). Our teachers can also come to you for personal consultations at other times. Contact Christine Woods (613-888-5890 or omalley_christine@hotmail.com) for more information.



TODAY – BIRTHDAY GET-TOGETHER
Father Amato is celebrating a birthday this week. Please stay for cake/coffee/juice today following Sunday's Mass. Are you attending Saturday's Mass? Please sign the card at the back of the Church. Happy Birthday Father Amato!

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.

Thank you!	March 12.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1464.00	\$459.50
Loose:	\$153.10	\$140.00
Fuel:	\$60.00	
Auto Withdrawal	\$4,129.35	\$250.00

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



St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Annual Soup & Sandwich

Friday, April 7th 11 am – 1:30 pm. Soup, Sandwich, Pie and beverage - ONLY \$9.00
EAT IN - TAKE OUT - DELIVERY – 175 Stone

St. South, Gananoque. Please use Sydenham entrance. For information contact Elizabeth at 613-382-2315.

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.

A message from Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School ... Report Card Dates - On

Friday March 24th, students will receive Early Diagnostic Reports for semester two. Parent/Teacher Interviews are schedule for Thur., March 30th from 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Parent/Teacher Interviews - Parent-teacher interviews can be booked online on the RND website.

Parents will have access for booking appointments beginning Saturday March 25th at 8:00 am.



Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

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.

Thy Kingdom come

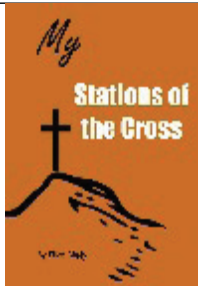
This petition has a two-fold meaning. First, we are asking that God's kingdom (where there's only goodness, honesty, and love for one another) surround us in our everyday life. Secondly, we are praying for the fulfillment of the Lord's promise that He will return at the end of time and grant us eternal life. blog.catholicfaithstore.com



Catholic Women's League 95th

Annual Diocesan Convention – May 6-7, 2017.

Please call Mary Wray Brennan if you plan to attend (382.2664) Registration deadline is this Monday, March 20. Package on the table at the back of St. John's Church.



Stations of the Cross **Thursdays Mar. 23, 30 & Apr. 6th** at St. John's Church at **7:00 pm** followed by Mass. To pray the way of the cross requires only that you meditate in front of each station. This is followed by a brief meditation on the event of that station. It can be as a group or on your own by taking a booklet which you can use as a guide. The Church is open 8 am to 4 pm Mondays to Fridays and next three Thursdays until 8 pm. You are invited to drop in and prayerfully walk the Stations.

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St. Patrick's Day Dance will take place on Friday, March 24 from 7pm-11pm at Hanley Hall, 30 McGill St N. Great music by the band Turpin's Trail, formerly Crooked Wood. Reserve your tickets by calling Karen at 613-283-0676. Come and enjoy a great evening of entertainment, dancing and fellowship. A light luncheon will be served. LCBO licensed event.

Please pick-up your Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Steve Brennan

Reader: Nettie Robertson

Greeters: Bill & Sherry Turcotte

Gifts: Irene Tozer & Linda Beaupre

Holy Communion: Anastasia Cliffe

ST. PHILOMENA MARCH 26 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Norma Gaudreau

Holy Communion: Marilyn McCauley

SUNDAY MARCH 26 AT 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: M. Jacobsen/B. Mabee

Greeters: Christine Milks & Don Mills

Gifts: The Duffy Family

Reader: Joan Dillon

Holy Communion: Krista Jenkins

Junior Liturgy: Amanda Dickson

2017 Upcoming Fund Raisers

Yard Sale: on Sat. June 24. Put aside your good quality items and treasures. Drop-off starting date is June 1st. More info to come.

Cash Draw on Aug. 6, 2017: 1st Prize: \$1,500; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd: \$500. Money prizes for sellers of winning tickets. The tickets are now ready. Buy yours today! Do not wait! Only 500 tickets.

To sell tickets please call Mary Elizabeth McDonald 613.382.9876 or call/drop in at the office to see Lise 613.382.2017.

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

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

Finance/Property: Mon., April 24, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan

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: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall. Info: Wayne Carpenter

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

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