

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

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**Holy Week Begins Today!** It is the holiest of weeks as we celebrate Christ's last days on earth. Today we observe Christ's entrance into Jerusalem. The people celebrated by waving palms and branches with shouts of acclamations. On Tuesday, you are invited to the celebration of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Kingston. It is a great celebration bringing together the faithful of the Archdiocese.



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I would like to make a special invitation to everyone to attend the major liturgies of this week. Invite a friend or relative. Perhaps offer to give someone a drive to Church. The Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening) is the highlight of our Church calendar. In those three days most of what we believe in Christ is celebrated. Please make a special effort to join in our Easter Weekend Celebrations.

**Let's Celebrate Our Faith!! See you here!!** – Fr. Amato



## Holy Week Schedule

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Today, Saturday, March 19:

5:00 pm - Anastasia McGlade

Today, Sunday, March 20:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Geoff Hobbs

10:30 am at St. John - Martias Park

Monday, March 21:

8:00 am - Patrick McDonald

Tues., March 22: The Mass of Chrism  
at the Cathedral, Kingston at 7:30 pm

Wed. March 23:

7:00 pm- St. Philomena: Stations of the Cross

## The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday - In sharing the bread of his life that is broken for us, in drinking of the cup of his blood that is poured out, we are nourished in eternal life; we are united to him and to one another; we commit ourselves to live in a manner that remembers his presence among us. In so doing, we proclaim his Death - and his life of self-giving - until he comes in glory.

Holy Thursday, March 24:

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper:  
followed by an opportunity for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm

Good Friday, March 25:

3 pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 26:

**7:30 pm** - Easter Vigil (notice time)

Easter Sun., Mar. 27 - Resurrection of the Lord:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - For your intentions

10:30 am at St. John - For your intentions

**Just a reminder that Good Friday is a day of fast and of abstinence of meat. On this day we take time to be thankful for what we have.**



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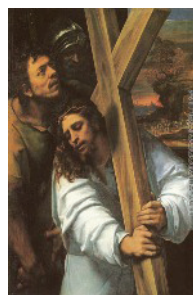


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**And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, 'Surely this man was the Son of God!'"** ~Mark 15:37-39

## The Chrism Mass in the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

In this Year of Mercy, Archbishop O'Brien, the clergy and the people of the Archdiocese will celebrate the Chrism Mass at **St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston on Tuesday, 22 March, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate at this very beautiful and moving Mass. At this gathering of all the faithful, the priests and deacons renew their commitment to their ordination. The three oils that are used in the administration of the sacraments are blessed by the archbishop. They will then be distributed to all the parish. If you have not attended before, consider going. You won't be disappointed.

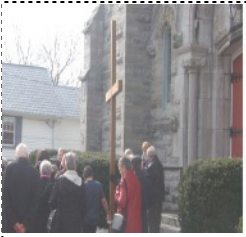


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**Good Friday** - Jesus said: "shall I not drink the cup that the Father gave me?" (John 18:11). Aware of all to come, he did not waiver. Our lives are messy and strength is needed to claim our identity, be strong in it, and walk with God.

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**Good Friday Collection:** The collection taken up on Good Friday is for the Holy Land. At this time of crisis in the Middle East, the need for these funds is greater than ever. The proceeds of the Holy Land collection provide support to the Christian minority who live there and to pilgrims - and the funds assist with the following initiatives: the preservation of shrines and archeological areas; interventions during crisis situations; liturgies in the holy places; and educational activities. You are encouraged to be generous in your support of this collection.



**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF THE CROSS:** The tradition of a walk following the cross, hosted by the Gananoque and area Ministerial Association will be starting inside St. John's Church beginning at 10 am. At each location we will hear a scripture passage and offer a prayer. Following the introductions we will file out of St. John's and will cross the street and stop in front St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; then move to Grace United Church; the procession continues to the front of the Town Hall; from there the walk will move west to Christ Church Anglican Church where the participants will enter the church for the conclusion. Following the prayers and hymns refreshments will be served in the Christ Church Hall. Everyone is welcome as we participate in this event as we share in the common sacrifice of our Lord.



Please submit your "Flowers for the Altar" Forms by **tomorrow, Monday,**

**March 21,** Extra forms are available at the back. After this weekend, please drop the form at the office.

**Remember to put** your intentions on our Lenten Prayer Cross at the back of the church. As we collectively pray for these intentions we ask for God's blessings. The intentions will be put at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday.



**The Easter Season begins next Sunday. Every household is invited to take a Little White Book. It has meditations for each day during the Easter Season as well as some interesting tidbits.**

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

**YOU ARE INVITED TO:**

**Promoting Healing in our Church  
At St. Joseph's Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street,  
Wednesday, 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.

In order to know for how many people to prepare for, a sign up sheet is at the back of the church. No names are required, however, a check mark or an X is sufficient.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially Frank Kinsella and our former Pastor, Fr. Robert Flurey.

**Family Social Activities St. John & St. Philomena**

**April 17: 12 pm - 2 pm at St. Joseph's School**

**COME PLAY AND PRAY**

We welcome spring. We will be discussing the importance of making time as a family for prayer. There will be games, discussions and time for reflection. This is a pot luck event, please bring a dish to share.

**June 19: 12:30 - 2:30 pm Grass Creek Park**

**COME REFRESH AND REFLECT**

If you are interested in helping out with these events or would like more information please contact Jacey Kellar [jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca](mailto:jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca)



**This past Tuesday, March 15th,** we bid our former Pastor adieu. Fr. Robert Flurey was at St. John the Evangelist and St. Philomena from 1987 to 2002. He was a dedicated priest who loved the parishes that he had served in. I always found him

to be a congenial person and I know that many people will miss him. The funeral at St. Mary's Cathedral was a very beautiful celebration and was a great send off. May he rest in peace.  
Fr. Amato

**Fr. Amato will be available for confessions in the church this Wednesday evening from 7 to 8 pm.**

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