

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

**Pastor: Father Sebastian Amato**

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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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# Sunday, March 26, 2017

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### 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

### Monday, March 27

8:00 am - Stan Tozer

### Tuesday, March 28

8:00 am - Colin Prior

### Wed., March 29 - No Mass

### Thursday, March 30

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 7:30 pm (approx) For your intentions

### Friday, March 31

8:00 am - Ioleen Bovey

### Saturday, April 1

5:00 pm at St. John - Bobbi Lee

### Sunday, April 2

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Fernande Bonin

10:30 am at St. John - Suzanne Fox

Forgot to get a bulletin this week? Don't worry, you can read it online just go to [stjohnsgananoque.ca](http://stjohnsgananoque.ca)



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

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:** Please remember in your prayers **Albertha Smit, Gerald Olley and Irene Ellerton.**

**Stations of the Cross** **Thursdays Mar. 30 and April 6th** at St. John's Church at 7:00 pm followed by Mass.



**Holy Thursday, April 13:** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 pm

#### **Good Friday, April 14:**

- 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, April 15:** Easter Vigil beginning at 8:30 pm

**St. John's Easter Sunday, April 16:** Mass at 10:30 am

**St. Philomena's Easter, Sunday April 16:** Mass at 8:30 am

**Lord, Hear My Prayer** - Lots of room to add your intentions onto the cross. All intentions will be lifted up in prayer during Masses and brought with the cross of Good Friday. Do add your prayer(s)!

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](mailto:omalley_christine@hotmail.com)).



**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, April 10** via the office or collection basket. Any excess funds will be used for flowers for future special liturgical feasts.

**Many thanks** to all the parishioners for your kindness on the occasion of my birthday. I was quite impressed and touched by your best wishes. May God bless you in all that you do.

*Father Sebastian Amato*

Thank you!	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular (March 19)	\$1783.00	\$298.50
Loose:	\$194.90	
Fuel:	\$60.00	\$50.00
Restoration:	\$55.00	



**50 years of Share Lent!** On Ash Wednesday, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada will launch its 50<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**So, Why Go to Confession? 21 Reasons To Go To Confession!  
Confession: Wed. April 5 (7 to 8 pm) and Sat. Nights 4:15-4:45 pm**

1. God commanded we confess our sins to one another in the Bible.
2. It is the ordinary way to have our sins forgiven. (James 5:16)
3. We receive grace to resist sin through the Sacrament, as well as forgiveness.
4. We learn humility by having to confess to another person.
5. There is built-in accountability.
6. Our relationship with the rest of the Church is healed.
7. We receive counsel from the priest.
8. We can be comforted hearing the words of absolution.
9. All are sins are wiped away.
10. Helps give you the strength to forgive others.
11. It doesn't cost anything.
12. We may not be positive that we have "perfect" contrition without it.
13. Helps us go deep within and think about how we can improve.
14. It feels good emotionally.
15. When we realize again we are sinners, it is easier to be patient with others.
16. Always confidential – what is said in the confessional stays in the confessional.
17. No more guilt. 18. We are better prepared to receive the Eucharist.
19. Forgiveness is a necessary part of growing in holiness.
20. Our consciences can be better formed.
21. If we have mortally sinned, then Confession brings us back into the family of God.

From: [aggiocatholicblog.org](http://aggiocatholicblog.org)

**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 will be done, on earth as it is in heaven**

We pray these words asking for God's grace to move us to do His will throughout our life. That means doing all the things that will please our Father—even the difficult things, whether it's something big such as moving an elderly parent into our home or volunteering our time once a week at the soup kitchen, to something as small as giving up a parking space or not calling a best friend to spread some juicy gossip. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "In committing ourselves to [Christ], we can become one spirit with him, and thereby accomplish his will..." [blog.catholicfaithstore.com](http://blog.catholicfaithstore.com)

**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>. More info to come.

**Cash Draw:** 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$500. Money prizes for sellers of winning tickets. **To buy or to sell tickets** please call Mary Elizabeth McDonald 613.382.9876 or call/drop in at the office to see Lise 613.382.2017. Proceed to Restoration Fund.

**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.

**Grass Cutting Contract:** We are now calling for tenders for the 2017 grass cutting season for St. Philomena's church/hall/rectory/cemetery properties. Lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted. Copies of bid form available at back of both churches or by calling the office (613.382.2017) or at [stjohnstphil@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnstphil@gmail.com). Deadline: April 17, 2017 at 4 pm. Please submit tenders via above email or deliver to the office at 270 Stone St. S., Gananoque, Ontario.

**Please pick-up your Schedule**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1 AT 5 PM**

**Rosary:** Bernadette Egan  
**Reader:** Margaret Rose  
**Greeters:** Irene Tozer and Heather Bovey  
**Gifts:** Tom and Sheila Petch  
**Holy Communion:** Krista Jenkins

**ST. PHILOMENA APRIL 2 AT 8:30 AM**

**Reader:** Marg McReynolds  
**Holy Communion:** Marilyn McCauley

**SUNDAY APRIL 2 AT 10:30 AM**

**Sunday Carveth:** Steve/Mary Wray Brennan  
**Greeters:** Alice Mangan & Gerry Brosso  
**Gifts:** The Jansen family  
**Reader:** Marlene Sirosky  
**Holy Communion:** Wilma Turcotte  
**Junior Liturgy:** Lori Kidd Velkova

**Parishioners Helping at the Bake Sale**

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's League, this Bake Sale will be held next **Friday, April 7** from 9 am until noon at the TD Bank. All parishioners are welcome to donate goodies (cookies, pies, bread, biscotti, brownies ...). You will be able to drop off your sweets at 9 am and then browse the selection for your own purchase. More information next week. Thank you in advance in donating and/or buying our goods.



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

**St. John's Cemetery:** Thurs., April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm

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

**Catholic Women's League:** Wed. April 2017 Info.: JoAnne McReynolds

**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

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