

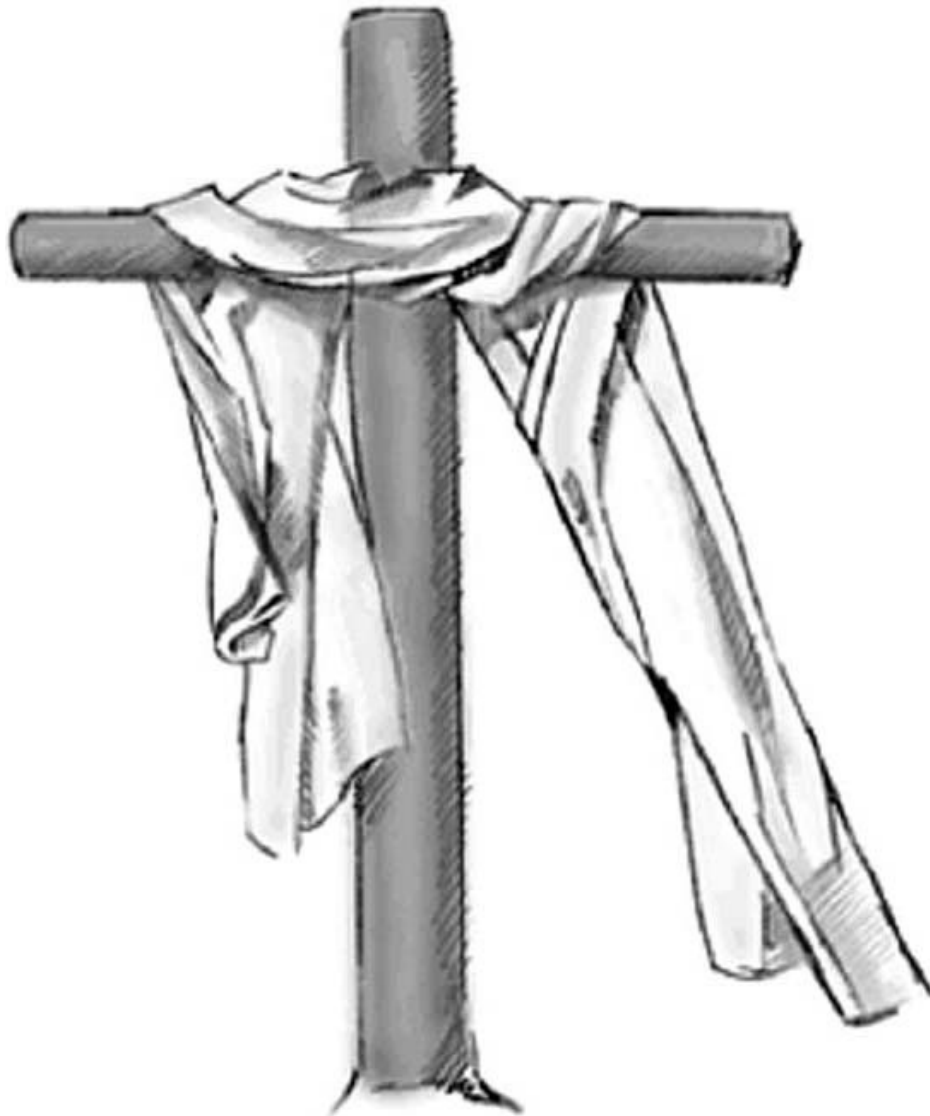
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*Rejoice!
For the Lord is truly risen!*

Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, March 26: NOTE TIME CHANGE:

7:30 pm - Easter Vigil

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

Monday, March 28 -

8:00 am - Art Funnell, deceased parents and siblings

Tuesday, March 29 -

8:00 am - Henry Knotek

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - No Mass

Thursday, March 31

8:00 am - Lynne Mulcair

Friday, April 1

8:00 am - Howard Littlejohn

Saturday, April 2


5:00 pm - Leonard Lancaster; Mary Lancaster

Sunday, April 3 - Divine Mercy

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Orazio Amato

10:30 am at St. John - Michael Lekx





YOU ARE INVITED TO:

Promoting Healing in our Church

St. Joseph's Catholic School, 235 Georgiana
Wednesday, Apr. 6 - 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.

Easter is such a beautiful time of the year. I like it because there is a sense of newness of life. Being near the beginning of Spring you can smell it in the air as well as seeing the gradual surroundings taking shape, the flowers beginning to bloom and the colours blossoming.

We have just gone through Lent where we have taken the time and effort to come closer to God. In many ways, we have been brought to a realization that Jesus' self-giving action on the Cross became a sign of being lifted up by God's merciful grace. New Life abounds! God bless you as you continue to blossom in Him. Fr. Amato

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually. PLEASE PRAY for the pupils of Grade 2 who will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** on Sunday, April 24 and for students who will make their **Confirmation** on Tuesday, May 10.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

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

**Family Social Activities
At 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. **If you are interested in helping out with these events or would like more information please contact Jacey Kellar jacey.kellar@cdsbeo.on.ca**

The Easter Season continues! Everyone is invited to keep reading in their Little White Book. It has meditations for each day during the Easter Season as well as some interesting tidbits.

Weekly Contributions: March 13, 2016

	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$369.50	\$1,425.00
Loose:	\$5.00	\$89.00
Fuel:	\$25.00	\$150.00
Dev. & Peace	\$120.50	\$1,237.95
P.A.D. March 16:	\$130.00	\$4,090.70

In your offertory box: Development and Peace; Easter and Building Maintenance.

Dear Friends, on February 25, a parliamentary committee of the Canadian government made recommendations for a law regarding **eutanasia**. Some important points, as noted by Cardinal Collins (Statement on Concerning euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide, March 2, 2016) include:

- 1) Beginning in three years, euthanasia/assisted suicide will be available to minors;
- 2) the ability for those diagnosed with conditions like dementia to preschedule their deaths;
- 3) those with psychiatric conditions are eligible for euthanasia/ assisted suicide;
- 4) all institutions receiving public funding must provide euthanasia/ assisted suicide;
- 5) All doctors who refuse to kill a patient must make an effective referral.

We need to do something! What can we do? Please consider:

- **praying daily** for the next 91 days for our country, our government, our laws, our fellow citizens and ourselves go to www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/ (91 Days of Hope) to see a daily scripture & reflection.
- **Praying rosaries** with this law as the intention
- **Fasting and/or Attending daily Mass** with this law as the intention
- **Lift up your daily struggles** with this law as the intention (ie, struggles at work, in relationships, bodily pain...)
- **Calling, email or writing** (postage free) to your MP Gordon Brown (Leeds & Grenville); Mark Gerretson (Kingston & the Islands) and to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to express your thoughts. (Name of MP) House of Commons Parliament Buildings Ottawa, Ontario Canada K1A 0A6

PARISH CALENDAR:

Carveth: Friday, April 8, 2016 at 1:30 pm
CWL: Wed., Apr. 20 at 6:30 pm
Parish Pastoral Council: tba
Finance/Property: April 4 - 5pm
1st Eucharist Retreat: April 21 at St. Philomena
First Eucharist: Sunday, Apr 24
CWL Bake Sale: May 6, 2016
Confirmation: May 10, 2016
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. at 10:30 am
Sunday Mass Choir Practice: Mondays 7 pm
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

St. John's Cemetery

Spring is here! With the melting snow and seasonal rains, the roads and grass area in the cemetery are soft. Damage can be quickly caused by parking too far on the side or driving too fast. When visiting or attending a funeral, if possible, please park on Georgiana Street.

(2) Spring cleaning is coming shortly. Watch the bulletin for date and time.

(3) Niches in the columbarium are now available for sale. Single niche \$2,500 includes niche, engraving, amount sent to trust fund (40% = \$1,000); opening and closing fees. Double niche: \$2,700 includes 2 niches; 1 engraving, trust fund (40%); 2 opening and closings.

A FREE gift to you & your family:

Today, you will receive a wonderful book called: **The Perfect Companion** for the Year of Mercy **Beautiful MERCY**. You'll see passages from Pope Francis, Matthew Kelly, Cardinal Wuerl and many more contributors on how to experience God's Unconditional love so we can share it with others. Bring it to your reading club as many area Catholic Churches also received a copy. Discuss among yourselves a favourite chapter. Stories are one to two pages. Easy to read. Take it home and take a few minutes. It will expand your mind to possibilities.

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