

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 5, 2017
First Sunday of Lent

The **Prayer Cross:** Write your intention(s) and tape it onto the cross. By writing and placing our intentions on the cross it symbolizes 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.

The Little Black Book has returned with new insights. The goal is to find six minutes of quiet time every day for the next 50 days to walk through this book a page at a time. Six minutes. That's within reach. Please take a copy home with you!



Faith Development

Study: St. John the Evangelist Parish and our Knights of Columbus Council invites you to our concluding Faith Development Study this

Thursday, March 9th at 6:45 pm to 8:15 pm at St. Joseph Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque. Thank you very much to the Knights of Columbus, volunteers and all who participated in our study. Let us know if you enjoyed it.

Kingston's 10th Annual Seedy

Saturday, March 11 – Celebrating local seeds and seed saving. Activities for all ages. Swap seeds with others, buy from seed vendors, seed saving workshops for children and adults 10 am to 3 pm, at Loyalist C.V.I., 153 Van Order Drive, Kingston; more information at seedsgrowfood.org. Sponsored by Kingston Area Seed System Initiative and the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul.

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm at St. John - Rita Fleurie

Sunday, March 5

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Roland & Phyllis Clancy

10:30 am at St. John - Red & Bernice McCann

Monday, March 6

8:00 am - Ioleen Bovey

Tuesday, March 7

8:00 am - Myrtle O'Connor

Wed., March 8 - No Mass

Thursday, March 9

8:00 am - Patrick Sheehan

Friday, March 10

8:00 am - June Kendall

1:30 pm at Carveth - Hugh McGlade

Saturday, March 11

5:00 pm at St. John - Joan and Stephen Knapton

Sunday, March 12

8:30 am at St. Philomena - John Gubesch

10:30 am at St. John - Al Beaupré



Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross devotion will take place on **Thursdays, March 16, 23 & April 6th** at St. John's Church at **7:00 pm**. It will be followed by **Mass at approximately 7:30 pm**. Come out and walk along to Calvary with Christ.



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.
Cash Draw on Aug. 6, 2017: 1st Prize: \$1,500; 2nd Prize: \$1,000; 3rd Prize: \$500. Money prizes for sellers of winning tickets. We need your assistance to sell 500 tickets. **To sell tickets** please call Mary Elizabeth McDonald 613.382.9876.

Thank you!	Feb. 26.	
	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular:	\$1616.00	\$382.00
Loose:	\$184.70	
Fuel:	\$200.00	\$40.00
Scarboro	\$11.00	

Praying - Fasting - Almsgiving Ideas

(<https://olbh.org>)

- Fast from your own worries and pray for someone who is lonely or sick.
- Replace one snack time with two minutes of reading Scripture.
- No gossip or complaining. Instead speak in ways that encourage, uplift or forgive.
- Replace reading junk novels with a spiritual book or Scripture.
- Visit a person who is sick, homebound or the elderly in a nursing home.
- Cut out listening to music that it not good for the spiritual life.
- Stop texting for a week. Each time you want to text ask God whom you could serve.

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

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

"All Spirits Rise" Join Dianne Dowling and Open Voices Community Choir on Sat., March 11 for a concert. Lose the winter blues -- Open Voices' 100 member four-part choir performs spirituals and gospel music at Cookes-Portsmouth United Church, 200 Norman Rogers Drive, Kingston, on Saturday, March 11. Concert begins at 7:30 pm, with open seating. Tickets -- \$15 each (\$5 for under 18) -- available at www.openvoices.ca/tickets, at three music stores in Kingston (Brian's Record Option, Long and McQuade, and Limestone Music and at the door.



Containers Required

The Food Bank is in need of small containers such as Boost and Ensure to distribute soaps. Please bring your clean containers to the church or drop off at the Food Bank. Just a reminder that personal care items such as soaps, paper products, deodorant, razors or tooth brushes are always appreciated as well as the food. Thank you.

Please pick-up your Schedule

SATURDAY, MARCH 11 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Barbara Lynch
Reader: Mary Wray Brennan
Greeters: Heather Bovey and Judy Weir
Gifts: The Prior Family
Holy Communion: Bernadette Egan

ST. PHILOMENA MARCH 12 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Marilyn McCauley
Holy Communion: Marg McReynolds

SUNDAY MARCH 12 AT 10:30 AM

Sunday Carveth: Sharon Sullivan/E. Lanigan
Greeters: John Cornish & Gerry Brosso
Gifts: The Woods Family
Reader: Joy O'Neill
Holy Communion: Marlyn Jacobsen
Junior Liturgy: Kally Portieous

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.



Together in Faith – This is a new website created by the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association and promoted by the Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario. Its aim is to celebrate the distinctive nature of Catholic Education in Ontario. Our Catholic education system is designed to offer an inclusive learning environment, fostering spirituality to produce top academic and community-minded graduates. Our educational mission is the transmission of knowledge and the formation of the whole person: body, mind and spirit. Visit www.cdsbeo.ca and click on the Together in Faith link to sign up to support Catholic Education in Ontario.

Our Father, Who art in heaven ... – This short 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.

Our Father, Who art in heaven We start this prayer by professing our core religious belief that God is our heavenly Father—the one who is all knowing and all powerful. Notice that Jesus didn't instruct us to say, "My Father" but stressed "Our Father." Scripture scholar John Meier explains that in God's kingdom, we don't live as isolated individuals but "we experience God's fatherhood as members of the church, the family of Jesus the Son." This reminds us that we recognize all those around us as children of God and treat them accordingly.
blog.catholicfaithstore.com

The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living Saturday Mornings: March 11, 18th, April 1, & 8th at St. Mary's Parish Centre from 9:30 am to 12 noon. Join Father Shawn as he explores St. Ignatius of Loyola's Rules of Discernment to gain the insights that are necessary for spiritual growth today. These four "workshops" are for all who desire a greater awareness of God's action in their daily spiritual lives. So that we can plan handouts and hospitality please register by emailing smarys@cogeco.net or call Suzanne in the parish office, 613-546-5521 ext. 3. See poster on bulletin board.

Join the Call for Conscience: February 6 - March 31

The Ontario Government has introduced Bill 84, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Statute Law Amendment Act, which, at present, does not provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers who conscientiously object to taking part in Medically Assisted Dying. A "Call for Conscience" campaign has been initiated to encourage Ontarians to write to their local MPPs asking them to protect conscience rights – in particular, to support an amendment to Bill 84 that would provide conscience protection for doctors and health care providers and create a care coordination service which protects both patients and health care workers. Further information can be found at www.canadiansforconscience.ca.

Finance/Property: Mon., March 13, 2017 at 5 pm Info: Gord Donovan

Catholic Women's League: Information: JoAnne McReynolds

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

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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