

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
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Fourth Sunday of Lent - Sunday, March 6, 2016

Saturday, March 5 -

5:00 pm - Myrtle O'Connor

Sunday, March 6 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena **Fernande Bonin**

10:30 am at St. John - **Wilfred Leeder**

Monday, March 7 -

8:00 am - **June Kendall**

Evening Mass/Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 8 -

7:00 pm - **Stations of the Cross**

7:30 pm - **Lappan O'Hearn**

Wednesday, March 9 - No Mass

Thursday, March 10 -

8:00 am **Protection of the Unborn Children**

Friday, March 11 -

8:00 am - **For your intentions**

Carveth at 1:30 pm - **Loretta O'Meara**

Saturday, March 12 -

5:00 pm - **Joan Knapton & Steven Knapton**

Sunday, March 13 -

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Mary McPherson**

10:30 am - **Mary Deryaw's Intentions**

Here's a new twist on Fasting, Praying and Almsgiving!

Praying – List 3 blessings you have been given. Say a prayer to God, giving thanks for the blessings of your life.

Fasting - Give up one TV show or video game today and spend time helping a family member.

Almsgiving- Do someone else's chores this week.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give Your angels and saints charge over those who sleep.

Tend Your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest Your weary ones. Bless Your dying ones.

Soothe Your suffering ones.

Pity Your afflicted ones.

Shield Your joyous ones, and all

for Your love's sake. Amen. (St. Augustine)

Bob Bird, Rose Mary Charboneau, Liam Egan,

Father Flurey, Jim Horan, Pedro Reyes,

Fr. David Norris.

PARISH CALENDAR:

Carveth: Friday, March 11, 2016 at 1:30 pm

Catholic Women's League: March 16 at **6:30 pm**

Parish Pastoral Council: to be announced

Finance/Property: Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5pm

First Eucharist Retreat: April 21 at St. Philomena

First Eucharist: Sunday, April 24 at 10:30 am

Confirmation: May 10, 2016

Choir/Organ Practice: Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Sunday (10:30 am) Choir Practice: Mondays 7 pm

Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Promoting Healing in our Church



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.

This forum will take place at St. Joseph's Catholic School, 235 Georgiana Street, Gananoque, **Wed., April 6, 2016**

from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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, March 21** via the office or collection basket. Any excess funds will be used for flowers for future special liturgical feasts.



Organ Scholarships Available for Parish Musicians The Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) Kingston Centre is pleased to offer a number of organ scholarships annually. They are for ten hours of organ lessons with an approved organ instructor. The Centre also gives National RCCO scholarships. Former scholarship holders may be eligible for a renewal. The Archdiocese of Kingston sponsors annually The Sister Emily Doherty, CND Organ Scholarship. The deadline to apply is 31 March, 2016. For more information, please visit the <http://www.rcco-kingston.org/Scholarships.php> or call the Archdiocese of Kingston, Liturgy Office at 613.548.4461.

Come, See, and Hear: Events Celebrated During Year of Mercy

Family Social Activities St. John & St. Philomena



Today Sun., Mar. 6 -2:30 pm - 4 pm

COME SKATE & SOCIALIZE

Gananoque Recreation Centre

Mention at the door that you are with St. John's Parish. Skate then come upstairs. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share. Hot chocolate will be provided.

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

Weekly Contributions: February 28, 2016

	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular:	\$369.50	\$1,452.65
Loose:	\$15.00	\$104.10
Fuel:	\$25.00	\$165.00
Scarboro/Catholic Missions:		\$10.00
P.A.D. Feb. 16, 2016	\$130.00	\$4,212.70

Thank you so much for your grateful donations.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule

St. John: Saturday, March 12 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Dianne Ouellet** Reader: **Marlene Sirosky**

Greeters: **Cheryl Gavin and Joey Lynch**

Gifts: **Ron and Anneke Thompson**

Extra Ordinary Minister of Eucharist: **John Gavin**

St. John: Sunday, March 13 at 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Marlyn Jacobsen and Budgie Mabee**

Reader: **Yvonne Harper**

Gifts: **Linda Beaupre/Gerry Brosso**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Krista Jenkins**

Greeters: **Emily Bovey and Kelsey Amarotte**

Children's Liturgy: **Dawn Kirkby**

St. Philomena: March 13 at 8:30 am

Reader: **Kim Nossal** Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Marg McReynolds**

Tuesday's Stations of the Cross (7 pm)



and Mass at 7:30 pm. The prayers for the Stations of the Cross are slightly different this year as we are using prayers which reflect this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Next weekend, March 12-13, in our parish, please welcome Deacon Philip Allard who will speak about **CHALICE**, a Canadian, Catholic sponsorship program. Deacon Allard was here 3 years ago. He will explain how you can help a destitute child at one of 56 mission sites in 15 developing countries. The website is www.chalice.ca.



32 families have joined Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) 1. You may join at any time. 2. Complete a PAD Form found at the entrance; enclose a cheque marked VOID. 3. Return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection or at the office. **Next Debit** will be Tuesday, March 15, 2016.



Message of Gratitude from Archbishop O'Brien

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the prayers, best wishes, and cards which I received during my convalescence from the injuries I sustained in a fall several weeks ago. Your prayers and support have been a great help in my healing. I hope to return to my regular duties this week. Sincerely in Christ, *Brendan M. O'Brien*, Archbishop of Kingston

All are invited to a St. Patrick's Day luncheon being held at St. John's Catholic Church, 88 Patrick Street, Kingston from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on March 17 in the parish hall hosted by the CWL. Cost is \$5.00 for soup, sandwich.

Our Little Black Book: Fasting: Ancient Wisdom; Pope Paul VI; Gihon Spring; Jewish tradition of fasting; Fish Fry Friday; Clean Monday; and much more. Only 6 minutes a day to learn so much.

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