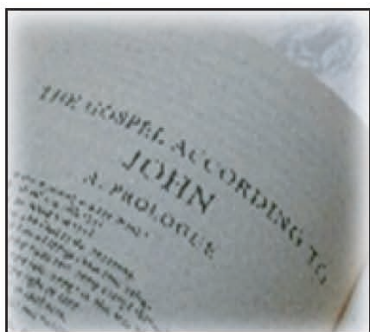


# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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**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!



#### **New Parishioners:**

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

#### **Reconciliation:**

- 3:45 - 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 Dale at least 9 - 12 months in advance.

#### **Baptism:**

- Please contact Father Dale 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 from September to June.

#### **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.

#### **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 Dale Wright 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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# Ascension of the Lord - Sunday, May 13, 2018

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 12 - St. John - 5 pm**

For living & deceased mothers

**Sunday, May 13 - St. Philomena - 8:30 am**

For living & deceased mothers

**Sunday, May 13 - St. John - 10:30 am**

For living & deceased mothers

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PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MASS ON MONDAY:

**Monday, May 14 -**

**9:00 am - † Mike Lekx**

**Father Dale is away on the Annual Priest's Retreat.** Please keep the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers this week as they gather together.

**Saturday, May 19 - Weekday Mass  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**9:00 am - † Jean Oostrum**

### Pentecost Sunday

**Saturday, May 19**

**5:00 pm - † Danny Deir**

**Sunday, May 20 - St. Philomena**

**8:30 am - † Fernande Bonin**

**Sunday, May 20 - St. John**

**10:30 am - † Father Frank O'Connor**

### **2018 National Week for Life & the Family**

Let us take time to encounter others who are most important to us.

#### **Encountering Others at Home:**

- Prepare and slowly eat together a favourite meal beginning with saying Grace.
- Take a walk together, observe the beauty of sunsets, listen to the sounds of nature, watch new life animals, plants and flowers.
- As a family, pray for the intentions of someone in need of prayers.

#### **Encountering Others in the Parish:**

- Take a moment to say hello to a newcomer and to those around you.
- Invite someone to coffee or tea.

**Daily Prayers:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to those who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially:

family members & friends close to our heart, Joe Brady, Robert Cummings, Gerard Duffy, Kay Goddard, Rose O'Brien, Ben Pritchard and Marilyn Trudeau.

### Faith Development Series - Living the Faith

CONTINUING this Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>

at 6:45 pm at St. Joseph School

#### **#6: A Catholic Moral Vision**

Followed each Thursdays with a new topic:

#7: A love That Lasts Discovering Authentic Love #8: A love That Last God's Plan for Sexuality #9: Building Civilization of Love #10: Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person.

Info: 613 328 4452 - Ian. This series is supported by Knights of Columbus, **opened to everyone.**

### **May is the month of Mary**

Please take a **rosary, a scapula or a pamphlet** found on the table at the back of the Church. Take a moment to pray, to say the rosary, to ask for a blessing at the statue of the Blessed Mother or at the stained glass window to the left of the altar, or light a candle at the vigil stand.

### **St. John the Evangelist & St. Philomena - Parishioner's Parish Report:**

Please take a moment to look through the 2017 Financial Report. It includes how we CONNECT - GROW - SERVE. Together by working side-by-side we face the challenges of diminishing Catholics coming to Mass and finding resources to save our beautiful buildings.

With the gift of the Holy Spirit and a sense of community we can look to the future with confidence.

Thank you to all committee members, staff, volunteers, and our parishioners for the many tasks completed, many without any fanfare, that keep our church doing what it does best -

**Praying and reaching our brothers and sisters in Jesus's Name.**

### **Pre-Authorized Debit Form - Do you wish to:**

**A. Increase Your Monthly Contribution**

**B. Begin Monthly Contribution**

**C. Keep Sunday Collection the Same & add to Special Funds.**

Since our introduction of the auto-withdrawal, the Financial Committee has noticed a steadier monthly Sunday contribution. Thank you to our 30 participants. A downfall has been observed with funds requiring an envelope (ie Pope's Pastoral Works ...). A new form has been designed. Please take a moment to review this new format. Call the office if you have any questions.

**Time to set up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The ads begin August 2018. Call Liturgical Publications to advertise your product or service 1.800.268.2637.**

## Mother's Day: A Stewardship Reflection

What theme is more universal than the importance of motherhood?

We Catholics prize that nurturing relationship so highly that we call our church, "Holy Mother," and we venerate Mary, the mother of Jesus, for her pivotal role in the life of the saviour. Yet, Mother's Day can bring with it a plethora of emotion and memories.

Any mother can attest to the difficulty and challenge of the task of parenting. And mothers come in all shapes and sizes. Some mothers are birth mothers, some are adoptive. Some mothers are the grandmas or aunts who raised us. Some mothers left us far too soon, and no matter when they leave, they always leave us orphans. Some mothers are the people we rebelled against; some mothers are the women we idolized. Most often, our mothers were probably both. It's a complex relationship, this parenting. As Christian stewards, many of us are mothers, but all of us are sons and daughters.

During May, we honour and remember not just our own moms, but Mary, the Mother of God. We see her as the great symbol of motherhood and as our role model. At her knee, Jesus learned his prayers and the faith of his ancestors. At her hearth, Jesus grew in wisdom and grace and developed his sense of manhood and destiny. Mothers should resist comparing themselves to Mary. It's tough enough being a mom without setting the barrier that high. But we all should ask Mary's intercession, so that in our endeavours to be good stewards and to raise good stewards, to nurture in the faith those entrusted to us, she might come to our assistance and guide us with her motherly understanding. And on Mother's Day, we ask Mary to bless all mothers, especially our own.



This article from the May 2014 ICSC e-Bulletin  
<http://peace107.com>

The Legion of Mary of the Archdiocese of Kingston will celebrate the Mater Dei Curia Acies on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd, Kingston. Rosary at 2:00 p.m.; Mass at 2:30 p.m., followed by a social hour. Regular members and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend. Contact person: Lucien at 613-634-0375.



IMAGE: articlesforheartmindsoul.blogspot.ca

**Are you, or someone you know, experiencing the trauma of a Separation and/or Divorce?** Where do you turn for help? Come to the New Life Group Meeting: a Catholic Ministry for the Separated and Divorced on alternate Tuesday evenings: May 22: Tribunal Ministry: A Message of Hope. Speaker; June 5: Looking Forward: Panel. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Francis J. Spence Pastoral Centre, 390 Palace Road, Kingston, (613) 548-4461. All faith denominations are welcome.

### Finance & Property:

Thursday, May 17 at 5 pm

**Rosary at Carveth:** 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. of the month  
**Catholic Women's League:** Third Wednesdays  
**Knights of Columbus** 2<sup>nd</sup> & Fourth Wednesdays  
**Rectory meeting room.**

**Request for more volunteers:  
as GREETERS**

### Saturday, May 19, 2018

**Rosary:** Steve Brennan **Lector:** Mary Wray Brennan  
**Greeters:** Ron & Aneka Thompson  
**Holy Communion:** Sharon Carmichael  
**Gifts:** Steve and Lorraine O'Meara

### Sunday, May 20, 2018

**Carveth:** Anastasia Cliffe & Cheryl Gavin  
**Greeters:** Jennifer Nalon & Gerry Brosso  
**Lector:** Kally Portieous **Gifts:** The Woods Family  
**Holy Communion:** Maryln Jacobsen

### St. Philomena

**Reader:** Marg M. **Holy Communion:** Marilyn M.

### Your Contributions. Thank you so much!

	St. John	St. Philomena
<b>Regular</b>	\$1,842.75	\$561.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$219.25	
<b>Easter/Pope's Pastoral Works</b>	\$450.00	\$170.50
<b>Building</b>	\$431.00	
<b>Auto-Withdrawal: Tues., May 15</b>		

A 7-day thermostat will be installed at St. Philomena Church to try to reduce oil costs. **Oil Costs** Sept. 2017 to May 1, 2018  
Hall: \$4,156.95  
Church: \$4,457.24



### A BABY BOTTLE FULL OF COINS - FUNDRAISER

**BIRTHRIGHT** is celebrating Mothers' and Fathers' Day again this year by distributing baby bottles on Mothers' Day weekend. Please make a difference in this "Change for Life" campaign, and take a bottle, fill it with coins, paper money or cheques and return it on Fathers' Day weekend. Money raised will enable us to offer positive assistance and aid to pregnant girls and women who find themselves facing a difficult or unplanned pregnancy. *"The essence of Birthright is love, and where love is, miracles happen."*



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