

# 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

**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  
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#### **Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 14, 2017**

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 13**  
 5:00 pm - † Father Frank O'Connor

**Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day**  
 8:30 am at St. Philomena - For our mothers  
 10:30 am at St. John - For our mothers

**Monday, May 15**  
 8:00 am - † Rita Fleurie

**Tuesday, May 16 to Friday, May 19 - No Mass**

**Saturday, May 20**  
 5:00 pm - † Anna Park

**Sunday, May 21**  
 8:30 am at St. Philomena - † Fernande Bonin  
 10:30 am at St. John - † Doris Bovey

**IN YOUR PRAYERS:** May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Mary Ellen Douglas, Ann Funnell and Kathleen Brennan.

**PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**  
 Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life, especially Eileen Dorey.

**THE PRIESTS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE** will be away for their annual Retreat this week from Mon., May 15 to Friday, May 19. In case of an emergency requiring the assistance of a priest, please call Lise during office hours and she will get in touch with Fr. Amato. After office hours please call the Gen House Resort at 613.659.2204 and they will get in touch with Fr. Amato. Please pray for your priests during this special tie prayer and fraternity.



**Devotion to St. Anne  
 At St. John the Evangelist,  
 Gananoque  
 Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm**

The devotion will be lead by Father Guy Desrochers C.Ss.R, who is in charge of the Sainte-Anne-De-Beaupre Shrine, Quebec. It is a great opportunity for the elderly, the handicapped and all people to experience a "mini pilgrimage" in our area. The evening will consist of Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a candle light procession. The relic of St. Anne will be present. Following the candle light procession there will be an opportunity for the Veneration of the Relic. Please pass the word. **If you or someone has a special need for healing this would be a great event to come to and ask for the intercession of St. Anne.**

**Good St. Anne, pray for us!**

**Parish Meeting for St. Philomena.** I would like to try something different for St. Philomena. During the winter time I thought to myself that with about 25 people who come on Sundays it might be better to have a Town Hall type of meeting where all parishioners could come. This way everyone could be informed at the same time. Our summer people are also invited as this is your parish away from home and your contribution is important. I ran this idea with a couple of people and thought it might be something that could help the parish. Please mark your calendars:

**7:00 pm Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>,  
 St Philomena Hall**

I've never tried this before so it is something new for me and I am sure for all of you. I will be leading the discussion and it would be great to have participation from everyone. I would like to try to keep this meeting to 1 ½ hours. There are a few items to bring up. Please call the office or send an email if you have an item that could be included that evening. Just a note that keeping the meeting to the target time not all items suggested may appear on the agenda.

Fr. Sebastian Amato

**60 Years of Priesthood!**

Congratulations to Fr. Edward Keyes who is celebrating his 60th anniversary of priesthood. We will honour Father Keyes at the 5:00 pm Mass at St. John's Church on Saturday, May 27th. As many of you know, Fr. Keyes is a native of Gananoque. It would be great if we could have a good number of parishioners here to celebrate with him. There will be some time following the Mass for refreshments.



**FLORES DE MAYO** The Filipino Community is celebrating the 12th year of Flores de Mayo, in honour of our Blessed Mother, Mary, on Sunday, 21 May 2017, at St. Joseph's Church, Kingston, beginning with the Rosary at 3:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 3:30 p.m., and the Blessing of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. Rev. Msgr. Joseph Lynch is presiding. All are welcome. Reception after Mass.

**St. John's Church Yard Sale is Coming Back! Save your items & Save the Date - Saturday, June 24. Items will be collected starting June 1.**



Suggestions: Clean linens, glassware, dishes, flower pots, tools & power tools, furniture, toys & games, baby items, bikes, skates, picture frames, clocks, jewellery (costume), books, CDs, art, camping and outdoor equipment, aid items, patio, suitcases, hats, kitchen utensils and more. Unfortunately items such as large appliances, computers, monitors, televisions, tires, magazines, encyclopaedia and clothes will not be accepted as they are not big sellers.

**Please note:** large furniture will also be accepted!

**BEAUTIFUL—THE CAROLE KING**

**MUSICAL** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will sponsor a bus trip to Toronto on Wed., June 28. The price is \$190 per person and includes a ticket to the musical, travel on a luxury coach, dinner at Mandarin's Restaurant and a \$40 tax receipt. To reserve your seat call Caroline Manley at 613-542- 8473 or Theresa McKay at 613-389- 3532

**Dinner & Euchre Tournament** - We are looking for players for an Euchre tournament.

**Date:** Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at Gananoque Curling Club  
**Social:** 5 pm; **Dinner:** 5:30 pm followed by the Euchre tournament.

**Ask family & friends - more info to follow.**  
\$25.00 - Proceeds to go to Music Ministry at St. John the Evangelist Church, Gananoque.



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**MINISTRIES: ST. JOHN, SAT., MAY 20: 5 PM**  
**Rosary:** Anne O'Neill **Greeters:** Bill & Sylvia Cunningham  
**Reader:** Wilma Turcotte **Gifts:** Anne Swinnard, Yvon & Dianne Ouellet **Holy Communion:** Lorraine O'Meara

**ST. PHILOMENA, SUN., MAY 21: 8:30 AM**  
**Reader:** Norma Gaudreau  
**Communion:** Marg McReynolds

**ST. JOHN, SUN., MAY 21: 10:30 AM**  
**Carveth:** John Cornish & Sharon Carmichael  
**Greeters:** Cst. Joseph Kindness Group  
**Gifts:** St. Joseph Kindness Group  
**Readers:** Emma McShane & Riley Post  
**Holy Communion:** Joy O'Neill  
**Junior Liturgy:** Tricia Clark

**Grace United Church will present** a concert on Sunday, May 28th at 7:30 pm featuring *MELODIA MONDAY* and *GRACE CHURCH CHOIR* - a tribute to *Canadian Music and favourite anthems*. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door. The proceeds from this event will go to Grace Church's "Messy Church Program".

**Men's Retreat**

**Saturday, June 10th from 3 pm to 9 pm at St. Philomena Hall**

This retreat is being organized by Fr. David Berezowski and we would like to invite the men of the parish (that includes St. John & St. Philomena) as well as the surrounding area to this event. It will consist of a couple of talks, a half hour of prayer and Mass concluding with a BBQ. \$25 will cover the cost of a steak dinner. Mark your calendars. More information to come - stay tuned.



**Hello Spring!** - As we delight to see the beautiful spring flowers, we wish to say welcome to our grass cutting crews. At St. John's Cemetery: Joe & Renata Morales (Petra Landscaping), at St. John's Church: Paul Doornbos (Thornbush Landscaping) and St. Philomena's Church, hall, cemetery & rectory: Rob Feeney. Thank you to everyone, past and present, who shows dedication for the upkeep of our beautiful lands.

**Hello to all Youths:** Attached on the bulletin board is the May Youth Office Update! Lots of awesome initiative on the go for our youth & young adults! Praise God! Blessings on your week! From Nadia Gundert, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, Archdiocese of Kingston youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca 613-484-2446

**Next Restoration Project is ... Restoring the Rose Window. Please support our fundraising efforts!**

(a) by purchasing a ticket for \$20 for the chance to win \$3,000 in cash prizes. Draw July 2. Tickets available at the back of St. John's Church, by calling Mary Elizabeth at 613.382.9876. Parishioners at St. Philomena - please see Lise on Sundays. For those who have tickets that have been sold, please return the stubs and the money as soon as you can. Thank you.

**Buy your ticket(s) or sell tickets today for cash prizes of \$3,000.**

**Can you help by selling tickets to family, friends, co-workers?**

**NEWS:** Please take a moment to view the Posters & notices on the Bulletin Board in the vestibule off the parking lot. Our bulletin is available on [www.stjohnsgananoque.ca](http://www.stjohnsgananoque.ca)

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