

## **St. John the Evangelist Parish - Gananoque St. Philomena's - Howe Island**

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Parish Secretary: Lise Emmerson Office hours: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday

### **Reconciliation:**

- ½ hour before weekday Masses
- 4:00 - 4:50 pm Saturday
- or anytime by appointment 613.382.2017

### **Marriage:**

- Those who are planning to receive the sacrament of matrimony must meet with Father Sebastian at least 6 months in advance.
- Couples must attend a marriage preparation course provided by the Archdiocese.

### **Baptism:**

- Pre-baptism preparation required for all parents. Please contact Father Sebastian to set up an appointment.

### **Parish Catechesis:**

- Children who have not received their First Communion are encouraged to join the Children's Liturgy held at the Sunday Mass.

### **RCIA:**

- Course if you would like to explore being received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Please speak with Father Sebastian.

### **Rosary:**

- Join us for the Rosary a half hour prior to Saturday 5 pm Mass.

### **New Parishioners:**

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

### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

- The Church is open all day for times of quiet prayer.

### **For the Sick and Shut-ins:**

- The Eucharist is brought regularly to the sick and shut-ins of the Parish. Please notify Father Sebastian if a family member is in the hospital or confined at home.
- The Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation are available upon request.

### **St. John's and St. Philomena's Cemetery:**

- Please contact the parish office.

### **Parish Bequest:**

- 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: John Paul Elliot  
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# Pentecost Sunday – May 24, 2015

## *This Week's Mass Intentions*

**Saturday, May 23:** 5:00 pm - **Joseph Lynch**  
**Sunday, May 24:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Geoffrey Hobbs**  
10:30 am at St. John - **Martha Kellogg**  
**Monday, May 25:** 8:00 am **Nadine Plumpton**  
**Tuesday, May 26:** 8:00 am **Harry Delaney**  
**Wednesday, May 27:** No Mass  
**Thursday, May 28:** 8:00 am **Maria Lim**  
**Friday, May 29:** 8:00 am **Orazio Amato**  
**Saturday, May 30:** 5:00 pm **Our mothers Cecil & Theresa**  
**Sunday, May 31:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Robert Gannon**  
10:30 am at St. John - **Mary MacPherson**



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### **IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually.

### **PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:**

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for comfort and peace to their families.

**NEPAL** - Thank you very much for your donations toward emergency relief in Nepal. The total collections are as follows:  
St. John's - \$1,020      St. Philomena's - \$520.

### **Cemetery Service at St. John Cemetery:**

There will be a Liturgy of the Word at St. John's Cemetery on Monday,



June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Please come and let us pray for those who have died in the past year as well as family, friends and ancestors of our parish. Please bring a lawn chair with you.

### **World Youth Day Polish Dinner & Dance**

30 young adults from our Archdiocese that are attending World Youth Day next Summer in Krakow, Poland are hosting a fundraising dinner and dance. We would love for you to join us and support this exciting pilgrimage. Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall (490 Days Rd. Kingston). Polish food, music, dancing, door prizes and silent auction. Tickets are \$25 a person. To purchase please contact Nadia Gunder by email: youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca or by phone 613-484-2446.

**You may have noticed** a crane on the south side of St. John's Church a couple of weeks ago. We had some pointing done on that side of the building. There were quite a few spots where the mortar had deteriorated. At the same time new caulking was put along the roof line where the lower roof meets the upper wall. Some leaking happened when we recently had a heavy wind and rain storm. While the crane was present we were also able to replace some slate that had fallen over the winter. We were very fortunate to co-ordinate these extra jobs while having the crane here.

We were not so fortunate to get started on repairing the wall in front of the parking lot. We had things ready to go. However, two obstacles came forward. Can you believe that that wall is considered a heritage wall by the town!! This is unbelievable! We have to get permission from the Town with regards to its heritage designation to do any repairs on it. Secondly, we also require permission from the Town to close the sidewalk while the work is in progress. This action needs to be approved by the town council at their next meeting.

This weekend, containers will be available for you to take home after all Masses. Please fill the containers over the summer and return them on September 19/20, 2015. Your spare change will help to fuel our efforts on behalf of Life. Please take a container if you would like to participate. Sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084.



**Open Voices Community Choir** (including Dianne Dowling from St. Philomena) presents its spring concert, "All You Need Is Love" Saturday, May 30, at 7:30 pm at the Isabel Bader Centre, 390 King Street West, Kingston. The concert will be a singalong of pop and rock songs from the 50s to the present -- including the Beatles, Simon and Garfunkel, Van Morrison, Randy Bachman, Serena Ryder and more. Tickets (\$20 general admission) are available at www.theisabel.ca or at the Bader Centre box office. A word to the wise: Open Voices' concert in January sold out ahead of the event.

### **Month of May Praying the Rosary**

May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary. The Rosary is prayed every Saturday starting at 4:30 pm.





**Sat. June 20, 2015 Rain date: Sat. June 27, 2015**

**1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser - Yard Sale** (for more info please call: Lorraine O'Meara 613.382.2434)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraiser - Win Cash – 50/50 - \$2 each** Available now until Yard Sale Day

**Next two weeks:** Buy your 50/50 tickets. Sort through your home & ask family & friends for items for our Yard Sale. The parking lot is huge, therefore, we need many items. Suggestions below, but do not stop there. Any good quality item will be accepted. This yard sale is a wonderful way to use and reuse.

**June 4 to June 18:** Bring your items to the garage behind the Church on dates listed below. Attendants will be there to help you unload. Grab a poster & place it on your street/work place; provide plastic bags, boxes (bring in anytime). Buy your 50/50 tickets. And very importantly - spread the word - this is a worthwhile fundraiser for St. John's Parish. Get your recipe ready in order to bake for the Bake Sale table (see paragraph below).

**Cookies, Muffins, Cakes – Bake Sale** All parishioners are invited to donate homemade or store purchased goodies to assist the Catholic Women's League in their fundraiser to be held at the Yard Sale. Your items can be dropped off the day of the event.

**Saturday, June 20 - OUR BIG DAY:** Bring all your family members & friends & neighbours & co-workers to purchase new found treasures; items you have been looking for; items you wished to purchase but could not justify the store price; so many reasons to come and see. Also, this is your last opportunity to buy your 50/50 tickets. Draw at 1 pm. And remember to buy delicious desserts early in the day before its all gone.

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

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

Volunteers will be in the garage behind the Church to accept your donations on:

- Thursday June 4 from 5 pm - 7 pm**
- Saturday, June 6 from 10 am to noon**
- Thursday, June 11 from 5 pm to 7 pm**
- Saturday, June 13 from 10 am to noon**
- Thursday, June 18 from 5 pm to 7 pm**

**St. John's: May 30, 2015 at 5 pm**

**Rosary:** Ed Lanigan **Greeters:** Joey Lynch & Mary Haesler  
**Lector:** Bernadette Egan **Holy Communion:** Sharon Carmichael  
**Gifts:** Steve & Lorraine O'Meara

**St. John's: May 31 - 10:30 am**

**Carveth on Sunday:** John & Dolly Cornish  
**Greeters:** Alice Mangan & Abigail Brown  
**Lector:** Margaret Rose **Holy Communion:** Budgie Mabee  
**Gifts:** Joe & Patty Jansen **Junior Liturgy:** Doris Prior

**St. Philomena's May 24 – 8:30 am**

**Lector:** Norma Gaudreau **Holy Communion:** Dianne Dowling

*Thanks to Abigail Brown one of our Confirmation Candidates, for helping out this weekend. Debbie Donaldson is always on the lookout for new volunteers. Do not wait! Call Debbie at 613.382.1399.*

May.17, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
<b>Regular</b>	\$2,375.00	\$549.50
<b>Loose</b>	\$233.20	\$5.00
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	\$70.00	
<b>Pope's Pastoral Works</b>	\$655.00	\$110.00

**PARISH CALENDAR:**

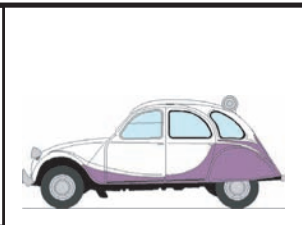
- St. John Finance & Property:** Monday, May 25 at 5 pm
- Catholic Women's League:** Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm
- Parish Pastoral Council:** Tues., June 16 @ 7:30pm
- Legion of Mary:** Tuesdays after 8 am Mass, in the Sacristy
- Funeral Choir:** Wednesdays at 10:30 am in Choir Loft
- St. John's Choir Music Night:** Mondays at 7 pm in the sacristy - you may join the choirs at any time (voice/instrumental)
- Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. at 7 pm Fire Hall
- Mass at Carveth:** 2nd Friday of every month at 1:30 pm

**Spaces filling up for Healing the Church**

The Healing the Church conference on the clergy sexual abuse crisis to be held on Saturday, September 12 in Kingston is filling up. We may have to cap registrations, so please don't wait to sign up if you're interested. The conference is hosted by the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul and has been endorsed by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien. To register: info@psck.org, 613-542-8826, providence.ca/healingthechurch. Poster and registrations located on bulletin board in the entrance way. Registration closes August 31. **Who would benefit?** Anyone who has felt the effects of the crisis of clergy sexual abuse in the Catholic Church, and the denial and secrecy that has often accompanied it. That includes:

All members of the Catholic Church: laity, sisters, priests, deacons, seminarians; All involved in Catholic organizations; Those in counselling roles who work with people affected by this crisis; Anyone experiencing the shame of this crisis; Those who have experienced a loss of trust in church leadership, even a loss of faith, and who find themselves apart from the church.

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