

# 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:**

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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# Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 6**

5:00 pm - † Danny Deir

**Sun., May 7 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - † Robert Tiedemann

10:30 am at St. John – † Bob Bird

**Monday, May 8 -**

8:00 am - For your Intentions

**Tuesday, May 9 - Sacrament of Confirmation**

7:00 pm - For the Confirmation Candidates

**Wednesday, May 10 - No Mass**

**Thursday, May 11 - No Mass**

**Friday, May 12 -**

8:00 am - † Alice Reid

1:30 pm at Carveth: † Sandra Stevens

**Saturday, May 13**

5:00 pm - † Father Frank O'Connor

**Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mother's Day**

8:30 am at St. Philomena - For our mothers

10:30 am at St. John – For our mothers

## Weekly Contributions: April 30, 2017

	St. Philomena	St. John
Regular	\$449.50	\$2,127.00
Loose		\$195.75
Easter & Dev. and Peace		\$71.00
Needs in Holy Land		\$25.00
Restoration		\$130.00

**Project Rachel** - Do not be far off and alone any longer.

Come near. We can help. Call 416-629-8264 or e-mail ProjectRachel@stmarysrefuge.org. A weekend retreat for women whose hearts have been broken by abortion: June 2-4, 2017. Project Rachel — private and confidential. "With your rod and your staff that give me courage."

**National March for Life in Ottawa:** A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on Thursday, May 11, 2017 from St. Joseph's Church parking lot on Palace Rd. at 7:30 a.m. sharp to arrive in time for the Masses and prayer services. Cost is \$30.00 per person. (Cheques payable to: Campaign Life Coalition) Info & reserve your seat call 613-389-4472. Check poster for full program or campaignlifecoalition.com.

**Two musical events that may interest you!** ① The 2017 Royal Coronation Season Opening "A Night at the Royal". Join Frayne McCarthy and Kevin John Saylor (musicians at 10:30 am Mass) for their Opening Night tonight, Saturday, May 6, at 7:30 pm at the Royal Theatre on King Street. See poster for further information. ② Many parishioners are part of the 35 people strong **Gananoque Choral Society**. Come and hear their concert directed by Anna Basten and accompanist Paul Harding tonight, Sat., May 6 at 7:30 pm at the Firehall Theatre & tomorrow, Sunday, May 7 at 2 pm at the Lansdowne United Church. Very entertaining Canada 150 music. www.ganchoralsociety.com.

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

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

Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life.



Please pray for all Catholic Women's League members gathering this weekend in Kingston for their Annual Convention. May God bless you!

### **TODAY is World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Eternal God, bless Your Church with holy and faithful Priests, Deacons, Brothers and Sisters.

Give those You have called to the married state

and those You have chosen to live as

single persons in the world,

the special graces that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness of Your Son

so that in Him, with Him and through Him

we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOHN'S**

Twenty one candidates including one adult will be confirmed by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien this Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on the next phase of their Faith Journey. Confirmation is not an end but a continuation. All parishioners are invited to join with our young people at this special Mass. Reception to follow. Thank you to the candidates, their teachers, their sponsors and their family.



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**Mass for Healing at  
St. John, Gananoque  
Tuesday, May 23 at 7:00 pm**

You are invited to a Mass invoking St. Anne. Father Guy Desrocher, C.S.S.R from the Shrine of St. Anne De Beaupre will be returning to St. John the Evangelist to lead this Mass. There will be prayers for healing and a candle light procession. The relic of St. Anne will be here. An opportunity will be available following the Mass for a blessing with the relic. Please let people know about this event. In particular, pass the word to those who seek any type of healing.

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

**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!



**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.

**MINISTRIES: ST. JOHN, SAT., MAY 13: 5 PM**  
**Rosary:** Barbara Lynch **Greeters:** Frank Fair/Betty Turcotte  
**Reader:** Judy Weir **Gifts:** Ron & Anneka and Kyle Cooper  
**Holy Communion:** Lorraine O'Meara

**ST. PHILOMENA, SUN., MAY 14: 8:30 AM**  
**Reader:** Gordon McCauley  
**Communion:** Marg McReynolds

**ST. JOHN, SUN., MAY 14: 10:30 AM**  
**Carveth:** Marlyn Jacobsen and Budgie Mabec  
**Greeters:** Marilyn Thivierge & Rodrigo Davreau  
**Gifts:** The Prior Family  
**Readers:** Debbie Donaldson  
**Holy Communion:** Krista Jenkins  
**Junior Liturgy:** Kally Portieous

**60 Years a Priest!**

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.



**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 1st, 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 1/2 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.

**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, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. In Kingston. For information call (613) 548-4461.

**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.

**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.

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