

# 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  
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9  
613.382.2361 [www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca](http://www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca)

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

- Principal: Terry Daniels  
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[www.reginotredame.ca](http://www.reginotredame.ca)

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2016

Today is Mother's Day, when we honour our mothers in a special way for their love, devotion, and care. Remember your loved ones on Mother's Day, living or deceased. Don't forget about Grandmothers, Aunts, Daughters, Sisters. What a beautiful gift!

*This Week's Mass Intentions*

- Saturday, May 7:** 5:00 pm Irene Kane
- Sunday, May 8:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena: **For our mothers**  
10:30 am at St. John: **For our mothers**
- Monday, May 9:** 8:00 am - Nadine Plumpton
- Tuesday, May 10:** 7:00 pm (Note Time):  
Confirmation Candidates' Intentions
- Wed. May 11:** No Mass
- Thurs. May 12:** 8:30 am (Note Time) - Dorothy Jonas
- Friday, May 13:** 8:00 am - Lynn Lindsay  
1:30 pm at Carveth: Len Charboneau
- Saturday, May 14:** 5:00 pm Rev. Father Frank O'Connor
- Sunday, May 15:** 8:30 am at St. Philomena: **Fernande Bonin**  
10:30 am at St. John: **For all our priests in Archdiocese of Kingston**

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

*One Heart, One Voice, One Mission: Palliative and Hospice Care.* Catholic Women's League members are called to focus on outward expressions of mercy towards brothers and sisters as they reach the end of their lives. Individual pledge cards (at entrance of Church) give you an opportunity to reflect on how you can carry out this special mission. Mail the cards back to national office where they will be compiled and sent to the Holy Father as a spiritual/corporal bouquet. Info: www.cwl.ca Spring 2016 p.18

**National Week for Life and the Family - May 8-15, 2016**

Pope Francis has repeatedly called the faithful to undertake corporal and spiritual works of mercy during this Jubilee Year of mercy. As he reminds us: "Faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit". **How can you participate?** Here are some suggestions for families: visit an elderly or sick person; ask forgiveness or extend forgiveness to someone who has wronged you; pray for the deceased of the family. At Home: enjoy a family movie night together focusing on the theme of mercy or forgiveness and discuss the content afterwards. To find an appropriate movie, see: www.screenit.com. **"The life of every family is marked by all kinds of crisis, yet these are also part of its dramatic beauty. Couples should also be helped to realize that surmounting a crisis need not weaken their relationship; instead, it can improve, settle and mature the wine of the union"**. Par. 232 from Amoris Laetitia A summary of Amoris Laetitia and a link to the full text of the document can be found on the website of the Archdiocese of Kingston, www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

St. John's Catholic Community Family Social **COME REFRESH AND REFLECT** — This event is set for **Sunday, June 19, 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm.** With the sun now shining we wish to invite all families to mark their calendar for this community event – an afternoon at Grass Creek Park on highway #2 west (towards Kingston). Bring a bag lunch and enjoy the beach, park and time together with your family & members of the parish.

**Two Notes of Appreciation:**

**St. Joseph Breakfast Program:** "On behalf of the students at St. Joseph School thank you for the generous donation to our breakfast program. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated."

**Linklater Breakfast Club:** "Our thanks to you and the members of the Parish for a generous donation to the Breakfast Program at Linklater. The ongoing support of people from all areas of this community is heartening, and provides about 2/3 of our funding. The concern of your church members for others is a good example of the community and ecumenical spirit of this town...."

**You are invited this Tues. May 10 at 7 pm to support and congratulate our Confirmation Candidates!**

**Join us to meet these wonderful students, their sponsors, take photos and grab a bite.**

**Thank you to Archbishop O'Brien, parents and teachers. Have fun!**

**Dearest Mother of Our Lord**

**Mother's Day is a time to stop and reflect on all the love our mothers have shown us through our lives.**

**Sweet and Blessed Mother, guide our mothers that they too may lead us to Your Son, just as you show us.**

**May they imitate Your love and devotion. May we in return also be loving, patient, understanding and supportive to our mothers.**

**Blessed Mother, we pray for all mothers - our own moms/mums, our aunts, our grandmothers... the living and the departed.**

**Hail Mary, full of grace the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women. Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**  
**Amen.**

More prayers at:  
[marypages.com/PrayerstoMary.htm](http://marypages.com/PrayerstoMary.htm)

**YEAR OF MERCY EVENT** The Archdiocese of Kingston World Youth Day pilgrims invite you to a Year of Mercy & World Youth Day Presentation with Sebastian Gomes from Salt & Light TV. Sebastian will also share what it has been like to work with Pope Francis. Friday, May 13th at 7pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome! Free-will donations will be graciously accepted. Refreshments following. For more info contact Nadia Gundert at 613-484-2446 or [youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca](mailto:youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca)

**CURSILLISTAS:** You are invited to an ULTREYA on Sunday, May 15th, 2016 at St. Patrick School, 158 Patrick Street, Kingston. The Ultreya will start at 2pm and will consist of a witness talk, response, small groups, music and prayer. All Cursillistas are invited to come out to renew old friendships and meet fellow Cursillistas. For more information contact Mike and Diane Foley in Kingston at 613-546-6224 [mfoley8@cogeco.ca](mailto:mfoley8@cogeco.ca) or Neil and Margaret Cameron in Brockville at 613-498-1702 [cameron25@ripnet.com](mailto:cameron25@ripnet.com)

**St. John's: May 14, 2016 at 5 pm**

**Rosary:** Dianne Ouellet **Lector:** Yvonne Harper

**Greeters:** Nettie Robinson and Penny Huntley

**Holy Communion:** Sharon Carmichael

**Gifts:** Barbara Lynch and Linda Beaupré

**St. John's: May 15 - 10:30 am**

**Carveth on Sunday:** John Cornish and Sharon Carmichael

**Greeters:** Children's Liturgy Class

**Lector:** Joy O'Neill **Holy Communion:** Nettie Robinson

**Gifts:** Children's Liturgy Class

**Junior Liturgy:** Dawn Kirkby

**St. Philomena's May 15 - 8:30 am**

**Lector:** Linda Pilszak

**Holy Communion:** Jim McReynolds & Marg McReynolds



**The Catholic Women's League is updating**

their phone list. This phone list is used for bake sale donations and other functions requiring food. If you are not on the list and would like your name added please call Elizabeth Knudson at 613-382-4082.

**Pampered Chef/Catholic Women's League**

**Fundraiser:**

Mark your calendars! Or bookmark the website! (we're SO high-tech!) I'm very pleased to say that we will have a Pampered Chef fundraiser on Wednesday May 25 start time of 6 pm at St. Joseph's School! The Catholic Women's League will receive 15% of the proceeds and you don't even have to attend in person! Kally Portieous has set up an on-line "party" at [pamperedchef.ca/go/gancwl](http://pamperedchef.ca/go/gancwl) and interested people can order directly until May 30 and the CWL will receive benefits for these orders as well. CWL contact is Christine Milks at [cmmilks@gmail.com](mailto:cmmilks@gmail.com) or 613-382-8498. Pamper yourself, have fun and help the CWL at the same time! Please tell your family and friends. It would be great to raise \$200 or \$300. No overhead!

**Gotta love it!**

**MARCH FOR LIFE:**

**Calling all Canadians to assemble on Parliament Hill and march through downtown Ottawa to draw attention to the injustice of abortion, the gravest human rights violation of our day. National March for Life Ottawa:**

A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 12, 2016** 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. (Please bring cheques made out to Campaign Life Coalition if possible) For more information and to reserve your seat call 613-389-4472 or 613-382-1084. We will make one stop in Gananoque. See poster. [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com)

**Finance/Property:** Monday, May 9 - 5pm

**Catholic Women's League:** May 25 6:30 pm

**St. John's Cemetery Prayer Service:**

Mon. June 13 at 7 pm

**Parish Pastoral Council:** tba

**Funeral Choir Practice:** Wednesdays at 10:30

**Sunday Choir Practice:** Mondays at 7 pm

**Legion of Mary:** 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

**Knights of Columbus:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. 7 pm

**LEGION OF MARY - Your Intentions**

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy the Legion of Mary has taken on the Spiritual Works of Mercy to pray for the living and dead.

As a Legion we will be praying for your intentions. **Prayer intention slips** have been placed on the table at the back of the church along with a box to place prayer intentions in.

The Legion of Mary will pray for all your intentions at our weekly meetings, and your intentions will be carried through the Holy Door at our pilgrimage at a later date. Your intentions will be also be carried through the Holy Door at the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and then destroyed.

| May 1, 2016           | St. John's | St. Philomena |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------|
| Regular               | \$2,531.00 | \$421.50      |
| Loose                 | \$192.55   | \$5.80        |
| Maintenance Fund      | \$410.00   |               |
| Pope's Pastoral Works | \$285.00   | \$180.00      |

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