

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
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque
613.382.2361

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 2015

The 7 weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great feast day. St. Athanasius called the 50 days of Easter “The Great Sunday”. Christians sing the “Alleluia” during these days in their rejoicing!

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2: 5:00 pm **Michael Lekx**
Sunday, May 3: 8:30 am at St. Philomena **For your own intentions**
10:30 am at St. John **Hubert Gallagher**
Monday, May 4: 8:00 am **Father Frank O'Connor**
Tuesday, May 5: 8:00 am **Lappan O'Hearn**
Wed. May 6: **No Mass**
Thurs. May 7: **No Mass**
Friday, May 8: 8:00 am **Kathy Ross**
Saturday, May 9: 5:00 pm **Nadine Plumpton**
Sunday, May 10: 8:30 am at St. Philomena: **For our mothers**
10:30 am at St. John: **For our mothers**



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. A wonderful booklet called “Let’s Pray (not just say) the Rosary” is available at the back of the Church. It includes an introduction & meaning of the rosary and explanations of the Mysteries. This is a great month to learn about the Rosary.



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.

Please pray for all members attending the Annual Convention of the Kingston Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women’s League this weekend May 2-3. Everyone is invited to join the convention’s closing Mass at **3:00 pm** in St. Mary’s Cathedral with Archbishop O'Brien.



St John's The Evangelist Weekly Music Night is opened to any musician or vocalist interested in developing their skills. Bring your musical instrument or voice on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm to the church. The focus will be on developing musical skills to enhance the worship of St John's. There is no minimum skill level required to participate as this will be a learning environment. There is no cost to parishioners.

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...

National March for Life Ottawa: A bus will leave Kingston for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 14, 2015** 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. Please check the bulletin board for the full program of the three day (May 13-15th) event. Candle Pledge forms and more information are included in the information which you will find at www.campaignlifecoalition.com click March for Life and on the pamphlets.

Are you longing for mercy from the One who brings peace and healing? 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: **May 22-24, 2015.**

Project Rachel — private and confidential.

Needed at the Food Bank:

The 1st Sunday of each month the Gananoque Food Bank welcomes your donations of non-perishable food items or financial support. Food items may be left at the back of the Church. Mark your envelope “Food Bank” and your name & address. The Food Bank provides receipts for these donations. Thank you.





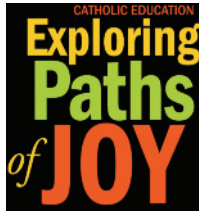
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - TUESDAY, MAY 12

The parishioners of St. John's and St. Philomena's are all welcome to join the confirmation candidates & their families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 12th at 7 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Please come out in great numbers to witness Archbishop O'Brien confirm 23 candidates. A reception will be held after Mass.

Holy Family Parish Fun Fair Bazaar will be held Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Holy Family School, 114 Wiley Street, Kingston. Noon - 2:30 (Students & Seniors) 6 pm - 8 pm (General Public). Featuring Tea Room, Baking and Candy Tables, Jewellery Table, Treasure Chest, Books, Toys and Plants, Games and Draw Table.

Catholic Education Week 2015

Our school community will celebrate Catholic Education Week with a Mass at St. John's on Friday, May 8 at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome.



Catholic Education Week 2015 begins today, Sunday, May 3. St. Joseph School will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to discover what celebrations are happening in your children's school and if possible, attend. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly-funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations.

PARISH CALENDAR:

- Parish Pastoral Council:** May 5 at 6:30 pm
- St. John Finance & Property:** Monday, May 25 at 5 pm
- 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 at any time (voice or instrumental)
- Catholic Women's League:** TBA
- Knights of Columbus:** 2nd & 4th Wed. at 7 pm Fire Hall
- Mass at Carveth:** 2nd Friday of every month at 1:30 pm

Saying Goodbye to "The Little School with the Big Heart" St. Joseph/St. Mary School, 671 Brock Street in Kingston will be closing its doors in June 2015. The school community invites former students, families, teachers and staff to attend a final farewell mass and memorial tea on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 11 am at St. Joseph's Church, 392 Palace Road.

St. John's: May 9, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: Mary Wray Brennan **Greeters:** Bill & Sherri Turcotte
Lector: Lorraine O'Meara **Holy Communion:** Margaret Rose
Gifts: Irene Tozer & Anne Swinnard

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

Carveth on Sunday: D. Ouellet/A. Thompson
Greeters: Linda Beaupre/Gerry Brosso
Lector: Judy Weir **Holy Communion:** Diane Hebert
Gifts: Don Mills/Chris Milks **Junior Liturgy:** Dawn Kirkby

St. Philomena's May 10 - 8:30 am

Lector: Marilyn McCauley **Holy Communion:** Steve Garrah



June 20, 2015

YARD SALE

As spring arrives, this is a great time to put aside items you no longer need, but are still in good condition. Donations could include art, toys, camping and outdoor equipment, aid items, tools, patio, linen, kitchen utensils and more. Unfortunately items such as large appliance, computers, monitors, tvs, tires, magazines, encyclopedia and clothes will not be accepted as they are not big sellers. This is a wonderful way to recycle items and assist in this important fundraiser. *Day of item dropped off to be announced soon.*

April. 26. 2015	St. John's	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,568.00	\$482.00
Loose	\$196.85	\$4.90
Maintenance Fund	\$225.00	
Donation	\$505.00	

The world has been following, with deep concern, the news of the terrible **earthquake**, 7.8 on the Richter scale, that hit **Nepal** last weekend. The epicenter of the quake was only 80 km from the capital, Kathmandu. Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP) has launched an urgent appeal for financial assistance for the victims of this disaster. Until **May 25, 2015**, the Government of Canada will match, dollar for dollar, all of the donations made by Canadians to support the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. Donations may be made online through the following links to the website of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace:

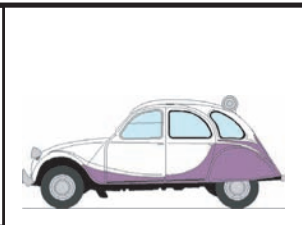
https://www.devp.org/en/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=3&gl=Temp_code

Legion Breakfast Today Sunday 9 am - 12:30 pm.
All-inclusive brunch. Bring the entire family.



Come out for a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon of entertainment. The **Gananoque Choral Society** is presenting many songs from famous plays and movies on Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 pm at the Firehall Theatre (185 South, Gananoque) & Sunday, May 3 at 2 pm at Lansdowne United Church. Hear and see many familiar faces (Joan Dillon; Lise Emmerson; Brenda Lolley; Mary Elizabeth McDonald; Marian Peterson; Anna Maria Putman & others) with their beautiful voices. \$10/per person; \$25/family. Tickets at the door. Come out and enjoy a fun evening/afternoon.

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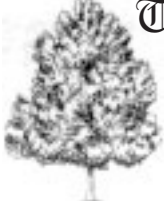
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