

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

Welcome to returning and new parishioners, family members, friends,
and visitors. Your presence here makes all the difference!



MAY 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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Sunday, November 15, 2015 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 14: 5 pm St. John - **Bill and Mary Nalon**

Sunday, November 15:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **Rita McAvoy**

10:30 am at St. John - **Augustine & Edna Lynch**

Monday, Nov. 16: NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov. 17: NO MASS

Wed., Nov. 18: NO MASS

Thursday, Nov. 19: 8 am: **Art Funnell & deceased parents and siblings**

Friday, Nov. 20: 8 am: **Deceased members of the Legion of Mary**

Sat., Nov. 21: 5 pm St. John - **Colin Prior**

Sunday, November 22:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - **In Thanksgiving**

10:30 am at St. John - **For the Holy Souls**

Remembrance Book: You may enter the names of your loved ones at any time.

Enrolment Sunday - Call to Eucharist: On Enrolment Sunday, during the Mass, the parents/guardians present their child to the priest and the assembly, formally asking to receive this sacrament. Enrolment is next Sunday, November 22 at the 10:30 am Mass. Let us be plentiful to welcome these children and pray for their journey.

How do I help prepare my child for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation?

First Eucharist is the first sacramental milestone your child will experience since baptism as she/he continues her/his journey with God and the Christian community. In the Eucharist, your child will finally be able to receive communion with you as you come up to the altar to receive the Bread of Life.

In Reconciliation (confession), your child will learn the importance of forgiving and being forgiven by God and others for what they have done wrong. Most of us remember, at least vaguely, our First Reconciliation and Eucharist because these sacraments highlight the intimacy that God invites us to, and how that intimacy is experienced through the gathering of family, friends and fellow believers.

Our spiritual selves cry out to be nurtured in our everyday lives. For the young this is paramount. We hold them in prayer and ask our loving God to hold them close to Him.

<http://www.straphaels.ca/menu4-2sub2.htm>

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Dawn Tennant and Aileen Wainhouse** (sister of Annastasia Cliffe).

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died especially **Alice Fowler** sister of Ann Funnell; **Austin Smith** brother of Theresa Johnson. May God bring comfort and peace to their families.

Parish Support - Thank you!

| November 8 | St. John | St. Philomena |
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| Regular Offering | \$2,054.00 | \$349.50 |
| Loose | \$170.00 | \$10.00 |
| Priests' Retirement Fund | \$2,400.00 | \$355.00 |
| Fuel & Donation | \$800.00 | \$107.50 |
| November Pre-Authorized Plan | | |

November's Collections: Fuel; Priests' Retirement Fund and Catholic Women's League Dues for 2016

Liturgical Ministries Schedule:

St. John: Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: **Mary Wray Brennan** Lector: **Chris Green**

Greeters: **Bill and Sherrie Turcotte**

Gifts: **to be chosen by the greeters**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Wilma Turcotte**

St. John: Sunday, November 22 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: **Dianne Ouellet and Adam Thompson**

Lector: **Sabrina Gifford**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Suzanne McDonald**

Gifts: **To be chosen by the greeters**

Greeters: **Don Mills and Christine Milks**

Children's Liturgy: **Jacey Kellar**

St. Philomena: Sunday, November 23 - 8:30 am

Lector: **Norma Gaudreau**

Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: **Dianne Dowling**

Prayer for the Faithful Departed Saint Nicholas of Tolentine fostered a profound devotion of prayer for the faithful departed: so much so that he has merited, by Pope Leo XIII in 1884, the title "Patron Saint of the Holy Souls in Purgatory". *Dear Saint Nicholas, you were attentive to the pleas of many needy souls and through your prayer and penance you hastened their enjoyment of the Vision of God. Look with compassion on our beloved deceased, and obtain for them by your prayers the full forgiveness of their sins so that they may experience the happiness and peace of the Father's presence. Amen.*

Get Ready: Purchase your Missal Today: Your

Sunday Missal 2015-2016 is available for \$5. Make this 52-week book your very own study: take it home, read the scriptures, underline favourite verses, write in the margins, or add tabs to ease the turning of pages.

The Missal has information such as The Year of Luke; Inspiration from the Saints, Prayer in the Morning; and much more.





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Knights of Columbus - Council #4177 Membership Drive

Council #4177 (St. John's and St. Philomena's) is conducting a membership drive after each Mass starting next weekend. Please consider joining our Council.

For information on becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus, or to transfer a current membership from another Council, please see a member at the entrance of the Church, or contact Mr. Jim McReynolds our current Grand Knight (613.546.4893). The Knights of Columbus in an International Catholic, Fraternal, Family and Service Organization. We have about 1.7 million members worldwide. Our local Council #4177 has approximately 60 members.

Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men in union with the Holy See, who shall not be less than 18 years of age on their last birthday. The Knights' purpose is to foster spiritual growth in the parish, encourage families and aid in charitable causes.

Our meetings are held at 7 pm on the 2nd (Executive) & 4th Wednesdays of each month at the Firehall on Herbert Street, Gananoque. Our local service projects are very much community oriented: assisting in events at St. John's or St. Philomena's Church; assisting in local charities; Bibles for Grade 4 at St. Joseph; Priests for Life Campaign; financial support to seminarians studying for priesthood, Pro-Life; Ontario Charity for Arthritis; and much more.

PARISH CALENDAR:

CWL: Wed. Nov. 18 at 6:30 pm

Finance/Property: Mon. Dec. 7 at 5 pm

Carveth: Friday, Dec. 11, 2015 at 1:30 pm

Parish Pastoral Council: To be announced

Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am

St. John's Sunday Choir Practice:

Mondays at 7 pm in the sacristy - *you may join either choirs any time (voice and or instrumental)*

Legion of Mary: Tuesdays after 8 am Mass, Sacristy

KoC: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm Firehall

Parish Screening:

Ten years ago our diocese began the process of screening volunteers. It was a daunting experience although this process was and is needed. As we are aware certain situations spurred this to happen not only in the church but also in other sectors of society where vulnerable people are at work and at play. This is an unfortunate development. However, we are to protect our children, our seniors and others as well as the volunteers. The process we are using was developed in conjunction with the Government of Ontario, other churches and organizations that work with vulnerable people. Each parish has been asked to have a screening committee to facilitate the process. Recently four people have come forward to form our committee. They have been screened and went to a training session at the Diocesan Centre in Kingston. The team consists of Christine Milks, June Nalon, Gordon McCauley and Margaret Rose. We are very fortunate to have this high calibre group. Their task will be to meet with our volunteers and to facilitate the process with them.

There are three levels of trust: **High Trust** - Volunteers who participate in ministries that involve an on-going, intensive or one-on-one interaction with vulnerable people, such as children and seniors as well as volunteers who are in a position to exert influence over youth. This includes volunteers who have access to confidential records, money, and the physical premises. The screening includes an interview, reference checks, CPIC (Police Check) and filling out a volunteer information sheet. Examples of High Trust includes: Youth Ministry, Pastoral Care Visitors, visitors to the home bound, Catechists and collection counters. If you require a CPIC, please wait to get one as you will be given a letter to hand to the Gananoque Police or OPP (depending on where you live) indicating that you are a volunteer in a High Trust position. **Increased Trust** - Volunteers who participate in activities that may involve contact with vulnerable people either on a more regular basis or in a private setting but in the presence of another volunteer. Also included are volunteers who have a greater access to confidential information. This requires filling out a volunteer information sheet, be interviewed and provide references. No CPIC required. Examples would be member of the Parish Finance Council or the Parish Pastoral Council. **General Trust** - Volunteers who participate in a group setting, who have minimal or no contact with children or other vulnerable people, and who have minimal access to confidential information. Examples include choir members or lectors. These individuals require filling out a volunteer information form.

We will also be going over our files from previous screenings so that in many instances if there have not been any changes a simple update may be required.

One of the benefits that the parish receives is that we have a list of all the parishioners who volunteer for the good of our Parish. I have found that people come forward to help because we are a community. Many of the responses that Screening Committees receive when they ask the volunteer as to why they are volunteering is that they want to give back to God. They also indicate that they want to be part of spreading the Word and that they care for the well being of our people. This is a great benefit for us.

I want to thank everyone for your generosity to volunteer and for sharing your talents with our parish community. We are truly blessed.

Fr. Amato

Pre-Authorized Debit at St. John and at St. Philomena To join, complete a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan Form; enclose a cheque marked VOID; return all in a sealed envelope via Offertory Collection, Canada Post or at the office. **First Debit** will be Monday, Nov. 16th (closest date to the 15th without being a Saturday or Sunday); next one will be Tuesday, December 15th, 2015. **So far at St. John's: 22 entries St. Philomena: 2 entries. Thank you.**

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