

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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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- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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Sunday, October 23, 2016 --
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This Week's Mass Schedule

Saturday, October 22 - 5:00 pm at St. John -	Anna McGlade
Sunday, October 23 - 8:30 am at St. Philomena -	John Gubesh
10:30 am at St. John -	Mary O'Hearn
Monday, Oct. 24 8:00 am -	Kathy Ross
Tuesday, Oct. 25 8:00 am -	June Kendall
Wed., Oct. 26	No Mass
Thursday, Oct. 27 8:00 am -	Ioleen Bovey
Friday, Oct. 28 8:00 am -	Lappan O'Hearn
Saturday, October 29 - 5:00 pm at St. John -	Cathryn Lynch-Bovey
Sunday, October 30 - 8:30 am at St. Philomena -	Donna Woods
10:30 am at St. John -	For Your Intentions

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH EVENING PRAYER -

Year of Mercy

NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 30th - 6:30 pm until 7 pm

As the Year of Mercy is drawing to an end this November, this will be the Last Evening Prayer at this time. Please join us for the Evening Prayers as dusk begins to fall, to give thanks for the day just past and make an evening sacrifice of praise to God. We wish to say thank you very much to everyone who participated as a presider, a reader or for coming out to pray and give thanks.

Finance/Property: Monday, November 21 at 5 pm
St. John's Parish Council: TBA
Catholic Women's League: November 16 at 6:30 pm
Evening Prayers: Last one: Sunday, October 30 at 6:30 pm
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am - Singers welcome!
Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm. Join today.
Knights of Columbus: 2nd & 4th Wed. 7 pm at the Fire Hall
Legion of Mary: 8:30 am Tuesdays in Sacristy

Help Wanted: At St. John's Cemetery we are looking for an able bodied person or persons who could dig graves for cremated remains as well as filling in the grave afterwards. If you or you know of someone who could do this, you are kindly asked to contact Fr. Amato.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially Marnie Bourse, Fr. Wes Chochrek. Marcus Hacault and Tim Kane and fortitude to their caregivers.

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:

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

Kettle Drive for Christmas



We know - it's too early to think Christmas! Volunteers are required for the Kettle Drive. Let us, as a Church Community, lend a helping hand to those who need assistance. St. John/St. Philomena's week is Saturday, December 12 to Friday, December 17. We need approximately 12 volunteers per day to sit with the kettle, chat with people and to say thank you. A sign-up list will be posted next week so you can write your name as many times and as long as you wish.

At Baldree's and Metro, they have someone sit from 10 until 6 during the week and on Saturday. Friday is until 8 pm. Usually in 2 hours increments - but very flexible. LCBO, they start at noon. The Kettle Kick Off is **Thursday November 17th** at 7 o'clock at Christ Anglican Church and everyone is invited. Refreshments afterward.

Image: <http://salvationarmyalm.org/>

At the back of both churches there is a Book of Remembrance. You are invited to write down the names of those who have died into the books. They will be at the front of the church during our weekday Masses, whereas the Book will be brought to the altar during the Presentation of the Gifts on weekends. During the month of November let us remember the faithful departed at all of our Masses as well as in our prayers.

Come Sing With Us: Please consider this as a personal invitation for you to come up to the choir loft on Saturday, October 29th to sing with the choir and the organist Doug Gifford. No need to "join" the choir - just add your voice for Saturday and make this Mass beautiful and enlightening. The hymns are usually well known. If you want to practice (but not necessary) we get together on Wednesdays at 10:30 am for one hour.

Together - we all sound beautiful!



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Sun. Oct. 16, 2016	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$1,315.00	\$416.50
Loose	\$197.85	\$70.00
Fuel	\$20.00	
World Mission Sunday/Priest Retirement	\$105.00	
Pre-Authorization Debit	\$4,169.35	\$150.00
Restoration	\$100.00	
This month: Fuel; Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you so much!		

St. Philomena Cemetery:

We are now in the third stage of our Cemetery Rehabilitation. Kate Patterson, a Cemetery Conservation Consultant conducted a test of all the monuments in the cemetery in order to ascertain their sturdiness and to ensure safety for all who visit. Her report includes a grade for the the monuments on a scale of 1-5 so that the worst ones could be repaired first.

Did you know that the monuments are the responsibility of the family? Unfortunately, over the years the family tree widens and families are less connected to the common ancestor. One of the results is that no one in the family generations that come later want to take responsibility for the upkeep. Some family have moved to other parts of the world or there is no more family in that line. In cases where the monument becomes unsafe, the cemetery's responsibility is to lay the monument down over the grave. Depending on the size of the monument, this can cause problems with grass cutting and maintenance. In the third stage of our cemetery project, we will be sending out letters to those that we know of who are connected to the people who are buried in the cemetery. I want to thank Heather Beveridge-Hobbs, Bonnie Ottenhof and Natalie Nossal for the intensive work that they have been doing trying to come up with a list that we can use to send information about our cemetery monuments. I would also like to appeal to our existing parishioners to help locate addresses of family and friends connected to the cemetery. It would be good if this part of the project could be financed by the families who have monuments. More information to come.



Community Harvest Food Drive: Once again this year the churches in Gananoque will be working together to collect food from homes in the town on Halloween Night, Monday, October 31st. Volunteers are required. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. We are looking for people in our parish who could help in this community endeavour. All together about 70-80 people are required to canvass the whole town in 2 hours. Volunteers will meet at the Kinsman Hall parking lot at 5:00 pm. Past years have seen a large amount of food and toiletries collected to help the less fortunate in our town.

The St. Andrew's School of Evangelization is putting on a course on the Gospel of John October 27 to 30 at the St. Mary's Parish Centre, Kingston. The cost is \$65 which includes all meals. For more information contact Ann Lyng at 613-546-5521 Ext. 5. If there is a hardship to pay the \$65 please contact Fr. Amato. There is also a ride each day available with a participant who is driving from the Rockport area. A poster & pamphlets are at the back of the Church.

ST. JOHN CHURCH: OCT. 29, 2016 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Mary Haesler Reader: Marlene Sirosky
Greeters: Irene Tozer/Penny Huntley
Gifts: Steve & Lorraine O'Meara
Holy Communion: Volunteer Required

ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH: OCT. 30 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Gordon McCauley
Holy Communion: Jim McReynolds/Marg McReynolds

ST. JOHN CHURCH: OCT. 30 AT 10:30 AM

Carveth on Sunday: John Cornish / Sharon Carmichael
Greeters: Judy Weir and Marilyn Thivierge
Gifts: Linda Beaupre / Gerry Brosso
Reader: Kally Portieous
Holy Communion: Nettie Robertson
Junior Liturgy: Jacey Kellar

Good News!

Matilda Bus Trip Fundraiser:

It is with a happy smile that we are reporting a fundraiser of \$2,879.20 towards the Restoration Fund. We wish to say a big thank you to all the travelers; to Peter Tingren and Anna Maria Putman for their generous donations; to Panache for preparing the dinner boxes; to McCoy Bus driver Steve and his company; and especially to Mary Elizabeth McDonald and her crew of volunteers for organizing all the details of this trip (including the candies). Stay tune for the possibility of another bus trip in the spring!

Bulbs Fundraiser



The Catholic Women's League of St. John the Evangelist and St. Philomena's are very grateful for the support they received from the parishes in their recent spring flowering bulb campaign. The order has been submitted, bulbs will be shipping soon and the local C.W.L. will have raised more than \$373.00 to be used for the benefit of many local students and local causes near and dear to the core principles of the Catholic Women's League. A sincere thank you to one and all!

St. John's Headstone Cleaning:

Jason Marshall and his crew were at the cemetery this week to clean the headstones. The difference is unbelievable on the older ones. Thank you to everyone that requested a cleaning. Invoices will be forwarded shortly.

The Knights of Columbus Icon of the Holy Family

is at the front of St. John's Church near the statue of St. Joseph. You may take prayer cards that are at the base of the Icon. Stop and pray for your own family as well as other families, especially for those who are going through difficult times. The Icon is here only until today.



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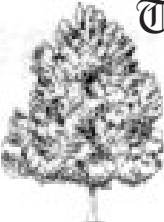
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