

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
235 Georgiana St., Gananoque, ON K7G 1M9
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Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
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-- Sunday, October 30, 2016 --
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Week's Mass Schedule

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

Monday, Oct. 31 - 8:00 am - Deceased family members

Tuesday, Nov. 1 8:00 am - Deceased members of Legion of Mary

Wed., Nov. 2 No Mass

Thursday, Nov. 3 8:00 am - Marcie Beaubien

Friday, Nov. 4 8:00 am - Len Charboneau
Friday, Nov. 4 Carveth at 1:30 pm - Doris Bovey

Saturday, November 5 -
5:00 pm at St. John - Teresa Donald

Sunday, November 6 -
8:30 am at St. Philomena - Joan Kane
10:30 am at St. John - Doug Garrah

Priest Retirement Fund

Have you seen the poster? How many priests do you recognize? As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless service of our priests. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we remember how they have been tangible instruments of the Lord's mercy in our lives. Called by God and ordained to care for His people, our priests serve our families, in churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, missions and on the streets. The Priest Retirement Fund ensures our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. The Priest Retirement Fund collection will take place in all parishes in the Archdiocese during the weekend of **November 12/13**.

This fund does more than just support our priests in their retirement years; it represents a very tangible gesture of thanks for the blessings we have received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Evening Prayers: Last one: Sunday, Oct/30 at 6:30 pm
Finance/Property: Monday, November 21 at 5 pm
St. John's Parish Council: TBA
Catholic Women's League: November 16 at 6:30 pm
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am - Singers welcome!
Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm. Join today.

LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
EVENING PRAYER - Year of Mercy

TONIGHT SUNDAY, OCT. 30th at 6:30 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. Thank you very much to everyone who participated as a presider, a reader or for coming out to pray during this year's Evening Prayers.

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

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:
 Please remember in your prayers those who have entered into eternal life especially Donna Jean O'Neill.

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.

Catholic Women's League
Membership Luncheon and
2017 Membership Fee



The Luncheon date is **Sunday November 13th at 12 noon** at the Legion. Cost is **\$6.00**. Anyone going to the Membership luncheon may pay their Membership fee of \$25 at that time. Special guest speaker President Margie Royle - topic will be our council positions in detail so everyone will have an opportunity to ask questions and get involved as this year is election year. As a meal count is necessary, please pay your \$6.00 ahead of time to a **Catholic Women's League representative** at the back of the Church.

If you are **unable to attend the luncheon**, please pay your 2017 membership fees (due by December 2016) of \$25.00 to the Catholic Women's League representative. You may use the envelope in your offertory box or any envelope. Please indicate your name and address. **Any questions please contact Dianne Plumpton at telephone number 613-217-6995.**

Every year, the Diocesan Insurance Company sends a representative to take a look at all of our buildings. They have a habit of noting safety issues each time they come. Some of their suggestions are small. Others may involve an unexpected expense. In the end, they point out safety concerns that must be looked at and repaired because of the possibility of an incident.

Sun. Oct. 23, 2016	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$1,791.00	\$394.50
Loose	\$222.80	
Fuel		
World Mission Sunday	\$280.00	\$135.00
Pre-Authorization Debit	\$4,169.35	\$150.00
Restoration	\$20.00	
This month: Fuel; Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you so much!		

Night of Mercy at St. Paul the Apostle Parish

Worship. Message. Mercy. Come experience the unconditional love of God! Join us at St. Paul the Apostle Parish on Monday, November 14 at 7pm for a Night of Mercy to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy - including praise and worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and a reflection by Fr. Charles Enyinnia. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN CHURCH: NOV. 5 2016 AT 5 PM

Rosary: Barbara Lynch **Reader:** Bernadette Egan

Greeters: Bill & Sherrie Turcotte

Gifts: Yvon & Dianne Ouellet

Holy Communion: Krista Jenkins

ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH: NOV. 6 AT 8:30 AM

Reader: Norma Gaudreau

Holy Communion: Dianne Dowling

ST. JOHN CHURCH: NOV. 6 AT 10:30 AM

Carveth on Sunday: Steve & Mary Wray

Greeters: Linda Beaupré & Emily Bovey

Gifts: Don Mills and Christine Milks

Reader: Chase Kinsella

Holy Communion: Mary Elizabeth McDonald

Junior Liturgy: Natasha Medd

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 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. Everyone is invited to The Kettle Kick Off on **Thursday November 17th** at 7 o'clock at Christ Anglican Church. Refreshments afterward.

Help Request for St. John's Cemetery:

Life is an adventure that everyone should live to the fullest. And then it's over. When people die, it is sad, but it can also be a celebration of their life. It is an opportunity to remember the great things that the person accomplished and to send them off to meet their maker with a proper funeral and burial.

There is one profession that every burial needs...the gravedigger or cemetery worker. Here at St. John's Cemetery, we are presently looking for someone able to dig graves for cremations. We contract out for burial of caskets.



Digging a grave is not a dark and sinister job, but rather an act of respect for the dead. Sometimes the cemetery workers don't know anything about the deceased and at times it may be a relative or a friend. As long as you are a positive person that celebrates life, you won't have any problems. Burials are usually weekdays and at times on Saturdays. Please note that training is available and you will not be working alone. You will be paid after each cremation. You will often be working in the background - digging before the Rite of Committal - and filling following it. If you or you know of someone who could assist us, you are kindly asked to contact Fr. Amato.

Partly from: <http://www.jobmonkey.com/>



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.

First Communion / First Reconciliation Parent Meeting will take place this Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm in the Library at St. Joseph School. A letter and registration form were sent home with the children this past Wednesday. Please be sure to have returned it to the classroom teacher.

Great time at St. Philomena's Potluck -

Thank you to all the volunteers and especially to everyone who came out to make it a beautiful night of camaraderie and great food last Saturday evening. I particularly enjoyed seeing everyone in a relaxed atmosphere.

Emergency Relief to Haiti Haiti has once again been devastated by a natural disaster. The hurricane killed over 800 people and destroyed tens of thousands of homes. The United Nations estimates that 350,000 people are in need of assistance. The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace is working with Caritas Haiti and Caritas Internationalis to provide assistance. See www.devp.org for details of the humanitarian relief effort. Financial donations can be made either online (www.devp.org); by telephone (1-888-234-8533); or by cheque or money order (made out to Development and Peace and clearly marked 'Emergency Haiti') sent by mail to: Development and Peace, 3rd floor, 1425 Rene-Levesque Blvd. West, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1T7.

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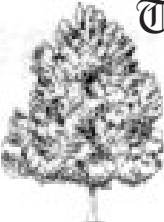
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