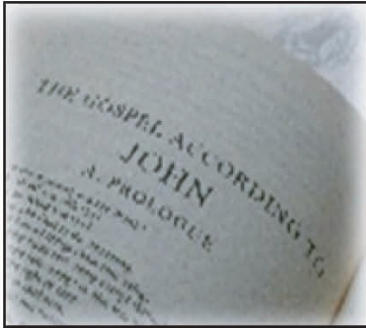


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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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Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, October 4, 2015



IN YOUR PRAYERS: May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially **Dick O'Neill & Dawn Tennant.**

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE: Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died and for comfort and peace to their families. Image: unitybham.org

Liturgical Ministries Schedule:

St. John: Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 5 pm

Rosary: Anne Warren Lector: Diane Hebert
Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Cunningham
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Bernadette Egan
Gifts: Michele Niles and family

St. John: Sunday, October 11 - 10:30 am

Carveth on Sunday: Steve and Mary Wray Brennan
Lector: Emma McShane
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Margaret Rose
Gifts: Children's Liturgy Class
Greeters: Emily/Heather Bovey and Children's Liturgy Class
Children's Liturgy: Jacey Kellar

St. Philomena: Sunday, October 11 - 8:30 am

Lector: Kim Nossal
Extra Ordinary Minister of the Eucharist: Marg McReynolds

Parish Support - Thank you!

September.27, 2015	St. John	St. Philomena
Regular	\$2,138.10	\$659.45
Loose	\$175.25	\$70.00
Needs of Church in Canada	\$425.00	\$140.00
Fuel	\$60.00	\$25.00
Cemetery	\$660.00	
Restoration	\$10.00	

REGI-NOTRE DAME NEWS:

Regi Helps Universal Missions will be hosting a Day of Silence for Syria and other refugees on Thursday Oct. 8th from 8am-2pm. Students will seek pledges to support their effort to go without talking or texting on that day. If you'd like to see a teenager in your life go without their phone or without talking for a day, then encourage them to sign up in the school chapel, then support them financially! Money raised will help a refugee family being sponsored by the Catholic Church in Kingston, and the efforts of Development and Peace. www.devp.org/en/emergencies/syria



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 3: 5 pm at St. John - Ken Keyes, Christie Keyes and Patty Wright Baily

Sunday, Oct. 4:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Georgina Goodfriend

10:30 am at St. John - Jean Dawson

Monday, Oct. 5: 8 am: Michael Gatien

Tues., Oct. 6 8 am: John Goddard

Wed., Oct. 7: NO MASS

Thurs. Oct. 8 8 am: Protection of the Unborn Child

Friday, Oct. 9: 9:45 am School Mass: Kees Groendyk
Carveth at 1:30 pm: Fenimore Holdridge

Saturday, Oct. 10: 5 pm St. John - Wilfred Leeder

Sunday, Oct. 11:

8:30 am at St. Philomena - Geoff Hobbs

10:30 am at St. John - Tim Prior

Your Catholic Women's League needs your help fulfilling a complete council helping to carry out our mission. The standing committee chairs are needed as follows. Please contact our Executive for further information or www.cwl.ca.
President: Jo-Anne McReynolds 613.546.4893.

Christian Family Life: Marriage and family; sanctity of life; ministry to: youth, disabled, seniors, widowed, separated, divorced; vocations.

Community Life: Dignity and rights of persons; social and economic justice; refugees, immigration and citizenship; Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP); developing countries.

Education and Health: Catholic Education; Catholic schools and catechesis; Rites of Christian Initiation; literacy and continuing education; genetics.

Resolutions: research and preparation of resolutions and briefs; study and implementation of resolutions adopted by other levels at provincial and national levels, presentation of resolutions to government.

Legislation: monitor and study legislation at all levels of government; preparation of briefs and position papers on proposed legislation.

Parking Lot / Steps / Wall: Two weeks ago staff from Top Notch came to repair the sinking areas of the parking lot (\$1,600). This past week, staff from H.V. Construction were here to remove and pour the ramp to the North entrance door; add 2 new catch basins & backfill; remove & pour new steps and sidewalk up to the concrete ramp. This project has been done to create a better water flow to prevent further breakage and as a preventive measure from falls due to cracks & broken cement pieces. Also, a section of walkway from the street to the rectory was taken out and replaced due to deterioration (\$19,680). The wall project has been tendered to West Gate Landscaping which may begin later this month or in the spring.

The members of St. John's **Cemetery Board** invite everyone to their **Annual General Meeting** to be held this Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 pm in the meeting room (please enter at the back of the rectory). At this meeting, the Financial Statement shall be presented, the Price List set, and matters regarding cemetery upkeep and maintenance resolved. Those in attendance will also be invited to present concerns, suggestions & positive comments. All are welcome.



PARISH CALENDAR:

Parish Pastoral Council: Tues., Oct. 6 @ 7:30 pm
Mass at Carveth: Friday, Oct. 9, 2015 at 1:30 pm
Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am Choir Loft
St. John's Sunday Choir Practice: Mondays at 7 pm in the sacristy - *you may join either choirs any time (voice and or instrumental)*
St. John Finance/Property: Mon., Oct 19 @ 5 pm
Legion of Mary: Tuesdays after 8 am Mass, Sacristy

Invite your Family Members to Mass:

Inviting Friends and Family Members Who Have Been Away for a Long Time: It can be hard talking with friends and family about coming back to the faith, especially when they haven't been a part of the Church for a very long time. Often the more time that goes by, the easier it is to "let it slide." Don't give up! Persistence is really important in these cases, so just keep trying. For example, you could get into the habit of saying each week: "I know you haven't been to Church for some time. I think God wants me to ask you to come back. Would you care to join me for Mass this weekend?" Or you might say: "Our parish is having a Mass this Sunday, would you care to join me? There is no commitment, nor pressure at all. I would be willing to go with you, if you're interested. You don't have to give me an answer right now. Just think about it and let me know." Another way invite people back: "Do you ever think about reconnecting with the Catholic Church?"

from: diometuchen.org

Come to our Family Mass, Oct. 10 at 10:30 am

Invite young families to Mass next Sunday! What better way to celebrate Thanksgiving! The Mass will be slightly different where instead of the Children's Liturgy the kids will remain in the Church. Father Amato will invite them to gather at the front for a homily that will be geared to them and to all. Some of our young people will help with greeting and reading at Mass. Come celebrate our Faith.

There will be a First Reconciliation / 1st Communion parent meeting on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph School. An information sheet and registration form will be sent out with the children in grade two in the next week.

Pre-Authorized Debit at St. John and at St. Philomena

Information Pamphlet

Pre-Authorized Debit is an **easy, safe and convenient** way to make offertory contributions to the church. An information pamphlet is available with question/answer format. Please call if you have any questions.

Your donation may be from any bank. You decide how much you are able to donate each month, and the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan deducts that amount from your bank account - and credits St. John's Church or St. Philomena's Church on the 15th of every month. To maintain costs, we will have each month: one transaction for St. John and one transaction for St. Philomena on the 15th of each month. An additional withdrawal will be made at Easter and Christmas.

How Do I Get Started?

1. If you completed the St. John's Electronic Donations Survey back in June, you will receive an email along with an Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan form.
2. If you wish to join, take a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan Form available at each of the entrances of the Churches.
3. Complete all sections of the form especially your signature.
4. Staple a "VOID" cheque to the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Plan Form.
5. Return the PAD Plan Form and your VOID cheque via Offertory Collection, Canada Post or drop it off at the office (Monday - Friday between 8 am - 4 pm). Keep your information confidential and secure by placing form & cheque in an envelope.

Parishioner Benefits

- No need for cheques or locating correct amount of cash.
- Flexibility to align your donations to the parish with your household budget.
- Allows you to give even if you are unable to attend.
- Contribution amount is easily adjusted.
- Pre-Authorized Debit makes it easy for you to fulfill your financial commitments to the parish.
- Dropping an envelope into the collection basket is a respected tradition in the Catholic Church, and it continues even with the Pre-Authorized Debit Plan. Just mark your empty envelope "PAD" Plan and drop it in the basket as usual. This envelope however is not a requirement.
- You will be able to contribute to other funds by using your Offertory Box envelopes. These funds include: World Mission, Catholic Missions in Canada, Fuel, Restoration, etc. These envelopes will continue to be needed.

Parish Benefits

- Use Pre-Authorized Debit Plan in conjunction with offering envelopes.
- No cheque processing fees.
- Increases regular giving with recurring contributions.
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