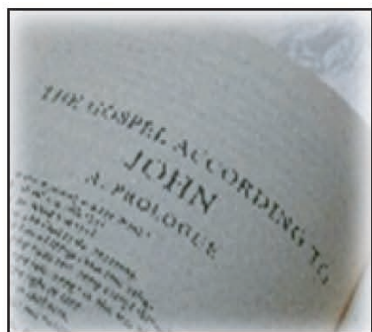


ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST-GANANOQUE ST. PHILOMENA - HOWE ISLAND Roman Catholic Church

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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!



New Parishioners:

- Welcome! Please introduce yourself and complete a registration form which is available at the entrance of the Church.

Reconciliation:

- 3:45 - 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 Dale at least 9 - 12 months in advance.

Baptism:

- Please contact Father Dale 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 from September to June.

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.

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 Dale Wright 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
613.382.2361 www.stjosephgan.cdsbeo.on.ca

Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School:

- Principal: Terry Daniels
130 Russell St., Kingston ON 613-545-1902
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Welcome! We are happy you are able to come to share in this special day.

This Week's Mass Schedule



St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque
 Saturday, Sept. 9 **5:00 pm** - Intentions of Raymond and Loanne Mayer - celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary
 Sunday, Sept. 10 **10:30 am** - † Danny Deir

St. Philomena - Howe Island
 Sunday, Sept. 10 **8:30 am** - † Carl Schmidt

St. John the Evangelist - Gananoque
 Monday, Sept. 11 **No Mass**
 Tues., Sept. 12 **8:00 am** - † Alice Reid
 Wed., Sept. 13 **8:00 am** - † Doris Bovey
 Thursday, Sept. 14 **8:00 am** - † Jack & Jean Norris
 - † Wayne and Ron Norris

Friday, Sept. 15 School Mass **9:45 am** - For the staff, students and people of the parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Saturday, Sept. 16 **5:00 pm** - † Ken Murray
 Sunday, Sept. 17 **10:30 am** - † Hal McCarney

St. Philomena - Howe Island
 Sunday, Sept. 17 **8:30 am** - † Frank Ottenhof

Our parish offers school aged children (up to grade 2) an opportunity to hear and reflect on God's Word in a way that they can understand. This program will begin today, **Sept. 10th at the 10:30 am Mass**. No registration required.

The children begin Mass with their parents and then will be called upon by Father Dale following the opening blessing. After a short prayer, they will leave with their leader for the Liturgy of the Word designed for their comprehension. They return to the full assembly in time for the Preparation of the Gifts.

This is not Sunday School, babysitting or religion class. It is liturgical prayer happening in tandem with the one in the church.

Thank you to Dawn Kirkby Campbell our Children's Liturgy organizer, along with Natasha Medd, Kally Portieous, Jacey Kellar, Tricia Clark, Amanda Dickson, and Lori Kidd-Velkova. **Please bring the little ones!**

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Liturgical Minister - please see other note on p. 1

Saturday, September 16
Rosary: Anne Warren Lector: B. Egan
Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Cunningham
Gifts: Tom and Sheila Petch
Holy Communion: Margaret Rose

Sunday, September 17
Carveth: Sharon Sullivan/Monique Girard
Greeters: Christine Milks & Don Mills
Lector: Debbie Donaldson
Gifts: The Woods Family
Holy Communion: Diane Hebert
Children's Liturgy: Kally Porteous

At St. Philomena for Sunday, Sept. 17
Reader: Gordon McCauley
Holy Communion: Marilyn McCauley

Needs of the Church in Canada. Through the work of its members, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations & movements.



IN YOUR PRAYERS:
 May the Lord grant healing and strength to families and friends who suffer physically, emotionally or spiritually especially those who we hold dear in our hearts including **Father Leo Burns, Mary Ellen Douglas, Hildegard Hendrickson and George Javornik.**

PRAYER FOR ETERNAL LIFE:
 Please remember in your prayers our loved ones who have died especially **David Harper.**

COLLECTION - Sept. 3, 2017		
	St. John	St. Philomena
Offering Envelopes	\$1,630.00	\$591.50
Loose Collection	380.34	99.00
Renovation Fund	1,020.00	
Cemetery Fund	1,450.00	
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>		

Dear Liturgical Minister:

Marg Rose is preparing the schedules for October, November, December and January. It is very important to let Marg (382.3528) know ASAP if you are NOT available at one time or another. We so appreciate your time & commitment to making our Liturgies beautiful.

New volunteers always welcome.



Cemetery News

This month, you will find an envelope for Cemetery Fund in your offertory box. These donations will help to pay grass cutting, installation of a culvert, and maintenance of the road. Thank you very much.

Rosary at the Cemetery: October 2017.

Annual General Meeting: October 12 at 6:30 pm. Please come to hear about your cemetery & to share your concerns/compliments/issues.

Cremation

Many Catholics gather in cemeteries to remember the dead, to pray and to socialize. This communion with the dead seems peculiar to Catholics. Sometimes, it is misunderstood. Remembrance of the dead and reverence for their last resting place express the Christian faith in the resurrection of the body.

Burying the dead conveys the inherent dignity we wish to show to the physical body. The body was the outward expression of the human person with whom people interacted and knew while they were here in this world.

The customs of funerals, wake services and practices surrounding the deceased have been changing. In Europe and North America, cremation has surged in popularity. In many places, cremations far outstrip whole-body burials. There is a danger that some practices associated with cremation may diminish respect for the person and hope in the resurrection.

This recently led the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to suggest guidelines for dealing with cremated remains.

Vatican officials indicated that the Church continues to prefer the burial of human remains. Still, the Church permits cremation as a valid option, but argues against the scattering of ashes or keeping cremated remains at home.

The Church recognizes legitimate reasons for cremation, including sanitary, financial or social conditions. However, the instruction states, "**The ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a Church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.**"

The faithful should dispose of cremains appropriately. They must not scatter cremated ashes in the atmosphere or make them into jewellery or keepsakes. The human person's dignity demands better treatment.

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Cremation (continued) The burial of ashes or their reservation in a sacred place "ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community."

This is an essential practice of the faith. Burying the cremains preserves the deceased's memory and makes it easier for members of their family and the entire Christian community to remember them in prayer. It also prevents the possibility of "unfitting or superstitious practices."

The deceased "remain part of the Church". Often people will visit a loved one's grave to pray in gratitude for them and with them.

The instruction tells us that the Church "continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased."

All of the Church's activities surrounding death and burial practices must proclaim the hope of the resurrection, the instruction says. It goes on to quote the early Church Father Tertullian: "The confidence of Christians is the resurrection of the dead; believing this we live."

Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, SJ

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First People's Performing Arts Festival - Sept. 16 & 17 -

Royal Theatre, 75 King St. E., Gananoque,

Please check www.royaltheatre.ca for more details or call 613.382.5000. Saturday 2:00pm will be a presentation from some of the cast of the popular T.V. show "Mohawk Girls" and Sunday 2:00pm dancers, including well-known choreographers Barbara Diabo (Sky Dancer: The Quebec Bridge Disaster) and Marion Snow will appear on the stage.

The signature event will be on Saturday evening, 7:30pm as the parish of Christ Church (Anglican) Gananoque presents, as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action for churches, "An Interactive Evening for Truth and Healing: The Blanket Exercise", funding help from KAIROS. This is a history of the Indigenous Peoples of Canada as told through blankets with the help of facilitators Elaine Kicknosway and her son, Theland.

GARDENERS: Week of Sept. 11: Volunteers

Funeral Choir Practice: Wed. 10:30 am choir loft

Finance/Property: Tues., Sept. 26 2017 at 5 pm

Catholic Women's League: Wed., Sept. 20 6:30pm



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