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Jubilee Year comes to a close

The Jubilee Year of Mercy concluded on Sunday, November 13th, with the closing of the Holy Door at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Brendan O'Brien.

Hundreds of people from all parts of the Archdiocese of Kingston made pilgrimages to the Cathedral during the Jubilee Year to pass through the Holy Door.

Photo by Nadia Gundert

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The Archbishop's Dinner

Feeding the Hungry at an Event to Remember

by Katherine Quinlan, Executive Assistant to the Archbishop



On Thursday, November 17th, Archbishop Brendan O'Brien welcomed the people of the Archdiocese of Kingston to a very special gathering in celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Highlighting the first corporal work of mercy, 'feed the hungry', The Archbishop's Dinner raised **\$60,000** for food banks in the Archdiocese.

Four hundred and forty people from across the Archdiocese filled to capacity the largest venue in the Archdiocese, responding enthusiastically to the Archbishop's call to 'feed the hungry'. Tickets for the dinner were sold out two weeks before the registration deadline, and many who could not attend gave generous donations.

The Archbishop's Dinner was certainly an event to remember. The large venue was elegantly decorated, and the evening began with a festive social hour, when guests were entertained by Catherine Helferty on piano, as they were served a delicious selection of hors d'oeuvres. Patrick Murphy was Master of Ceremonies for the evening, and, while guests enjoyed the three courses of their dinner, he guided the program expertly – beginning with a testimonial by Edward Burroughs from St. Mary's Cathedral, followed by several inspirational arias by operatic soloist Elizabeth McDonald, and concluding with a keynote address by Archbishop O'Brien.

The Archbishop began by reading a message from the Apostolic Nuncio, the Most Reverend Luigi Bonazzi, the Pope's representative in Canada, who commended the Archdiocese on this initiative as well as those who responded to the invitation to gather together for the common purpose of feeding the hungry. In his keynote address, Archbishop O'Brien expressed his appreciation to all for the tremendous outpouring of support for this fundraising initiative for area food banks, and he asked that we go the next step and become personally involved in efforts to feed the hungry and help those in need. He distinguished between charity and justice, with charity addressing the immediate need, and justice delving into the root causes of the problem and endeavouring to find a solution.

The Archbishop concluded his remarks by thanking Father Shawn Hughes, Katherine Quinlan, and the other members of the organizing Committee who worked tirelessly for many months to make the event a success. The Archbishop's Dinner was a fitting culmination of our celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy in the Archdiocese of Kingston.

(Dinner photos by Luke Kroeker; office photo by Sharon Buffett)



Above: Archbishop O'Brien presents a cheque to Joe McCabe, Chair of the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Kingston, one of the food banks sharing in the proceeds of The Archbishop's Dinner.

Top right: The Archbishop presents flowers to Catherine Helferty and Rebecca Millar, in gratitude for their musical contribution to the Dinner.

Bottom right: one of the beautiful table centrepieces created by Kevin Blaney, Florist.





The Archbishop's Dinner
Photos by Luke Kroeker

Message from Archbishop O'Brien

During the past year, two events have been prominent in the life of the Catholic Church. I refer to the follow-up to the *Synod on the Family* and the celebration of the *Jubilee Year of Mercy*.

In March, Pope Francis issued his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*, in which he offered his reflections on marriage and family life; and, in November, at the close of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, he published another Apostolic Exhortation, *Mercy and Misery (Misericordia et Miseria)*, in which he shows, among other things, the connection between the Jubilee of Mercy and marriage and family life.

In both these documents, one cannot help but notice how the Christian calling to marriage and family life is combined with a keen appreciation of the challenges this involves. Certainly, we need to continue to promote Christian marriage and encourage couples and families to live it. On the other hand, however, “without detracting from the evangelical ideal”, there is a need to accompany with mercy and patience those who, for one reason or other, fall short of that ideal.

In the words of Pope Francis, “As Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid contemporary sensibilities, or out of a desire to be fashionable, or a sense of helplessness in the face of human and moral failings. We would be depriving the world of values we can and must offer.” (*AL no.35*) Nevertheless, as Pope Francis remarked when speaking at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year, “The Jubilee Year cannot overlook the complexity of the current realities of family life. The experience of mercy enables us to regard all human problems from the standpoint of God’s love, which never tires of welcoming and accompanying.” (*MM no. 14*)

The two Apostolic Exhortations suggest several paths for the Church to follow in our pastoral care of marriage and family life:

- + To encourage and thank those couples and families who are trying to live according to the teachings of the Gospel, for they bear witness, in a credible way, to the beauty of Christian marriage;
- + To present Christian marriage today in a way that goes beyond giving a set of rules – to encourage openness to grace, and to see the sacrament of matrimony as a path to personal development and fulfilment. “The gift of Matrimony”, the Pope says, “is a great calling, to which spouses, with the grace of Christ, respond with a love that is generous, faithful, and patient.” (*MM no. 14*)
- + To accompany with understanding and discernment those whose situation does not reflect fully the ideal of Christian marriage.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, the face of God’s mercy toward us, may we remember the words of the Holy Father:

“No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love....May we never lose heart because of our limitations, or ever stop seeking that fullness of love and communion which God holds out before us. (*AL no. 325*)

May the joy and the blessings of Christmas be with you and your families.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Brendan M. O'Brien

Archbishop of Kingston



Coming in 2017: A new Journey!

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Kingston, it is my pleasure to announce that, starting in early 2017, the *Journey* publication will be undergoing some exciting changes. We look forward to continuing to highlight and feature the great events and work that are taking place in our Catholic communities and local parishes. *Journey* will continue to be distributed to local parishes and can also be found on the Archdiocesan website: www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca.

To submit articles for future publications, please contact me at jsalmon@live.ca. All submissions are subject to approval and space limitations.

- Jessica Salmon, editor

By welcoming the stranger, we recognize the stranger as our neighbour



St. John the Baptist Parish, Perth —

The newcomer family sponsored by St. John the Baptist Parish in Perth arrived at the very end of February, 2016. They are into their second winter. Each season has brought new experiences and learning opportunities. Last spring, they planted a garden which indicated hope. In the summer, the children played community soccer and attended library programs, and the whole family went to a camp.

The father was able to find work in masonry, which is his field. This September, the children returned to school and are doing well, and the parents continue to learn English with the help of parish ESL teachers. A

trip to the apple orchard was a fall highlight. The school breakfast program has given mom a chance to volunteer and practice her English. This winter, the boys are enjoying hockey, and everyone wants to play in the snow.

They seem to have settled into life in Perth. They can be seen out and about getting groceries, doing banking, going to the library. It has been an amazing journey. We know it has not been easy for them, and many challenges lie ahead. The family, and the parents especially, have to deal with the news coming from Syria and the hardships faced by their family there. They told us they came here for their children. We hope that they will all grow to feel at home here. Next year, they will have a new baby, a Canadian. As a parish, we continue to offer our support, friendship, and prayers for the family.

-Submitted photo and article by Colleen Smyth



St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Kingston —

On December 16 of last year, six wonderful but needy, very curious, and slightly frightened people arrived in our community. Having lost their home, their business, and their friends some four years earlier, the Maree family had no idea what they were coming to.... their lives were now very much in the hands of complete strangers.

Today, as we arrive at the first anniversary of our sponsorship, we have all learned so much! Through their efforts, and the tireless work of our incredible settlement team and interpreters, we have survived language training, countless medical and dental appointments, and educational challenges. But we have more than survived; in the process and in spite of language, nationality, cultural and religious differences, we have become friends.... very good friends. Those who would tell us that such barriers between peoples are insurmountable might consider this one small, imperfect example. People striving to understand one another — questioning, listening, talking and accommodating — can come to love their neighbour.

From the beginning, we have seen the hand of God guiding and aiding this project, and, for that and the teachings and example of Pope Francis on refugees, we are most grateful. To all the individuals, church groups, schools, businesses and community organizations who have supported SANCTUARY in so many ways, we extend our sincere appreciation.

-Submitted photos and article by Mike Gallagher

Advent and Christmas: Source of Light and Hope

Sister Lucy Kearney, Coordinator of the Family Ministry Office

As we approach Advent and the Christmas Season, reading and reflecting have led me through various thoughts, hopes, surprises, and struggles. One of the struggles has been trying to ensure that this written message will be meaningful for you, its readers. One of the surprises was the place where I became truly aware of the meaning of Christmas in today's world.

Advent and Christmas - Source of Light and Hope. The symbolism and theme of this season speak to all Christians, regardless of their circumstances or of the time in history. What are these symbols and themes? They are light and darkness, peace and quiet, whereby we may detect the ways God wants to lead us from darkness to light; preparing the way of the Lord, that is, an openness to accepting differences, to living in harmony, and to becoming aware of the true meaning of Christmas.

What do we celebrate? We celebrate the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel God-is-with-us. From the readings of Christmas Liturgies, we hear, "Those surrounded by darkness have seen a great light." "A child is born for us whose name is Wonder-Counsellor, God-Hero, Prince of Peace". The same Christ who came as a light shining in the darkness of our world on that first Christmas is among us in the year 2016. Events around Jesus's birth were darkened when the decree of Caesar Augustus demanding a census forced Mary and Joseph to leave for Bethlehem when Jesus's birth was imminent. A king's cruelty forced the family to flee to safety into Egypt; fear compelled them to settle in Nazareth. The time in history, the circumstances, and the situation may differ today from 2000 years ago, but the following examples – the surprise alluded to above - are today's reality.

Two examples of love, kindness, and courage, witnessed in the waiting room of a doctor's office, reflected for me the true spirit of Christmas. The first scenario was that of a young mother's love and concern for her infant son who obviously was ill. Individuals, men and women, stopped to admire the baby, to congratulate the Mother for her tender loving care of the child – in short there was a room filled with awe. For myself, I was reminded of the glory and joy of the birth of Christ. The second scenario also witnessed love, concern, and courage, but that of a family uprooted from their homeland. A 'guardian/sponsor' was carefully assisting the family through the process of a visit to the doctor. The attentiveness to the children, the guidance given to the father for the necessary paperwork, and the obvious availability and openness of the sponsor team member to ease any fear were evident in the smiles of the children and the father's appreciative countenance. I witnessed the gift of the Peace of Christ, offered and received, of darkness transformed into light, in these two events.

As you prepare for Christmas, each of you will be aware of ways of reaching out to those in your midst who may be experiencing loneliness, fear, and unrest. A visit, a phone call, an offer of assistance can replace darkness and sadness with light and peace. Read the Nativity story with your children, participate in the Advent and Christmas celebrations. In doing so, may your hearts be filled with the faith of the shepherds and the peace of which the angels sang that first Christmas night. May the star of Bethlehem, which shone brightly over the first Christmas crib, stand guard over you and fill you and all the earth with light and peace!



Right: Depiction of the Nativity in a stained glass window at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish Church, Wolfe Island

Reflections from the Archdiocesan Liturgy Conference 2016

Mariola Gozdek, Coordinator of the Liturgy Office

On November 11 and 12, the Liturgy Commission of the Archdiocese of Kingston held the annual Liturgy Conference at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall in Kingston. As a conclusion to the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Conference focussed on the theme of mercy. What are we, as Catholics, called to do after we leave Mass on Sunday? At the end of each Mass, we are sent out with the following words: “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”. What does this mean? How do we glorify the Lord by our lives?

The Conference presenter was Father Thomas Rosica, the CEO of Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, and the English language attaché to the Press Office of the Holy See.

Father Rosica met first with the priests of our Archdiocese, and then with the lay people and the diaconate community, who immersed themselves in an engaging dialogue with him. The presenter brought the Holy Father into our presence by sharing many stories, examples, and teachings from Pope Francis’s life and ministry.

In this time of new evangelization, he invited us, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to reach out to others, especially to the marginalized. He urged us not to wait until they come to us, but to go out and find them. “Go out”, “Reach out” to those most in need - that was the repeated message of the Conference, echoing the words that we hear at the end of each Mass. Father Rosica reminded us that mercy is the very substance of the Church; and the baptized, ordained or lay, are called to be agents of mercy and ambassadors of dialogue. He stressed the necessity of a dialogue among individuals, cultures, and different faith groups. We are to accompany those who are in need. We need to find new ways to include those who are excluded from our communities, and to support them in various ways. We are to build bridges and continue to dialogue with one another.

Mercy is not only about a spiritual devotion. Piety and devotion find expression in our reaching out. Pope Francis is teaching us by his own example. He connects the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. He visits treatment centres for addicts, eats with the homeless, and visits and prays with prisoners. He reminds us that mercy is not only about a pastoral attitude, but it also calls us to action. Mercy is about restoring; mercy is about forgiving; mercy is about going forward. Mercy is a journey, a journey of learning, forming, and molding consciences, not replacing them.

I would like to conclude this brief reflection with a quotation from “The Name of God is Mercy”, written by Pope Francis: *“I often say that, in order for this to happen, it is necessary to go out: to go out from the churches and the parishes, to go outside and look for people where they live, where they suffer, and where they hope. I like to use the image of a field hospital to describe this ‘Church that goes forth’. It exists where there is combat. (...) It is a mobile structure that offers first aid and immediate care, so that its soldiers do not die”.*

As we go out, may God’s own example of mercy give us courage and prompt us to action.

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” Jn. 3.16*



Left: Archbishop O'Brien with Cathedral parishioners, Ellen Hawman, Donna North, Ann Lyng, and Margit Thompson, who hosted the pilgrimage visits through the Holy Door during the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Photo by Nadia Gundert

A Message from the Office of Religious Education

Mary-Jo MacKinnon-Simms, Coordinator

During this season of preparation and renewal, we are reminded of the prophet Isaiah's words, "Let us walk in the light of the Lord." It is the message of hope for our World to choose light over darkness and to be the hands and feet of Christ to our brothers and sisters. It is within this hope and light that I share some things that are happening within the Archdiocese in the area of religious education.

It is a great privilege for me to have been appointed Religious Education Coordinator, a position I have held since September 6th. Making it even more special is knowing that a wonderful mentor and advisor – Margie Ann McKinnon - remains available to me and to the Archdiocese as we move forward. My life has been blessed with opportunities to do different things, to go to new places, to see the world from different perspectives. Throughout all of this, my faith has provided me strength and focus. In these early days in this new role, I am making connections and getting a sense of the need and opportunities. I am endeavouring to get to know the different deaneries and churches. We have so many wonderful people committed to supporting the Church and Religious Education. I look forward to hearing from you about your ideas and needs.

One example of broad engagement is the support that the Archdiocese provides in prison ministry. Our Archdiocese has provided multi-faith leadership and has just completed a 6-week Prison Ministry Training Program for Volunteers. This valuable program, which is unique in our country, trains volunteers to be that light and hope for men incarcerated in our institutions. Having been a prison chaplain for the past eight years, I know the value of chapel volunteers and the gifts that they provide with their presence and faith.

In September, I attended the annual conference for the Association for Canadian Catholic Adult Formation in Ottawa. I was greatly inspired by the message of the guest speaker, Sister Elizabeth Davis, who spoke on discipleship and catechesis and on planting seeds for adult faith formation. I highlight one of her key messages:

"It's my strong belief that each one of us is called to leave this world a better place than we found it. It's important that this call is lived out in our family, community, and workplace. It must be reflected in our relationships to each other, to our God, to our cosmos and to ourselves. While one or the other place or relationship may take precedence at any point in our lives, we will find our true selves only when all are working in harmony. This means we need to take the time to reflect on our earth, to study, to listen to and learn from others, to trust our own experience, and to celebrate the goodness with which our lives are blessed."

It is in this spirit of harmony that I intend to support all in the attainment of our Religious Education goals over the next year. I look forward to collaborating broadly with all.

Blessings,

Mary-Jo

Upcoming Events

Archdiocesan Celebration of the Rite of Election with all Catechumens and the Rite of Calling to Lenten Renewal with Candidates for Full Communion will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 5 March, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 11 April, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

World Youth Day 2016

Nadia Gundert, Youth Ministry Coordinator



In July, thirty-one pilgrims from the Archdiocese of Kingston travelled to Poland for World Youth Day. Young adults from various parishes in the Archdiocese came together to form an amazing, faith-filled, vibrant group that was excited to explore Poland and learn more about its history, its Catholic culture, and the amazing saints associated with this beautiful country. We began our pilgrimage by visiting Warsaw, where we stayed at a pilgrim house attached to the Shrine of Blessed Jerzy Popiełuszko, whose martyrdom story, previously unfamiliar to our group, became for us a witness of faith that was incredibly inspirational. We then travelled to Niepokalanów to visit the Franciscan monastery founded by Friar Maximilian Kolbe, who was later canonized as a saint-martyr of the Catholic Church after his death at Auschwitz Concentration Camp. We had the honour of praying at and walking through Auschwitz a few days later. We visited the Jasna Góra Monastery in Częstochowa, which is a famous Polish shrine to the Virgin Mary and one of the country's most popular pilgrimage sites. Here we saw the treasured Black Madonna icon and celebrated Mass with English-speaking pilgrims from around the world.

We then had a day of celebrating the life of Saint John Paul II, as we visited his hometown of Wadowice, which hosts an impressive museum on the site of his family's personal apartment, next to their parish church where he received his Sacraments. We then proceeded to the John Paul II Sanctuary, which is the main shrine to this national saint. It is an impressive church and museum with relics of the saint in lower level chapels. Next to this shrine is the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, where another remarkable Polish saint, St. Faustina Kowalska, died and is buried. At this Sanctuary dedicated to the Divine Mercy, we learned more about mercy and about St. Faustina's writing from one of the religious sisters at the convent, and we were able to participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 p.m. with other pilgrims. This was a very special experience for us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The rest of our pilgrimage brought us to the Krakow area, where there were so many religious and historic sites to see: Wawel Cathedral, The Salt Mines, the Sanctuary of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, where Saint John Paul II used to take young people on retreats, JPII's apartments (when he was Archbishop and Cardinal of Krakow), Wawel Castle, and The Jewish Quarters, where many horrors depicted in the film, 'Schindler's List', took place during WWII.

When the World Youth Day celebrations began, we were immersed in a joyful, exciting culture of international pilgrims praying together, singing, dancing, worshiping and getting to know one another. The opening Mass was beautiful, and it wonderfully highlighted Polish culture and spirituality. The catechesis sessions were inspiring and thought-provoking, and they challenged us to understand the mercy of God more fully and to share that mercy with others. Many of us attended the Night of Mercy hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Salt & Light, and Lifeteen at our catechesis site. This deeply moving evening, with over 20,000 young people in attendance, included Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship with Matt Maher and Audrey Assad, and an address by Bishop Robert Baron. We participated in the welcome ceremony for Pope Francis, when he arrived for World Youth Day, and the impressively artistic Way of the Cross with the Holy Father on the Friday of WYD week. On the Saturday, we made a pilgrimage to the vigil site, which was challenging because of the heat, distance, and weight of our belongings. There we celebrated Mass as a group and awaited the arrival of the Holy Father in the evening - to lead us in a reflection and Eucharistic Adoration. We slept overnight at the site and concluded the World Youth Day experience with closing Mass the following morning with Pope Francis. This experience was amazing for all of us. It is remarkable to hear the various reflections from the pilgrims after experiencing the same sites and events. Each of us returned home with different highlights and unique stories that are so diverse, yet in the same spirit of World Youth Day. We are very grateful to have had this opportunity to pilgrimage together, and we appreciate all of the prayers and support given to us by the people of the Archdiocese of Kingston before and throughout our journey.



Shine like the Son Youth Day 2016

Nadia Gundert, Youth Ministry Coordinator

Our annual Archdiocesan Shine Like the Son Youth Day took place this past October 15th. Youth from across the Archdiocese focussed on the theme, ‘Mercy Me’, during this great Jubilee of Mercy. It was a wonderful day that included ice breakers; skits; a slideshow of pictures of youth from across the Archdiocese who have practiced works of mercy in their communities and parishes throughout the Jubilee Year; praise and worship music, led by the Chris Bray Band; a works of mercy Instagram challenge; Eucharistic Adoration; Reconciliation; and a closing Mass with Archbishop O’Brien. In the morning, we listened to an inspiring keynote address about mercy, delivered by Chris Bray, a Canadian Christian music artist and Catholic speaker. In the afternoon, we had breakout sessions, and participants chose from the following options: packing ‘blessing bags’ for homeless youth in local shelters; an improv skit on how the Holy Spirit helps us show mercy; learning about prison ministry and writing a letter of encouragement to an inmate who is involved in prison chaplaincy; and learning about Pope Francis’s new work of mercy to care for creation, through a game devised by Luke Stocking of Development and Peace. The young people also created their own Divine Mercy Chaplet beads, and we prayed the chaplet together at 3 p.m. It was a great day, and the young people told us that they really enjoyed it!

Steubenville Toronto 2017 – Calling all high school students

The Archdiocese of Kingston Youth Office will be taking a group of high school students to the annual Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference next July 28-30, 2017. Steubenville Toronto will take place next year on the campus of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa. This is an incredible experience and so much fun! Any youth who will be entering Grade 9 in the Fall of 2017 and youth currently in Grades 9-12 are invited to join us. There will be screened chaperones from parish youth ministry programs across our Archdiocese. Youth do not have to be involved in parish youth ministry to join us. The cost of the entire weekend is \$275, which includes transportation, meals, accommodation in campus dorms, and more! For more information about this amazing event, the speakers, and the musicians visit www.steubenvilletoronto.com. If you are interested in attending as part of our Archdiocesan group, please contact Nadia Gundert in the Youth Office at youth@romancatholic.kingston.on.ca, or call her at 613-484-2446.



Faith Day

Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board



The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board celebrated its ninth annual Faith Day on Friday October 28th. This professional development day, with 1,600 participants, was offered in a regional format and was hosted at St. Theresa Catholic Secondary School in Belleville, and at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School in Kingston. The theme for the 2016 Faith Day was ‘Mercy’, a celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. The day included the celebration of the Eucharist, a site-based breakout session, a keynote address, and prayer. In addition to ALCDSB staff members, representatives from the offices of Family, Liturgy, and Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Kingston also participated, as did several priests and deacons. Relics of St. Faustina, “the great apostle of Divine Mercy of our time”, were received from the Sisters of the Divine Mercy in Poland and were present at both sites.

Mass was celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Brendan O’Brien, in the east, and by Father Richard Whalen in the west. Deacon Philip Carney spoke at both sites about his “Journey with cancer: the real power of God’s Mercy”. Each school was represented in a ministry at Mass, and the ALCDSB Journey of Faith Cross was carried in procession.

The keynote address was provided by Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson of Chicago, Illinois - author, theologian, retreat leader, and faith animator. The theme of Dr. Terry’s address was ‘Please, for God’s sake, let yourself be mercied’. Dr. Terry shared his experiences of giving and receiving mercy, challenging participants to bring mercy back to each of their sites as a daily practice.

During the breakout session, sites were invited to participate in two activities facilitated by administrators and special assignment teachers. Staff entered into faith sharing by reflecting on questions posed by Deacon Philip Carney (west) and Dr. Terry Nelson-Johnson (east). The questions related to the homily and the keynote address delivered at each respective site. For the second part of the breakout session, staff participated in one of the following activities: a video reflection and discussion; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Christian Meditation; or a written reflection and discussion. Each activity was related to the theme of ‘Mercy’.

Faith Days provide our staff with an opportunity for faith formation, affirming and celebrating our distinctive identity as a Catholic school board, and to be nourished - mind, body, and soul. The Adult Faith Formation policy of the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board states that “Each staff member is called to incorporate opportunities into their professional development to increase their knowledge of the Catholic faith and their capacity to model it to our students.” Faith Days have been organized in three formats: site-based, regional, and whole community.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE



Stained Glass Window from
St. Mary's Cathedral
Kingston

Kingston

St. Mary's Cathedral
279 Johnson Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm, 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 8:00 am,
10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 8:00 am,
10:30 am

St. John the Apostle Parish
88 Patrick Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
8:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:30 am
New Year's Eve – 4:30 pm,
New Year's Day – 8:30 am,
10:30 am

St. Joseph Parish
392 Palace Road
Christmas Eve – 5:15 pm,
8:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am,
11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm,
New Year's Day – 9:00 am,
11:00 am

St.-François-d'Assise
(French)
512 Frontenac Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

Holy Family Parish
130 Weller Avenue
Christmas Eve – 5:15 pm,
8:00 pm, 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 9:30 am, 11:00
am

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
490 Days Road
Christmas Eve – 5:15 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
(Portuguese)
588 Division Street
Christmas Eve – 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:30 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

St. Paul the Apostle Parish
1111 Taylor Kidd Blvd
Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm,
6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am, 11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 11:00
am

Amherstview
Blessed Sacrament Parish
3 Briscoe Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm, 9:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Bath
St. Linus Parish
217 Main Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

Bedford
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
2905 Westport Road
Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm
New Year's Eve – 4:30 pm

Sharbot Lake

St. James Major
14608 Hwy. # 38
Christmas Eve – 7:30 pm
New Year's Eve – 7:30 pm

Belleville

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
296 Church Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:00 pm and 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am,
12:00 noon

Holy Rosary Parish
169 North Park Street
Christmas Eve – 5:30 pm,
8:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 4:30 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

St. Joseph Parish
399 Victoria Avenue
Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm,
6:00 pm, 8:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 10:30
am

Brewers Mills

St. Barnaby Parish
5307 Hwy. #15
Christmas Eve – 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:30 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Brockville

St. Francis Xavier Parish
66 Church Street
Christmas Eve – 5:15 pm,
12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day –9:00 am,
11:00 am

St. John Bosco Parish
175 Windsor Drive
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Cardinal

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
549 Middle Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Carleton Place

St. Mary Parish
28 Hawthorne Avenue
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:00 pm, 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 11:00
am

Centreville

St. Anthony of Padua Parish
4118 County Road 4
Christmas Eve – 6:30 pm
New Year's Eve – 7:00 pm

Chesterville

St. Mary Parish
10 Church Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
9:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

South Mountain

St. Daniel the Martyr
2985 Church Street
Christmas Eve –7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 8:30 am
New Year's Day – 8:30 am

Elgin

St. Columbanus Parish
63 Kingston Street
Christmas Eve – 7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:45 am
New Year's Eve –7:30 pm
New Year's Day – 10:45 am

Enterprise

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish
659 Church Street, Chippewa
Christmas Eve – 8:30 pm
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm

Erinsville

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish
6046 County Road 41
Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Flinton

St. John the Evangelist Parish
3529 Flinton Road
Christmas Eve – 7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Eve – 7:30 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Ardoch

St. Kilian
Hwy. # 506 & Ardoch Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day –11:00 am

Frankford

St. Francis Assisi Parish
288 Riverside Parkway
Christmas Eve – 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Batawa

Sacred Heart of Jesus
152A Fraser Drive
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm

Stirling

St. James Minor
236 Edward Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:15 am

Gananoque

St. John the Evangelist Parish
270 Stone Street South
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Howe Island

St. Philomena
Howe Island Drive
Christmas Eve – 7:30 pm
New Year's Eve – 7:30 pm

Kemptville

Holy Cross Parish
503 Clothier Street West
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm, 12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 11:00
am

Kingston Mills

Holy Name of Jesus Parish
950 Old Kingston Mills Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:00 pm, 12:00 midnight
(English and Polish)
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 10:30
am,
12:00 noon (Polish)

Lanark

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
86 Princess Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Eve –5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Stanleyville

St. Bridget Parish
869 Stanley Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Lansdowne

St. Patrick Parish
985 Kidd Road North
Christmas Eve –5:00 pm
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m.

Rockport

St. Brendan
51 Riverview Road
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Madoc

Sacred Heart of Mary Parish
131 Durham Street North
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Marmora

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
38 Bursthall Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
9:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

Marysville

Holy Name of Mary Parish
7288 Old Hwy. #2
Christmas Eve – 9:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Day – 8:45 am

Deseronto

St. Vincent de Paul
203 Dundas Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm

Read

St. Charles Borromeo Parish
486 Enright Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

Merrickville

St. Ann Parish
230 Main Street West
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Morrisburg

St. Mary Parish
31 Meikle Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 7:30 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Iroquois

St. Cecilia
3 College Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Napanee

St. Patrick Parish
179 West Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 10:30
am

Perth

St. John the Baptist Parish
38 Wilson Street East
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:15 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 11:00
am

Picton

St. Gregory the Great Parish
7 Church Street
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
8:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Prescott

St. Mark the Evangelist Parish
160 Dibble Street West
Christmas Eve – 4:30 pm,
12:00 midnight
Christmas Day – 11:00 am
New Year's Eve – 4:30 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Railton

St. Patrick Parish
3977 Sydenham Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Odessa

St. Mary
121 Main Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Eve – 4:30 pm

Smiths Falls

St. Francis de Sales Parish
17 Elmsley Street North
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Lombardy

Blessed Sacrament
690 Hwy. #15
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Spencerville

St. Laurence O'Toole Parish
48 Centre Street
Christmas Eve – 4:00 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Day –9:00 am

North Augusta

St. Theresa
15 County Road 15
Christmas Eve – 5:30 pm
New Year's Day – 7:30 am

Toledo

St. Philip Neri Parish
280 King Street
Christmas Eve – 7:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Athens

St. Denis the Areopagite
3 George Street North
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 11:00 am

Trenton

St. Peter-in-Chains Parish
140 Dundas Street West
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm,
7:30 pm, 10:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:00 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am, 11:00
am

Tweed

St. Carthagh Parish
154 Hungerford Road
Christmas Eve – 5:00 pm
Christmas Day – 10:00 am
New Year's Day – 10:00 am

Stoco

St. Edmund Parish
161A Edmund's Road
Christmas Eve –7:30 pm
New Year's Eve –5:00 pm

Westport

St. Edward the Confessor Parish
11 Concession Street
Christmas Eve – 5:30 pm
Christmas Day – 9:00 am
New Year's Eve – 5:30 pm
New Year's Day – 9:00 am

Wolfe Island

Sacred Heart of Mary Parish
15 Hwy. #95
Christmas Eve – 7:30 pm,
12:00 midnight
New Year's Day – 10:30 am

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