

## ADVENT 2018 EVENTS

- Nov 24 - Dec 9** Collection for our sister parish, St. Benedict, Baltimore: New Blankets (Double Bed Size) and gently used coats of all sizes
- Nov 24 - Dec 16** Advent Angels Adopt-a-Family Gifts due back to Church by **Dec 16 @ Noon.**
- Dec 01** Christmas Bazaar 9am - 5pm in the Hall  
8am - 5pm Christmas Tree Sales  
4:00pm Tree Lighting
- Dec 02** Advent Afternoon Tea sponsored by Moms' Ministry, 1:15 in the Learning Cottage
- Dec 06** Adoration & Reconciliation in Church  
6pm - 7:30pm
- Dec 08** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
See Mass times, other side
- Dec 08** Breakfast with Santa 9-11:30am in the Hall  
Tickets \$8 in advance online at ssschool.org, no door sales.
- Dec 09** Christmas Caroling for Youth & Families following 10:45 Mass in Hall.  
  
Christmas Concert in Church, 5pm
- Dec 11** Middle & High School Youth Ministry Gathering, 7pm in Hall
- Dec 11** Spiritual Oasis, 7pm, Convent  
Vespers 7pm, Hall, All are welcome!
- Dec 13** Adoration & Reconciliation in Church  
6pm - 7:30pm
- Dec 14** Young Adult Lunch St. Benedict Project 9am
- Dec 14** High School & Young Adult Advent Angel Shopping, 6:30pm, Meet at YYA Room
- Dec 16** Advent Angel Gifts Due by Noon today;  
Community Sunday at 10:45 Hall Mass
- Dec 19** Parish Advent Confessions & Adoration

**REGULAR WEEKEND MASSES:**  
Saturday 12/22 4:30 & 6pm  
Sunday 12/23 7am, 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Monday, December 24

4:00pm Church - Organ and Cantor

4:00pm Hall - Mass & Pageant (info below)

6:00pm Hall - Contemporary Group

7:30pm - Church  
Organ and Cantor

Midnight - Church  
Organ with Choir and Brass  
Choir Concert begins at 11:30pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday, December 25

7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

##### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD\*

Monday, December 31, 4:00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 7:30am & 9:30am

\*A Holy Day of Obligation

#### **Children's Choir Concert & Pageant 12/24**

**3:40 Concert begins in Hall followed by**

**4:00pm Mass with Christmas Pageant**

**~Music by Contemporary Group~**

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## ST. STEPHEN CATHOLIC CHURCH BRADSHAW, MD

### ADVENT 2018



*Witnessing  
For  
Jesus*

### Opportunities for Service during Advent

**11/24-12/9** collecting *New* Double-Bed Size Blankets & Gently Used Coats for St. Benedict. Place items in untied bags on parish porch. Thanks for your continued support!

**11/24 - 12/16** Advent Angel Gift Program  
- Due no later than Noon, 12/16

**12/01** Our Lady Queen of Families Rosary Guild,  
9am in Learning Cottage

**12/02** Coupons in Flight

**12/9** Christmas Caroling for Parish Shut-ins

**12/14** Young Adult Lunch & Coat Project

**12/14** High Sch/Young Adult Angel shopping

**Anytime:** Pick up a recipe & pan for Our Daily Bread, back of Church/Hall

**Anytime:** Pick up a gift bag to fill for new moms & babies! Back of Church/Hall

### ADOPT-A-FAMILY (ADVENT ANGELS)

*Nov. 24 thru Dec. 16*

Adopt-A-Family is an Advent outreach that helps many families every Christmas.

Please look for boxes with Angel Tags in Church & Hall and consider taking an angel or two, then purchase the item listed. Please place your wrapped gift with the angel attached under the Advent wreath no later than **NOON Dec. 16**. Thank you for your support!

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

*Saturday, Dec. 1st ~ 9am to 5pm*

Join us for food, vendors, crafters, raffles and games of chance. Have your picture taken in costume at the Live Nativity!

Christmas wreaths & trees for sale

Enjoy pit beef and fried dough!

White Elephant! (donate at pavilion)

8am - 5pm Christmas Tree Sales

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

A Holy Day of Obligation ~ Please join us!

**Fri, Dec 7th - Vigil Mass 7:00pm**

Followed immediately by Exposition, Adoration, and concluding with Benediction at 9:00pm



**Sat, Dec 8th  
Mass at  
7:30 am  
9:00am**

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION & ADORATION (IN CHURCH)

*Thursday, December 6, 6:00pm - 7:30pm*

*Thursday, December 13, 6:00pm - 7:30pm*

*Wednesday, December 19th  
3-5:00pm & 7-9:00pm*

*Reconciliation on Saturdays 3:45 - 4:15pm  
in Church, and by appointment.*

Please note:

There will be no Thursday Adoration on 12/20, 12/27, 1/3.  
Thursday Night Adoration resumes in the *Convent* on  
Jan 10, 2019.

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**Dec. 26** Feast Day of our patron, St. Stephen!

*SPIRITUAL OASIS 12/11 @ 7pm, Convent*  
Mary, woman wrapped in silence . . . Mary's Advent meant carrying the Incarnation in her body and preparing for His birth. Together we will use inspired texts, art, and Scripture to contemplate the depth of Mary's "Yes."

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*December 24th at 4:00pm Hall Mass*

Children (ages 4 and up) are needed for the pageant to be sheep, shepherds, wise men, Angels, etc. Costumes are provided. Children (1st grade and older) are needed to perform in the choir. Yes, they can do both!  
Practices begin Sun, Dec 2, 6pm in the Hall.

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### Young Adults (ages 18-39)

**12/2** Moms' Ministry Advent Tea  
1:15 in the Learning Cottage

**12/14** Meet at 9am, Parish Center, to deliver & sort coats at St. Benedict, then lunch!

**12/14** Annual Advent Angel outing: join us for an evening of shopping and dinner.  
Meet at Parish Center 6:30pm

Music Ministry at St. Stephen presents

*Candesco Christmas Concert*  
Sunday, December 9, at 5:00 pm,



Join us for the start of the holiday season with Candesco - three lovely ladies with beautiful voices bringing you Christmas music from the Renaissance through the 20th Century!

There is no charge for the concert; a free-will offering will be taken.