



SAINT CATHERINE CENTER FOR
Special Needs

*2018 Christmas Pageant
on December 21: "The
Message of an Angel"*

"Behold, listen! I bring you news of great joy!"

Set design and rehearsals are underway for our 15th Annual Christmas Pageant on **Friday, December 21st**, at **10 a.m.** at Saint Catherine Center. Each year, the beloved story of the Nativity is recreated with a new script written by Sr. Eileen Boffa, and direction of Sr. Cheryl Driscoll, who teaches at the Academy.

As in previous years, a full troupe of Academy students will reenact the story with narration and song. There is a role for everyone--including angels!

The Christmas Pageant is a popular, must-see event, open to the public. Seating is limited; please arrive promptly. RSVP to [Laura Grozier](#).



*Adult Program
Welcomes New Director*

Mary "Brady" Cronin of Prospect, Conn., has joined Saint Catherine Center as the new Director of Adult Services. She will work closely with Executive Director Helen Burland to coordinate all program functions, from managing staff and developing Individual Plans for our young adult participants, to interfacing with the Department of Developmental Services. She will also work with Eric Spencer, Director of Education at Saint Catherine Academy, to maximize coordination with the school.



Brady comes to the Center with more than a decade of experience in child development and mental health counseling. Most recently she was Program Director for the Level II Therapeutic Group Home at Family & Children's Aid in Danbury. In addition to coordinating daily care and treatment plans for the residents, she was responsible for maintaining all licensing and regulatory requirements. Brady has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Connecticut, and a Master's in Human Services with a concentration in Clinical Counseling from Post University.



Brady feels confident her experience with adolescents will translate comfortably into working with adults with disabilities. "I was born into the field of helping others," Cronin says. (Her mother, Kelly Cronin, was Executive Director of Waterbury Youth Services for 35 years.)

"We're thrilled to have Brady on board," Helen said. "She brings great energy and some excellent skills from her previous work with young adults."

12 Receive Sacraments at Special Needs Mass

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano presided at the annual Mass Celebrating People with Special Needs, hosted by Saint Catherine Center at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, December 2nd.

"Even though it is just the first Sunday of Advent... today is like Christmas," proclaimed Bishop Caggiano to the 12 young people from eight parishes who received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion. "This is one of the most important days of your life," he said. "Thank you for saying 'yes' to Jesus."

Members of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Center board members, and staff joined the celebration. Anna, a student at Saint Catherine Academy, and Natalie from the Adult Day Program gave the readings for the Mass.

Each year, Saint Catherine Center offers the opportunity for individuals with special needs to receive one or more Sacraments of Initiation outside the typical faith formation program. Gail Milkosky, Director



of Parish & Community Support for the Center, worked with Directors of Religious Education throughout the Diocese to coordinate preparation and participation.

“I thank the parents, sponsors, and godparents, who support these young people,” Bishop Caggiano said. He also acknowledged Saint Catherine Center staff for their work with young people with special needs. “They don’t just serve them,” he said, “They love them.”

“It’s so important that we remember that everyone is welcome in our Church and should feel included,” said Helen Burland, Executive Director. “This beautiful Mass reminds us of that.”



*Christmas
Blessings to you
and your family!*

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