Feast of Immaculate Conception is Dec. 8

Catholics throughout Baltimore will celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception – the fact that by God's grace, the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from original sin from the moment of her conception – on Dec. 8. According to the Dictionary of the Liturgy, "the Immaculate Conception is more than just Mary's preservation from evil. It is her fullness of grace."

For Catholics, this feast is a holy day of obligation. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will celebrate Mass at St. Michael, Frostburg, at 9 a.m. and Immaculate Conception in Towson at 7 p.m.