



# ADVENT CALENDAR: CELEBRATING COMFORT AND JOY IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

**SUN DEC 2**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Light one of the violet candles on your Advent wreath as you sing a verse of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

Hanukkah begins at sundown and ends Dec. 10. Wishing our Jewish neighbors and supporters a blessed festival of lights.




**WED DEC 5**

Today, we celebrate the **38th Annual Leadership Breakfast Campaign** in the dining room of Our Daily Bread Employment Center. This campaign is the single, largest source of private support for Catholic Charities' mission and work serving people of all faiths through more than 80 programs across Maryland. Visit [cc-md.org/leadershipbreakfast](http://cc-md.org/leadershipbreakfast).



**THUR DEC 6**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL AT THE BASILICA**

Enjoy this magical night of Christmas music performed by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Baltimore Choral Arts Society, and Davon Fleming of NBC's "The Voice". Proceeds benefit Senior Services. Call 667-600-2028 or visit [cc-md.org/christmasfestival](http://cc-md.org/christmasfestival).

**FRI DEC 7**

Check off your holiday shopping list while also helping to improve the lives of Marylanders in need. Shop **AMAZON SMILE** by visiting [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and designate Associated Catholic Charities, Inc. Amazon will donate .5 percent of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to Catholic Charities.

**SAT DEC 8**

Help the families of **SARAH'S HOUSE** dream of a white Christmas by organizing a linen drive. Give twin-size bedding, towels, and washcloths for families. For more information, contact: **SHChristmasTeam@cc-md.org**. If you are able to donate food, contact [cwillie@cc-md.org](mailto:cwillie@cc-md.org).

**SUN DEC 9**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Light the second violet candle in your Advent wreath.




**MON DEC 10**

Help **HEAD START** parents of Baltimore City and Carroll Counties by donating NEW toys, bikes, electronics or clothing for its annual **Super Store**, a Christmas pop-up shop that allows parents to purchase presents based on points accrued through positive involvement with their child's education.

**WED DEC 12**

Volunteers from **ST. VINCENT'S VILLA**, a residential treatment program for youth in crisis, decorate the campus gym with twinkling trees, giant teddy bears, and trains to create a **Season of Wonder**. Want to help? Mark your calendars to Un-Deck the Halls Sat., Dec. 29.



**SAT DEC 15**

When shopping for groceries, consider picking up an extra box of cereal and/or tea bags (with strings attached) for **OUR DAILY BREAD EMPLOYMENT CENTER'S** meal program which uses 350 tea bags and 105 boxes of cereal every week. Take donations to the back door at 725 Fallsway Baltimore, MD 21202, 7 days week every day until 3:30 p.m. Contact Nick Rudomin, [nrudomin@cc-md.org](mailto:nrudomin@cc-md.org), 667-600-3400.



**SUN DEC 16**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
The Third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. Light the pink candle to symbolize that the arrival of Jesus is nearly here. Rose is a liturgical color that signifies joy.




As the weather turns cold, freezing temperatures can be life-threatening for those experiencing homelessness. **THE WEINBERG HOUSING AND RESOURCE CENTER** creates more beds when temperatures drop below 20 degrees.



**TUE DEC 18**

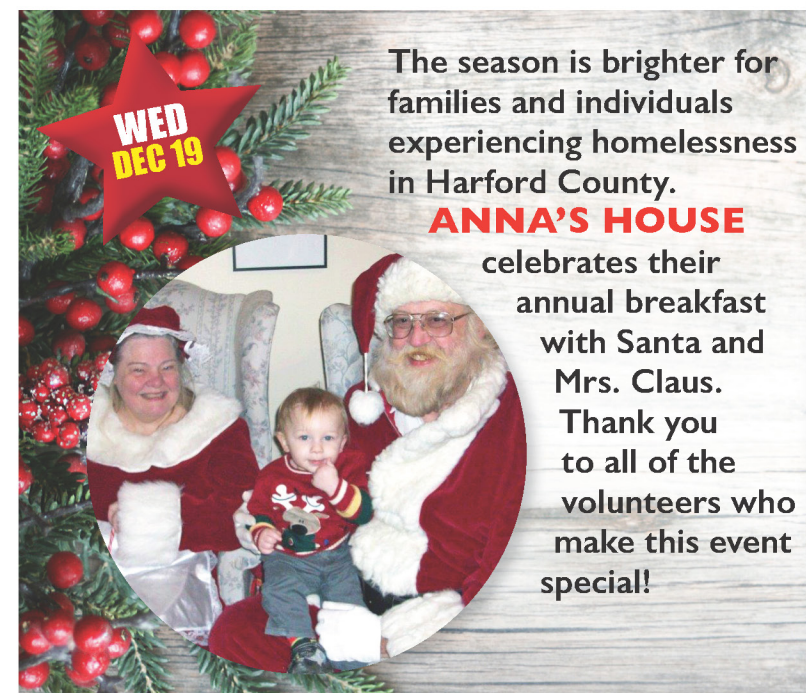
"This present lets me know I am not forgotten."  
~ Jory Williams, temporary resident, Weinberg Housing and Resource Center at Christmas Eve Adopt-a-Resident party.

Participate in **Adopt a Resident** and purchase a Christmas present for an individual temporarily residing at **WEINBERG HOUSING AND RESOURCE CENTER**. Contact [volunteerWHRC@cc-md.org](mailto:volunteerWHRC@cc-md.org) to contribute.



**WED DEC 19**

The season is brighter for families and individuals experiencing homelessness in Harford County. **ANNA'S HOUSE** celebrates their annual breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to all of the volunteers who make this event special!




**THU DEC 20**

Support **MY BROTHER'S KEEPER**, Catholic Charities' newest program located in the Irvington community of West Baltimore that provides meal, job training and case management 7 days a week.

**SUN DEC 23**


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Light the last candle.



**MON DEC 24**

"I have been blessed with people and programs that have offered help and rehabilitation and, more than anything, validation. They have made me feel human again."  
~ Alicia, client

During Advent, do a good deed and donate NEW socks and undergarments to benefit the clients of **MY SISTER'S PLACE WOMEN'S CENTER**, 17 W. Franklin St. Contact: [jreid@cc-md.org](mailto:jreid@cc-md.org), 667-600-3700.



**TUE DEC 25**

Again this year, we thank our friends at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation who will serve turkey and trimmings at **OUR DAILY BREAD EMPLOYMENT CENTER**, allowing other volunteers to celebrate Christmas. We cannot improve lives without our partners.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Light the large white candle in the middle of the wreath.

