

The Johns Hopkins Hospital
Department of Pathology Diversity Calendar
December 2018

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JHH Pathology Diversity Fast Facts

| Observance | Observance Information |
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| World AIDS Day | Commemorates those who have died of AIDs, hopes to increase education and awareness of AIDS, and acknowledges the need for a continued commitment to all those affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. |
| Hanukkah | Hanukkah is an eight-day Jewish observance that remembers the Jewish people's struggle for religious freedom. Hanukkah is joyfully celebrated by lighting a candle on each of the eight days of celebration. This ceremony has given the holiday the additional name of "Festival of Lights." |
| Advent | A Christian season of celebration leading up to the birth of Christ. |
| International Day of Persons with Disabilities | An observance to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights, and well-being of persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity. It also seeks to foster awareness of the importance of integrating persons with disabilities into every aspect of life. |
| Saint Nicholas Day | Some Europeans who immigrated to the United States brought with them beliefs, customs and practices associated with St Nicholas' Day. The legendary figure of St. Nicholas is derived from Nicholas of Myra who officiated as a bishop in 4th century Greece. During his lifetime, he developed a reputation for gift giving by putting coins into other people's shoes, which accounts for many of today's Christmas traditions that involve leaving gifts in shoes or boots. |
| Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | Commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II by the Imperial Japanese Navy. Many American service men and women lost their lives or were injured on December 7, 1941. The day after the attack, the United States declared war on Japan and so entered World War II. President Franklin Roosevelt in a speech to Congress stated that the bombing of Pearl Harbor was "a date which will live in infamy'. |
| Bodhi Day (Buddha's Enlightenment) | This holiday celebrates Buddha's attaining understanding of the truth of existence, freeing himself from all human suffering, and finding perfect happiness. |
| Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Many churches, especially the Catholic Church, in the United States hold special services (or masses) to commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on or close to December 8. The feast focuses on the concept that the centers on the belief that Jesus' mother, the Virgin Mary, was conceived without sin. |
| International Human Rights Day | Established by the United Nations in 1948 to commemorate the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. |
| Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe | A religious holiday in Mexico that honors the belief that Jesus' mother Mary, who is Mexico's patron saint, appeared to a man in Mexico City twice in 1531. This day is particularly special for Americans of Mexican heritage and has grown in popularity, especially in the south-west, including cities such as Los Angeles. |
| Eid Milad Un Nabi | An Islamic holiday commemorating the birthday of the prophet Muhammad. During this celebration, homes and mosques are decorated, large parades take place, and those observing the holiday participate in charity events. |
| St. Lucia's Day | A religious festival of light in Scandinavia and Italy commemorating the martyrdom of St Lucia, a young Christian girl who was killed for her faith, in 304 AD. She secretly brought food to persecuted Christians in Rome while wearing a wreath of candles on her head so both her hands would be free. |
| Las Posadas | A nine-day celebration in Mexico commemorating the trials Mary and Joseph endured during their journey to Bethlehem, including their effort to find an inn, and the events associated with the birth of Jesus. The celebration includes a candlelight procession, representing the star that guided the three wise men, and the breaking of a <i>piñata for the children</i> , a decorated clay container filled with toys and candy. |
| Pan American Aviation Day | Pan American Aviation Day was first observed on December 17, 1940. It celebrates and stimulates interest in aviation in the western hemisphere as an important way to develop more rapid communications and cultural development between the countries in the western hemisphere. |

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| The Winter Solstice | Celebrated by Pagans and Wiccans, the shortest day of the year represents a celebration focusing on rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings as the sun makes way back to the earth. A solstice is an astronomical event that happens twice each year when the Sun reaches its highest position in the sky. |
| Christmas | Most Christians observe Christmas to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and it is a public holiday in many countries worldwide. Christmas is a family-oriented holiday with special foods, colorful decorations, and exchanging of gifts, with varying family traditions of how the holiday is celebrated. |
| Boxing Day | A holiday celebrated on the day after Christmas Day. It originated in the United Kingdom and is celebrated in a number of countries that are commonwealth nations. Perhaps the most widely held understanding of its origins comes from the tradition of wealthier members of society giving servants and tradesmen a so-called "Christmas Box" containing money and gifts on the day after Christmas as a reward for a year's worth of service. In Ireland, Boxing Day is also known as "St. Stephen's Day". Parishioners collect money for the poor in alms boxes that are opened on the day after Christmas, in honor of Saint Stephen who was stoned to death for believing in Jesus, and whose feast day falls on December 26. |
| Kwanzaa | Kwanzaa was first celebrated on December 26, 1966. The festival was created in the United States by scholar and cultural activist Dr. Maulana Karenga to give those of African descent a holiday to celebrate their own cultural heritage and the key values of family and community. |
| New Year's Eve | Celebrated on the last day of the year, New Year's Eve is a major social holiday for many people in the United States. Many people hold parties at home or attend special celebrations to celebrate the upcoming New Year. A particularly striking aspect of the New Year's Eve festivities is the ball drop in Times Square in Manhattan, New York City. The event is shown on television across the United States and around the world and has been held every year since 1907, except during World War II. |

Local Events with a Diversity Focus

| Activity: | When: | Where: | Additional Information: |
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| Asia in Maryland: Expressing Cross-Cultural Experience This exhibition brings together the work of artists in Maryland who are Asian, Asian American, and other artists whose work has been inspired by Asia to explore the rich connections among art, Asia, and Maryland. | Until 12/8/18 | The Asian Arts & Culture Center at Towson University, Towson | https://www.towson.edu/campus/arts/culture/centers/asianarts/ |
| Christmas Village in Baltimore Running for its 6th season, Christmas Village in Baltimore will transform West Shore Park at Baltimore's Inner Harbor into an authentic German Christmas market. | Until 12/24/18 | Pratt and Light Streets, Baltimore | http://www.baltimore-christmas.com/ |
| We The People - How Civic Engagement Has Shaped Laurel Exhibit From saving the Laurel railroad station, to fighting for school integration, this timely exhibit demonstrates how engaged average citizens shaped and continue to shape the story of one town | Until 12/19 | Laurel Museum, Laurel | https://www.laurelhistoricalsociety.org/exhibits.html |
| Monday Night English Country Dance English Country Dancing is joyous, lively movement to elegant music in a friendly, informal setting. The figures are simple, and each dance is taught and walked through. New dancers are always welcome. Come alone or with a friend. | Until 12/30/2019 | The Church of the Nativity & Holy Comforter, Baltimore | https://bfms.org/mondayDance.php |
| The Return of the Buddha This one-object installation focuses on the Walters' renowned 6th-century lacquer Buddha. This life-size sculpture, the earliest surviving object of its kind, has awed audiences with its magnificence and remarkable history. | Until 1/6/2019 | Walter's Art Museum, Baltimore | https://thewalters.org/experience/exhibitions/the-return-of-the-buddha/ |
| Subverting Beauty - African Anti-Aesthetics Subverting Beauty features approximately two dozen works from sub-Saharan African's colonial period (c. 1880–c. 1960) that are accumulative, composite, crude, uncanny, and disproportionate. | Until 6/2/2019 | The Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore | https://artbma.org/exhibitions/anti-aesthetics |

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| Olde Tyme Christmas Fells point transformed to a winter wonderland, ending the day with a tree lighting in Broadway square and the annual lighted boat parade. | 12/1/18 | Baltimore- Fells Point | https://fellspointmainstreet.org/events/otc/ |
| Mayor's Christmas Parade | 12/2/18 1pm | Baltimore - Hampden | http://www.mayorschristmasparade.com/ |
| Monument Lighting 47 th annual lighting of the Washington Monument for the holidays | 12/6/18 | Baltimore | https://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/events/default.aspx?eid=1401e678-1756-e411-af77-000c29c83df1 |
| Kris Kringle Procession Celebrate Old World Holiday magic with a parade of yesteryear's German/English characters & favorites Frosty, Rudolph & Kris Kringle. Ends with the lighting of Frederick City's Tree. | 12/7/18 | From Downtown Frederick to Baker Park Band Shell, Frederick | https://www.celebratefrederick.com/events/holidays/events/kris-kringle-procession/ |
| Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony Historic Ships in Baltimore honors those who served during WWII with a memorial ceremony on board USCGC TANEY, the last surviving vessel afloat today to witness the December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. | 12/7/18 | USCGC TANEY, Inner Harbor Baltimore | http://www.historicships.org/Pearl_Harbor_Memorial.html |
| Frederick Douglass in Washington DC The remarkable journey of Frederick Douglass from fugitive slave to famed orator and author is well documented, yet little has been written about Douglass's final years in Washington, D.C. Hear the story of Douglass's professional and personal life after he moved to the district, and became a prominent city official. | 12/7/18 | Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring | https://www.sandyspringmuseum.org/event/history-happy-hour-2/ |
| A Christmas Carol Ebenezer Scrooge is transplanted to Victorian Baltimore in this unique adaptation of the classic Christmas ghost story. Local history and Chesapeake culture are evident in this "still true to its origin" play. | 12/7-23/ 2018 | Chesapeake Shakespeare Company, Baltimore | https://www.chesapeakehakespeare.com/season/a-christmas-carol-2018/ |
| Christmas Bazaar & Festival of Lights Whether you need a place to do some Christmas shopping, want great Eastern European food or just need to get you into the spirit of the holidays, join us for an event that will offer all this and more including artists and entertainment. | 12/8/18 | St. Mary's Catholic Church, Joppa | http://slavicfest.wixsite.com/christmasbazaar/about |
| Dollar Days In the spirit of the holidays, enjoy admission to Baltimore museums and attractions | 12/8-9/2018 | Baltimore- various locations | http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/events/default.aspx?eid=1B98A68A-EE70-E411-A817-000C29C83DF1 |
| Handel's Messiah | 12/8-9/2018 | Baltimore- Meyerhoff Symphony Hall | http://bsomusic.org/ |
| Houdini Comes Alive A living history performance shows how Erich Weiss became Harry Houdini and investigates the technologies, marketing prowess and entertainment trends that transformed him into a superstar. | 12/9/18 | Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore | http://jewishmuseummd.org/single/houdini-comes-alive/ |
| Thailand Loy Krathong Festival Celebrate Loy Krathong—Thailand's beautiful family festival. During Loy Krathong, people send candlelit flowers (krathong) carrying wishes down rivers. Join us for krathong making, traditional performances, food and more. | 12/9/18 | KID Museum, Bethesda | https://kid-museum.org/cultural-programming/thailand-2018/ |
| Carol of the King - The Irish Dance Christmas Spectacular Magnificent Irish artists perform lightning-fast hard-shoe rhythms and graceful soft-shoe jigs set to the heartwarming music of treasured Christmas melodies. | 12/11/18 | Frostburg State University, Frostburg | https://www.frostburg.edu/cultural-events-series/main-stage/Carol-of-the-king.php |
| Baltimore Chanukah Festival Lighting of the 2 nd largest menorah in the world | 12/12/18 | Baltimore - Inner Harbor | https://www.bmorejewish.com/calendar/view/day.asp?tdate=12/2/2018 |
| The Afro-Semitic Experience A band that combines an eclectic array of styles, sophisticated musicianship, good songwriting, deep grooves, and years of friendship with a simple message: Unity in the Community. | 12/13/18 | The Opera House, Have de Grace | https://hdgoperahouse.org/event/the-afro-semitic-experience/ |

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| <p>The Women's Suffrage Movement with Nicholas Redding The centennial anniversary of women's suffrage is coming up fast, and we're taking a look at the wonderful women who made it happen.</p> | 12/14/18 | Miller House Museum, Hagerstown | https://www.eventbrite.com/e/culture-cocktails-the-womens-suffrage-movement-with-nicholas-redding-tickets-51265552648 |
| <p>Cirque Nutcracker</p> | 12/14-16/2018 | Baltimore-Meyerhoff Symphony Hall | http://bsomusic.org/ |
| <p>2nd Saturday Contra Dance Baltimore Folk Music Society presents Contrabands & Squares. You don't need a partner.</p> | 12/14/18 | Church of Nativity & Holy Comforter, Baltimore | http://www.bfms.org/saturdayDance.php |
| <p>Kwanzaa Holiday Book Fair & Author Showcase Meet local authors and choose from an amazing selection of new and used books celebrating Pan African life and culture. Enjoy door prizes, swag bags, and vendors.</p> | 12/15/18 | Wiley H. Bates Legacy Center, Annapolis | https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kwanzaa-holiday-book-fair-and-author-showcase-tickets-49781693385 |
| <p>From Beer Halls to the Palace - The Rise and Demise of American Vaudeville Learn about vaudeville history, famous Jewish vaudevillians including Harry Houdini, and vaudeville in Baltimore. Corny old jokes will be re-told, songs will be presented, and many photographs will be shared.</p> | 12/16/18 | Jewish Museum of Maryland, Baltimore | http://jewishmuseummd.org/single-from-beer-halls-to-the-palace/ |
| <p>Hunt Valley Wind Ensemble Winter Concert A free family-friendly event, will celebrate the spirit of the season, featuring some new takes on Christmas classics, a medley of Jewish songs and other holiday-themed favorites</p> | 12/16/18 | Parkville High School, Baltimore | https://www.huntvalleywindensemble.org/performances |
| <p>Gospel Christmas with Cece Winans</p> | 12/21/18 | Baltimore-Meyerhoff Symphony Hall | http://bsomusic.org/ |
| <p>Holiday Pops</p> | 12/22-23/18 | Baltimore-Meyerhoff Symphony Hall | http://bsomusic.org/ |
| <p>Kwanzaa Celebration Featuring African dance, storytelling, drumming performances, workshops, traditional crafts and an African Marketplace.</p> | 12/29/18 | Reginald F. Lewis Museum, Baltimore | https://lewismuseum.org/event/kwanzaa-celebration-2018/ |
| <p>Scottish First Footing Come out and enjoy this Scottish (and Brunswick) tradition to sweep in the New Year. The Frederick Drums and Pipes will perform several selections and at midnight will play Auld Lang Syne.</p> | 12/31/18 | Square Corner Park, Brunswick | https://www.visitfrederick.org/event/scottish-first-footing/8856/ |