The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. It provides programming and support for students, faculty, and staff who want to engage with issues of religion, spirituality, ethics, and culture. The chaplaincy offers a range of services and events, including prayer, meditation, counseling, and support groups.

Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

- **Christmas**
  - **December 25**: Celebrates the anniversary of the birth (nativity) of Jesus. December 25 is the date of this observance for Roman Catholic, Protestant, and many Orthodox Christian churches.
  - **December 20, 2021**: Christmas

- **Winter Solstice**
  - **December 20, 2021**: Celebrating the longest night and the blessings of darkness as well as the rebirth of the sun god.

- **Epiphany**
  - **January 3, 2022**: Signifying the end of the 12 days of Christmas, Epiphany celebrates the visit of the Three Kings to the infant Jesus.

- **Tradition: Sikhism**

- **Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic**

- **Tradition: Christianity-Orthodox**

- **New Year’s Eve**
  - **December 31, 2021 – January 4, 2022**: Traditionally, people light candles and make wishes for the new year.

- **Kwanzaa**
  - **December 26 to January 1, 2022**: Celebrating the values of family, community, and culture.

- **Hanukkah**
  - **December 28 to January 5, 2022**: Eight days of Hanukkah include candle lighting and a reflection with Rabbi Brawer, and at 6:00pm, sushi appetizers, Motzi, Kiddush.

- **Tufts Hillel**
  - **December 9, 2021**: Join Tufts Hillel at the Granoff Family Hillel Center for the final Shabbat service of the semester. The evening will include candle lighting and a reflection with Rabbi Brawer, and at 6:00pm, sushi appetizers, Motzi, Kiddush.

- **Harvard Square Homeless Shelter Volunteering with the Catholic Chaplaincy**
  - **January 4, 2022**: Wednesday Breakfast Shift (leave campus 6 AM and return 9:30 AM); sign up today through email.

- **Harvard Square Homeless Shelter**
  - **Wednesday, January 26, 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (tentatively)**: Sign up to serve food during this observance.

- **Pax et Lux**
  - **December 9, 2021**: A Multifaith Winter Celebration at Goddard Chapel.
  - **December 17, 2021 - January 1, 2022**: The fusion dances by the Tufts Ballroom Team and WuZee; awe at the a cappella and ensemble singing of Shir Appeal; stories, personal reflections and poetry shared by students and chaplains; awe at the artful movement and Chinese opera; Reiki healing and more.

- **Pax et Lux Multifaith Winter Celebration**
  - **December 9, 2021**: I experienced awe. Awe at the sacred stories, personal reflections and poetry shared by students and chaplains; awe at the artful movement and Chinese opera; Reiki healing and more.

- **Pax et Lux: A Multifaith Celebration**
  - **December 9, 2021**: Performers and story-tellers from the Pax et Lux Multifaith Winter Celebration.

- **Host the Celebrations**
  - **January 26, 2022**: The event is hosted by the Muslim Chaplaincy. All students are welcome.

- **Upcoming Events**
  - **January 26, 2022**: Join the Interfaith Student Council and University Chaplaincy for a moment to pause, share food and company, and excellent skills that are transferrable to life at Tufts and beyond.

- **Apply to Be a Resident Assistant**
  - **January 26, 2022**: Apply to be a resident assistant if you are interested in signing up or learning more about the commitment that both Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King shared to deep care of one another, self, and public harmony.

- **Rev. Dr. King and Coretta Scott King**
  - **February 3, 2022**: Wednesday at 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the chapel. Free event. This evening is hosted by the University Chaplaincy and is open to all. It will have time for impromptu sharing and materials available to inspire you.

- **From Anthony Cruz Pantojas, Humanist Chaplain**
  - **February 3, 2022**: May all dangers be averted and all disease be gone. By the power of every moment of your goodness, may your heart’s wishes be soon fulfilled as magically as by a wish-fulfilling gem, as completely shining as the bright full moon. From Anthony Cruz Pantojas, Humanist Chaplain.

- **From Dan Bell, Protestant Chaplain**
  - **February 3, 2022**: Take fear, worry, and despair from your heart this season, and give you instead the best Christmas gifts of all—peace, love, hope, freedom, and joy! From Dan Bell, Protestant Chaplain.

- **From Penny Sugden, Muslim Chaplain**
  - **February 3, 2022**: May you be a light that shines in the darkness of this world, that brings hope, love, and peace to everyone. From Penny Sugden, Muslim Chaplain.