The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the university community. It is dedicated to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment that respects and celebrates diversity.

### Holidays

- **Passover**
  - Celebrated for eight days and commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. It begins with the Seder, a ritual meal that re-enacts that ancient event.

- **Good Friday**
  - A solemn day of reflection and mourning for the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. It is observed by many Christian denominations and is often marked by public services and private reflection.

- **Mahavir Jayanti**
  - Celebrated by adherents of Jainism, it marks the birthday of Lord Mahavira, the last of the 24 Jain Tirthankaras. It is a day of fasting, meditation, and prayer.

- **Vaisakhi**
  - A Sikh observance that celebrates the creation of the Khalsa (the “Brotherhood of the Pure”) in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh. It is a day of rejoicing and reflection.

- **Easter**
  - A significant Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is observed with a variety of traditions, including the Pascha. In some churches, Palm Sunday is combined with the anticipation of Christ’s death and so is also known as the coming of the Lord.

- **Ramadan**
  - The holy month of fasting for Muslims, who abstain from food and drink from dawn to dusk. It is a time of spiritual reflection and community. Ramadan 2022 will begin on Saturday, April 2nd, and continue until Sunday, April 2nd.

- **Earth Day**
  - Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Pascha. It is observed with palm branches, signifying victory, and commemorated, sometimes with a foot washing ceremony, continuing into Good Friday, when the death of Christ is remembered.

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### Event Highlights

- **Tufts Earth Month**
  - A month-long celebration of sustainability and environmental stewardship. Activities include workshops, lectures, and community events.

- **Easter Dinner with CCT and PSA**
  - A delicious meal hosted by the Catholic and Protestant communities. It is a time to come together and celebrate the Easter season.

- **Join Tufts Hindu Student Council (HSC) and Tufts Association of South Asians (TASA)**
  - In celebrating our favorite festival of light, Diwali. The event is open to everyone and will include food, music, and traditional activities.

- **Hungry for Justice: One Jumbo’s Journey to Overcome Hunger**
  - An event focusing on hunger awareness and action. It includes a panel discussion and interactive sessions to raise awareness and encourage action.

- **StAAR Center Hiring Graduate Writing Consultants**
  - The StAAR Center is looking for graduate writing consultants to work individually with both undergraduate and graduate student writers in all Tufts programs. Applications are due by April 18.

- **Support the University Chaplaincy**
  - The Office of Religious and Spiritual Life is inviting donations to support the chaplaincy’s work in promoting community, diversity, and well-being. Contributions can be made online or by mail.

- **Applying for University Chaplaincy Positions**
  - The University Chaplaincy is hiring for several positions, including an Interfaith Ambassador and a Writing Consultant. Applications are due by April 10, but the portal will stay open through April 20.

- **Interfaith Ambassador Team**
  - This team works directly on programs and events, such as the Pax et Lux concert and the Russell Sage Lecture. They are open to students and alumni who are interested in interfaith engagement and community building.

- **Senior & Young Alumni Awards**
  - A new initiative to honor and uplift the contributions of our graduating seniors and young alumni across all religious and philosophical communities. Nominations are now being accepted.

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For more information or to get involved, please contact the University Chaplaincy office at chaplaincy@tufts.edu. We look forward to seeing you soon!