The Tufts University Chaplaincy is pleased to announce the hire of the Student Coordinator and Student Support Staffer for the 2020 CAFE (Conversation, Action, Faith, and Education) Pre-Orientation program. CAFE is designed to integrate faith and spirituality into students' lives, offering a platform for students to explore their religious beliefs, values, and practices. The program aims to foster a shared passion for understanding and creating change in ourselves and our communities. This year, we are lucky to have Priya Sraman as our CAFE Coordinator and Daniel Bell as our Student Support Staffer.

Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals

- **Palm Sunday**
  - Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Resurrection Sunday.
  - Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
  - Sunday, 4.5.2020

- **Mahavir Jayanti**
  - Celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira. Born with the name Vardhamana in ca. 599 BCE, he was later given the titles of honor, Mahavira (“Great Hero”) and Jina (“Conqueror” or “Victor”), a title applied also to the other 22 Tirthankaras.
  - Tradition: Jainism
  - Thursday, 3.26.2020

- **Harvard Divinity School**
  - The anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.
  - Thursday, 3.26.2020

Visit chaplaincy.tufts.edu/contact/ to see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals.

A Note From the University Chaplain

As we continue to navigate the challenges of the unfolding global pandemic, I want to share a few reflections. I'm trying to take time each day to refuel and remember the gift of just being close by sharing some of what is grounding me these days:

- Spending time with my family and friends
- Reading and writing
- Practicing mindfulness
- Connecting with my faith community

I am sending blessings of health and peace from all of us here at Tufts University Chaplaincy. Please let us know if you are in need of support. Our Chaplains are available by email, phone, and Zoom to offer conversation, counsel, prayers, or simply a listening ear.

Do you have a short reflection you’d like to share with the chaplaincy? We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to share your thoughts and reflections with us. We are here for you.

Please contact the Program Manager, Nora Bond, at PriestPriya.Sraman@tufts.edu for more information.

Join the events via Zoom by clicking here on this planet, doing work I care about. Think about what refuels you.

Congratulations to the CAFE Coordinator and Support Staffer!