Supporting dynamic programs at Tufts University in religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life is easy and vital to our mission. You can contact the University Chaplaincy at chaplaincy@tufts.edu or through our website at chaplaincy.tufts.edu.

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Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals

- **Maundy Thursday, 4.2.2020**: Ramanavami, the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. Tradition: Zoroastrianism
- **Good Friday, 4.3.2020**: Easter, the most important Christian holiday, celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
- **Sunday, 4.5.2020**: Easter Sunday, also known as Pascha, is the most important Christian holiday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In some churches, Palm Sunday is combined with the anticipation of Christ's death and so is also known as Holy Week. Tradition: Christianity-Protestant, Christianity-Roman Catholic
- **Thursday, 4.2.2020**: Ramanavami, the anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. Tradition: Zoroastrianism
- **Friday, 4.10.2020**: Simchat Torah, a religious holiday that marks the end of the annual reading cycle in the Jewish Torah. Tradition: Judaism

Religious and Philosophical Life Programs

- **April 9 - Faith & Doubt**: A conversation with Muslim Chaplain Abdul-Malik. Join in a conversation with Muslim Chaplain Abdul-Malik on the topic of faith and doubt. Email danbell@tufts.edu for more information.
- **April 7 - Branching Out**: A conversation with Multifaith Chaplain Elliot Pavlovich about his journey of faith at Tufts. Email elliotp@tufts.edu for more information.
- **April 1 - Belonging**: A conversation with Buddhist Chaplain Jenny Howe Peace. Email jennyhowe@tufts.edu for more information.

Coffee and Kabbalah with Rabbi Naftali Brawer

- **Coffee and Kabbalah**: A short spiritual reflection over excellent coffee with Rabbi Naftali Brawer. All are welcome as we gather virtually to exchange hellos, turn on our hearts or mind. You can go to the Tufts Buddhist Sangha Facebook group for more information.

Relying on my faith in these turbulent times

- **Persevering through the Pandemic**: A reflection by Jennifer Peace, University Chaplain, on how religion affected someone's life, but when I look back, I realize that it was the friends that kept me going. You can read more about Elliot's journey of faith at Tufts here.

Check-In with a Chaplain

- **Check-In with a Chaplain**: A conversation with a chaplain about their role and how they can support students at Tufts University. You can contact a Chaplain's name below to schedule a time for conversation, meditation, prayer, or to chat about anything else on your mind.

A Note From the University Chaplain

- **A Note From the University Chaplain**: Warmly, Jennifer Howe Peace, University Chaplain at Tufts University. I am sending blessings of health and peace from all of us here at Tufts University Chaplaincy. Please let us know if there are particular ways we can continue to support you as you finish your spring semester.

Congratulations to the CAFE (Conversation, Action, Faith, and Education) Pre-Orientation Program Staffer

- **Congratulations to the CAFE (Conversation, Action, Faith, and Education) Pre-Orientation Program Staffer**: Elliot Pavlovich, E20, who is the Staffer for the 2020 CAFE (Conversation, Action, Faith, and Education) Pre-Orientation program. CAFE is designed to introduce first-year students to campus resources and community. You can find more information here.

Harvard Divinity School

- **Announcing Wendell Phillips Baccalaureate Speaker**: Tufts University Chaplain, Jennifer Peace, will give the 2020 Baccalaureate address at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please click here.

Other Resources

- **Staff Directory**: You can find more information about CAFE at our website. Please contact our Program Manager, Nora Bond, at norabond@tufts.edu for more information.

About the University Chaplaincy

- **About the University Chaplaincy**: We are in a new and unexpected moment. We have all been impacted in so many different ways in the wake of this crisis. While much has changed, much remains the same. Tufts University Chaplaincy is still here, albeit in virtual spaces where we can continue to support you.

Acknowledging the grief and uncertainty caused by all the losses, both large and small, ushered in by the coronavirus. An article helped me name this need. The way you are showing up in life and how you are supporting others is causing me to think about how we can be of help in these times. You are more than enough. I feel deeply grateful for you.

Here on this planet, doing work I care about. Think about what refuels you. What are the moments of life that make you feel renewed? We are looking forward to acknowledging the challenges, opportunities, and moments of hope with you this year as we continue our work.

We encourage you to reach out to your chaplain, fellow students, and friends for support. If you need support with your mental health, please contact the Tufts University Counseling and Development Center at 617-627-5090. If you are in crisis, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-222-6813.

Closer to home, you can find prayer and support in the Tufts Buddhist Sangha, Catholic Campus Ministry, Multifaith Chaplaincy, Muslim Chaplaincy, Protestant Chaplaincy, or other religious and philosophical programs. You can find more information here.