



JUNE

5 RAMADAN BEGINS (AT SUNSET)

Patience, humility, spirituality. A month of daylight fasting beginning with the first sighting of the new moon and continuing until Eid al-Fitr. Ramadan commemorates the revelation of the first verses of the Qur'an.

13 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S DAY

Sacred to Italy. Italian grandmothers will offer novenas today.

14 FLAG DAY

Commemorates the adoption of the Stars & Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

16 BLOOMSDAY

A literary holiday derived from James Joyce's *Ulysses*. The day commemorates Leopold Bloom's adventures through the City of Dublin, June 16, 1904.

19 FATHER'S DAY

We honor and cherish today fathers given and fathers chosen. This year, it's also the 151st anniversary of **JUNETEENTH**, the hard-earned freedom celebration reminding us to never become complacent about our liberties.

20 SUMMER SOLSTICE **6:34 PM IN LAKE WORTH**

It's the longest day of the year.

22 FESTA DEI GIGLI (FEAST OF THE LILIES)

Great decorated towers are paraded upon the shoulders of men through the Italian city of Nola celebrating St. Paulinus, whose feast day is today.

23 ST. JOHN'S EVE

Midsummer revels begin on this night of bonfires, feasting, storytelling, divination, magic and revelry. This is the very night of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

24 ST. JOHN'S DAY / OLD MIDSUMMER

Summer may have just begun by the almanac, but in tradition it begins at the start of May with May Day, making the solstice summer's natural midpoint. The Solstice and St. John's Day are linked through the ages as "Old Midsummer."



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