

# J U L Y



*A dreamy midsummer night in Sweden*

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## *ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA'S DAY*

Sacred to Italy. Italian grandmothers will light candles today; some have been offering prayers since the month began.

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## *FLAG DAY*

The Stars and Stripes was adopted as the banner of the United States on this day in 1777.

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## *BLOOMSDAY*

Literary holiday based on the James Joyce novel *Ulysses*, marking Leopold Bloom's journey through Dublin this day in 1904.

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## *JUNETEENTH*

This African American celebration dates to June 19, 1865, when enslaved people in Texas received news of their emancipation. The process was gradual throughout the South. Here in Florida, the news came on May 20 of that year. And still we strive for equality.

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## *FATHER'S DAY*

We honor and cherish today our fathers: those who were given to us, and those we have chosen.

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## *MIDSUMMER SOLSTICE*

*11:32 PM IN LAKE WORTH*

Summer begins in the Northern Hemisphere, as the sun reaches its highest point at the Tropic of Cancer, creating our longest day, shortest night.

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## *ST. JOHN'S EVE*

An old celebration of outdoor revels with fireside storytelling, divination, and feasting. William Shakespeare found it a most auspicious time for midsummer night's dreaming.

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## *ST. JOHN'S DAY, OLD MIDSUMMER*

Summer has just begun by the almanac, but it is midsummer by traditional reckoning of time, for now daily sunlight begins to wane.



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The solstice brings long days and Old Midsummer to the Northern Hemisphere.

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