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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

This literary holiday is based on the James Joyce novel *Ulysses*. Celebrants recreate Leopold Bloom's journey through Dublin this day in 1904.

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

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JUNETEENTH

This African American celebration dates to June 19, 1865, when enslaved people in Texas received news of their emancipation.

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MIDSUMMER SOLSTICE

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

Another of the nights of the year long considered magical, marked with outdoor feasting, divination, and storytelling. William Shakespeare found it a most auspicious time for midsummer night's dreaming.

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ST. JOHN'S DAY, OLD MIDSUMMER

Now it is summer by the almanac, but by traditional reckoning of time, it is midsummer, for daily sunlight has already begun to wane on the approach to the December solstice.



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St. John's Eve at solstice time brings the magic of Old Midsummer Night and all its dreaming. "The Marriage of Oberon and Titania," from William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, was painted by John Anster Fitzgerald, circa late 19th or early 20th century. Convivio Book of Days June 2022.