



Master Religious Calendar

2017 Date	2018 Date	2019 Date	2020 Date	Holy Day	Faith Group(s)	Work Prohibited	Special Menu	Dietary Considerations	Religious Services, Items Required & Other Information. (General Population only)
1/8/17	1/8/18	1/8/19	1/8/20	Drew Ali's Birthday	Moorish Science Temple	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moorish Science Temple offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders. Meal will be served from the regular menu Special meeting or service may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.
2/12/17	2/12/218	2/12/19	2/21/20	Darwin Day	Humanism	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening of February 12. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
2/26/17	2/26/18	2/26/19	2/26/20	Savior's Day	Nation of Islam	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nation of Islam offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders. Meal will be served from the regular menu Special meeting or observance authorized in conjunction with or separate from meal. If requested by Nation of Islam Volunteer, institutions may change the date of this observance in order for the volunteer to provide information from the National Meeting.
3/9/17	2/28/18	3/20/19	3/9/20	Fast of Esther	Judaism/Messianic Judaism	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight. Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt). Meals will be served from the regular menu or Common Fare menu if offender is on Common Fare The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders may hold a special worship/prayer service on this date; day or evening. Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders, these two groups should each have their own separate service
	2/22/18	2/22/19	2/22/20	Allah's Physical Birthday (Father's Day)	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight. Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt). Meals will be served from the regular menu or Common Fare menu if offender is on Common Fare The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset



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3/12/17	3/1/18	3/21/19	3/10/20	Purim	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders may be allowed a group meal (lunch or dinner). Meals may be served at the same time, but the groups should eat separately Meals will be served from the regular menu Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders may hold a special worship/prayer service on this date; day or evening. Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders, these two groups should each have their own separate service
4/11/17 thru 4/18/17	3/31/18 thru 4/7/18	4/20/19 thru 4/27/19	4/9/20 thru 4/16/20	Passover	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God	Yes for the entire 8 days of Passover.	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Chief of Corrections Operations, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Passover in DOC facilities.
4/16/17	4/1/18	4/21/19	4/12/20	Easter	Catholic/ Christian	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required Usual Easter Services will be provided on Sunday
4/11/17	3/31/18	3/21/19	3/19/20	Lord's Evening Meal	Jehovah's Witnesses	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required Unleavened bread/matzo and grape juice provided. Items to be purchased by the facility using commissary funds. An approved Jehovah's Witness elder may bring in and consume (1o.z.) of red wine during the service. A group service is authorized to be held after sundown. Unleavened Bread/Matzo may be passed around the group only. Grape Juice, not wine, may also be passed around the group.
4/13/18	4/13/19	4/13/20	4/13/20	Vaisakhi (Sikh Solar New Year)	Sikh	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement. Many Sikh's also do not eat beef.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sikh offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders. Meal will be served from the regular menu Special meeting or service may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal. A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.



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5/1/17	5/1/18	5/1/19	5/1/20	Beltane (May Day)	Wicca/ Druidry- Celtic	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening of May 1st. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
5/4/17	5/3/18	5/2/19	5/7/20	National Day of Reason	Humanism	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humanism offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Meals will be served from the regular menu A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
5/31/17 thru 6/1/17	5/20/18 thru 5/21/18	6/9/19 thru 6/10/19	5/29/20 thru 5/30/20	Shavuot	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God	Yes	No	At least one dairy product should be provided on each of these two days; already provided on menu. No additional milk product required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required Shavuot begins at sundown on the day preceding (a/k/a Festival of Weeks or Pentecost) A worship service may be held on each of these two days any time of day or evening.
5/10/17	5/29/18	5/19/19	5/7/20	Vesak (Buddha Day)	Buddhist	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddhist offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Meal will be served from the regular menu or alternate menu. A worship service may be held any time of day or evening
	6/16/18	6/15/19	6/13/20	Show and Prove	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	Not a fast day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required A group service or meeting for Nation of Gods and Earths offenders, only is authorized during the day or evening. No personal guests or non-Nation of Gods and Earths offenders authorized No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available. DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
6/21/17	6/21/18	6/21/19	6/20/20	Summer Solstice	Asatru	Yes	No	Pork should be served; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asatru offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Meals will be served from the regular menu Worship service is permitted any time of the day or evening and may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal.
6/21/17	6/21/18	6/21/19	6/20/20	Summer Solstice	Native American	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native American offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Special ceremony or service authorized.



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5/27/17 thru 6/24/17	5/16/18 thru 6/14/18	5/6/19 thru 6/4/19	4/24/19 thru 5/23/20	Ramadan/ Month of Fasting	Muslim/ Nation of Islam/ Moorish Science Temple	No	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Chief of Corrections Operations, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan, Nation of Islam and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting.
7/23/17	7/23/18	7/23/19	7/23/20	Haille Selaisse's Birthday	Rastafarian	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rastafarian offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders. Meal will be served from the regular menu Special ceremony or service authorized.
6/25/17	6/15/18	6/5/19	5/24/20	Eid-ul-Fitr	Muslim/Nati on of Islam, Moorish Science Temple	Yes	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Chief of Corrections Operations, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan, Nation of Islam and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting to include the Eid-ul-Fitr.
	8/25/18	8/31/19	8/29/20	Allah Tribute Day	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	Not a fast day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required A group service or meeting for Nation of Gods and Earths offenders, only is authorized during the day or evening. No personal guests or non-Nation of Gods and Earths offenders authorized No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available. DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
9/21/17 thru 9/22/17	9/10/18 thru 9/11/18	9/30/19 thru 10/1/19	9/19/20 thru 9/20/20	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required Begins at sundown on the day preceding and is a 2 day observance ending at sundown on the second day A worship/prayer service may be held.
9/24/17	9/12/18	10/2/19	9/21/20	Fast of Gedaliah (Tishri 3)	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight. Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt) Meals will be served from the regular menu or Common Fare menu if offender is on Common Fare The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders may hold a special worship/prayer service on this date; day or evening. Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders, these two groups should each have their own separate service
9/1/17	8/22/18	8/11/19	7/31/20	Eid-ul-Adha	Muslim/Nati on of Islam,	Yes	Yes		A memorandum will be issued from the Chief of Corrections Operations, annually providing specific instructions for the Observance of Ramadan,



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					Moorish Science Temple				Nation of Islam and Moorish Science Temple of America Month of Fasting to include the Eid-ul- Adha.
9/30/17	9/19/18	10/9/19	9/28/20	Yom Kippur (begins at sundown on the day preceding)	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jews, Messianic Jews, Yahwists and Philadelphia Church of God fast the entire day beginning at sundown the day preceding (approx. 25 - 26 hours total) Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt) Meals will be served from the regular menu Offenders authorized a group meal at the institutions discretion or individually. Prayer/worship service should be held on the evening of the previous day or during the day of Yom Kippur
10/5/17 thru 10/13/17	9/24/18 thru 10/2/18	10/14/19 thru 10/22/19	10/3/20 thru 10/11/20	Sukkoth	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/ Yahwists/ Philadelphia Church of God	Yes	No	No.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required Sukkoth begins at sundown on the day preceding (a/k/a Feast of Tabernacles) for a total of 9 days A worship service may be held any time of day or evening on Day 1 and 2; 8 and 9. No services during days 3-7.
	10/28/18	10/10/19	10/10/20	Year One (Birth of the Nation of Gods and Earths)	Nation of Gods and Earths	Yes	No	No pork or pork derivatives; if pork is on regular menu, alternate entrée on Standardized Menu meets this dietary requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast meal to be provided before astronomical twilight. Dinner meal to be provided after sundown with a bag meal provided and taken back to the cell or living area. (Bag meal to be consumed within four hours of receipt). Meals will be served from the regular menu or Common Fare menu if offender is on Common Fare The fast is from astronomical twilight to sunset Nation of Gods and Earths offenders may hold a special worship/prayer service on this date; day or evening. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but should be volunteer led, when available.
10/31/17	10/31/18	10/31/19	10/31/20	Samhain	Wicca/ Druidry- Celtic	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wicca and Druidry-Celtic offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Meals will be served from the regular menu A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
11/2/17	11/2/18	11/2/19	11/2/20	Haille Selaisse's Coronation	Rastafarian	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required



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	11/23/18	11/12/19	11/30/20	Birth of Guru Nanak	Sikh	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required A group service or meeting is authorized during the day or evening. No "sponsor" or clergy required, but Chaplain or DOC staff must provide adequate supervision.
12/13/17 thru 12/20/17	12/3/18 Thru 12/10/18	12/23/19 thru 12/30/19	12/11/20 thru 12/17/20	Chanukah	Judaism/ Messianic Judaism/	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required Chanukah begins at sundown on the day preceding (a/k/a Festival of Lights) for a total of 8 days Evening services authorized each evening of Chanukah for prayer, worship and lighting of the Menorah candles (see Addendum 3). Due to the separate and distinct belief systems of Jewish and Messianic Jewish offenders, these two groups should each have their own separate service
12/8/17	12/8/18	12/8/19	12/8/20	Bodhi (Enlightenment) Day	Buddhist	No	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group meal required A worship service may be held any time of day or evening
12/21/17	12/21/18	12/22/19	12/21/19	Yule (Winter Solstice)	Asatru	Yes	No	Pork should be served; substitute pork for main entrée except for Common Fare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asatru offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Meals will be served from the regular menu Worship service is permitted any time of the day or evening and may be held in conjunction with or separate from the meal
12/21/17	12/21/18	12/22/19	12/21/20	Winter Solstice	Native American	Yes	No	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native American offenders are authorized a group meal (lunch or dinner), separately from other General Population offenders Special ceremony or service authorized.
12/25/17	12/25/18	12/25/19	12/25/20	Christmas	Catholic/ Christian	No	Yes	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No group Meal required Usual Christmas Services will be provided. A Christmas Eve services (day or evening) is authorized in the event a Christmas Day service cannot be held. Both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services may be held at the Facility Unit Head's discretion.

*Group Meal - Offenders are authorized to participate in a shared meal subject to their Housing Status and the Security Level of the facility.

For astronomical twilight times in your area, consult <http://www.sunrisesunset.com/usa/Virginia.asp>. Be sure to set for times in your area