



## March at NDU

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## St. Patrick's Day

March 17

Although St. Patrick's day is not an official U.S. holiday, the U.S. has celebrated Irish and Irish American culture since the 1600s and Congress has designated March as Irish-American Heritage Month.



Historically, this holiday honored St. Patrick, who introduced Christianity to Ireland, but is now predominately a cultural celebration of Irish heritage. Public observance has included wearing the color green, eating, drinking, and parades. As a tradition, those who do not wear green may be "pinched by leprechauns". In D.C., celebrate with the St. Patrick's Day Parade, visiting St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Chinatown, or a themed run or bar crawl. Iconic symbols include the lucky four leaf clover, leprechauns, and the rainbow with a pot of gold.



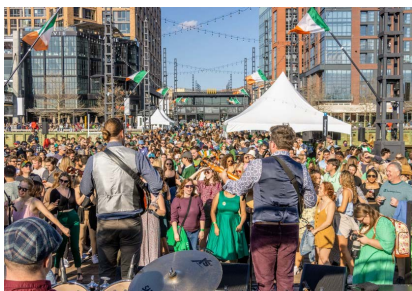
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email us at [ISMOsponsor@ndu.edu](mailto:ISMOsponsor@ndu.edu)! We always welcome photos*

# EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, many events might be canceled, postponed, or changed, sometimes with short notice. Please check with the event's website for the latest updates, as things change frequently.

## THE WHARF

NDU's neighbor, The Wharf, has many events in the month of March including, Ireland at The Wharf event for St. Patrick's Day, March 18 12-6pm. Check all events out [here](#)— all events at the Wharf are free.



## SMITHSONIAN EVENTS



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There are many events happening in March with the Smithsonian museums. One of them for kids is about animals and based on the movie Encanto! You can find more here: [Event Calendar | Smithsonian Institution \(si.edu\)](#).

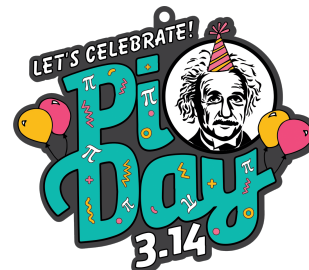
## THE DIGITAL STAGE & FREE EVENTS

The Kennedy Center is offering the Digital Stage. [Here](#) you can find several virtual events and performances from various arts groups including the National Symphony Orchestra. The Kennedy Center also offers free events. Check them out [here](#).



## Pi Day

On March 14, numerous D.C. restaurants and breweries will be offering specials on pizza pies, dessert pies, etc. to celebrate the holiday beloved by mathematicians worldwide for ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter; constant Pi (3.14). Celebrate by eating a pie, throwing a pie, or discussing the significance of Pi.

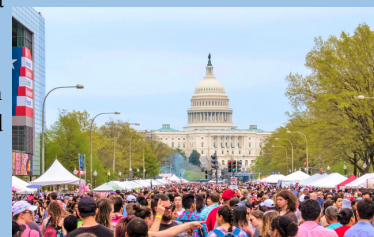


## NATIONAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Beginning March 20-April 16, the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival commences to celebrate the spring bloom of the Yoshino Cherry trees along the Tidal Basin and surrounding D.C. neighborhoods.

Sakuras were diplomatically gifted by Japan in 1912 as a showcase of friendship to the U.S.

Attend the opening ceremony, Pink Tie Party, Blossom Kite Festival, Petalpalooza, Japanese Street Festival and parades. Be on the look out for decorated cherry blossom sculptures hidden throughout the city. Check out all events here- most events are free.





# HOLIDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

Learn more about these U.S. holidays and celebrations!

## PURIM

**MARCH 06**

A Jewish holiday, which commemorates the survival of the Jewish people after the unsuccessful planned persecution by the Persian Empire. The holiday begins at sunset March 06 and ends March 7 at sunset. This is a time of fasting, reflection on the story of Purim, and breaking of the fast at sunset. This is a joyful and happy period for the Jewish people. Common celebratory practices today include the exchanging gifts, donating money to charity, parties, and wearing costumes.



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**MARCH 08**

Honor and celebrate women's achievements and contributions to history and society.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

**MARCH 12**

An American practice of advancing clocks by an hour for the duration of warmer months, so that darkness "begins" later in the day. Starts March 12 and ends Nov 5.



## RAMADAN

**MARCH 22**

A Muslim holiday, which commemorates the revelation of the Qur'an, pre-dawn to sunset fasting for God-consciousness (taqwa), self-reflection, spiritual improvement, and refraining from negative acts. This holiday begins March 22 and ends April 20.

This is a month long observance of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. Common celebratory practices include breaking fast at sunset with other members of the Muslim community and meeting for prayers at the mosque. The ending of Ramadan is celebrated on the last day with Eid al-Fitr, "Festival of Sweets".



# Celebrating Women's History Month

Honoring and celebrating the contributions of women in history and society

## HISTORY

Since the late 1980's, the U.S. has celebrated Women's History Month each March. Contributions women have made in history, culture, government, and society are commemorated through a range of activities honoring the legacies of women in the U.S. and worldwide. Learn more about the origins of Women's History Month [here](#).



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Check [here](#) to see if the museum is open. If it is closed to the public, there are several virtual exhibits and events

### NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS

Check [here](#) to see if the museum is open. If it is closed to the public, there are several virtual exhibits and events

### MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

Take a short metro ride or drive to visit the first of its kind Military Women's Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.



### VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL

Stroll the National Mall just north of the reflecting pool to honor women who served in the Vietnam War.



### VISIT GEORGETOWN

Check out the historic neighborhood, how women built and influenced the town, and other events and lectures centered on Women hosted by Georgetown University, and open to the public.



### THE KENNEDY CENTER

Buy tickets to attend a special comedy event, *RIOT!*, performed by female stand up comics in celebration of Women's History Month.

### CLARA BARTON NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Take a free tour of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton's home in Glen Echo, Maryland, and learn about her life of dedicated humanitarian service.



### BELMONT-PAUL WOMEN'S EQUALITY NATIONAL MONUMENT HOUSE AND MUSEUM

Visit one of the headquarters of the National Women's Party, responsible for leading the suffrage movement and gender equality in the 20th century.