# Sky Viewing Calendar 2026

Widener University Observatory

# DECEMBER

| Sunrise | Sunset |
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| 7:04 am EST on 1st | 4:37 pm EST on 1st |
| 7:23 am EST on 31st | 4:46 pm EST on 31st |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 **Last Quarter**  | 2 *Pioneer 11 flies past Jupiter 1974* *Mars 3 first craft to soft-land on Mars 1971* | 3 *Pioneer 10 first spacecraft to fly past Jupiter 1973* | 4 **Public Stargazing 8-9 pm** | 5 |
| 6 *St. Nicholas Day* | 7 *Earliest sunset of year at 40°N latitude* *Galileo spacecraft arrives at Jupiter 1995* | 8 **New 7:51 pm EST**  | 9 | 10 | 11 **Moon at apogee** *Annie J. Cannon b.1866* | 12 |
| 13 *Geminid Meteor Shower peaks after midnight* | 14 *Geminid Meteor Shower peaks early morning* *Tycho Brahe b.1546* **Public Stargazing 6:30-7:30 pm** | 15 *Venera 7 first spacecraft to land on Venus 1970* | 16 *E.E. Barnard b.1857* | 17 **First Quarter**  | 18 *Sun leaves Ophiuchus, enters Sagittarius* | 19 |
| 20 | 21 **Winter Solstice 3:50 pm EST** *Apollo 8 launched 1968* | 22 | 23 **Full "Cold Moon" 8:28 pm EST**  | 24 **Moon at perigee** | 25 ***CHRISTMAS*** *Isaac Newton b.1642* *James Webb Space Telescope launched 2021* | 26 |
| 27 *Johannes Kepler b.1571* | 28 *Arthur Eddington b.1882* | 29 *Saturn at E quadrature* | 30 **Last Quarter**  *Cassini spacecraft flies past Jupiter 2000* | 31 | | |