

# 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month

Newport, Rhode Island  
March 2015

It is our goal to use this website to include 'All Things Irish' that will be occurring in the Newport area during the month of March. That includes **Ancient Order of Hibernian** events, including the **Newport, Rhode Island AOH Pipes & Drums**, as well as, events of other organizations that support the Newport Irish culture, including: the [Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians](#), the [The Museum of Newport Irish History](#), the [Newport Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee](#), the **Newport Irish Heritage Association** and [WADK's Irish Hours](#).

Feel free to [print](#) copies of this calendar [10 pages] and distribute them to your friends.

## FEBRUARY

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### TUESDAY - 3rd

#### Newport Irish Heritage Association

- Meeting at 7:00 pm
- Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave, Newport
- All are welcome
- Info: Donal Lehane, NIHA Pres. Email: [lehane3@verizon.net](mailto:lehane3@verizon.net)

### Saturday - 28th

#### Irish Quiz Night- Second annual competition for the Newport Irish Heritage Cup.

- Competing teams from local Irish organizations
  - AOH, LAOH, the Museum of Newport Irish History, et. al.
- AOH men will be defending the Irish Heritage Quiz Cup
- Sponsored by the Newport Irish Heritage Association & the Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Hibernian Hall - 6:30 pm.
- The Quiz will be on all things relating to Ireland and the Irish, including the Irish around the World.
- Teams can consist of up to 7 members. Organizations may enter multiple teams.
- Entry fee will be \$50 per team.
- For more information contact Donal Lehane, NIHA Pres.  
Email: [lehane3@verizon.net](mailto:lehane3@verizon.net)

- Come cheer your favorite team.

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## MARCH

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### DAILY - March 1st - 31st

#### Guided Tour of Fort Adams

- This historic fort was built with Irish labor in the mid 1800s
- Tour times: 12 Noon and 2 p.m. daily.
- Tour takes about 1-hour (weather permitting)
- Adults: \$12, Children \$6 (Mention Irish Heritage Month for \$2 discounts)
- More info: [www.Fortadams.org](http://www.Fortadams.org) or call 401-841-0707

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### SUNDAY - March 1st

#### Green Eggs & Ham Breakfast

- Benefit for 58th Annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick,
- Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Avenue, Newport, 02840
- 9:00am-1:00pm - Buffet style.
- Tickets:\$10.00. Special family prices are also available.
- This is a parade fund-raiser, and is always a great fun family event.
- An Irish Sing-A-Long will start at 1:00 pm.
- [www.newportirish.com/events](http://www.newportirish.com/events)

#### Dancing at the Forty Steps

- This is the official opening event of the 36th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month.
- Forty Steps is on the Cliff Walk, at the East end of Narragansett Avenue, Newport.
- 2:00 pm - Weather permitting
- Commemorating the informal dances held here by the Irish who made Newport their home when "Newport was Irish!" during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Live traditional music, demonstration of traditional Irish set dancing.
- AOH Men's singers

#### Traditional Irish Music

- Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport. (401) 845-9311
- Live traditional Irish "session" - 6:00-9:00pm.
- hosted by A. O. Gutierrez, Tim May, and Jack Wright.
- No cover. Family-friendly - arrive early to secure a table if you plan to eat.
- [www.TheFastnetPub.com](http://www.TheFastnetPub.com)

**Hibernian of the Year Dinner.**

- Honoring Chad Donnelly as the Dennis E. Collins, Division #1, Newport "Hibernian of the Year."
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.
- Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave, Newport.
- \$30 per ticket (cash bar).
- Info/Tickets: Hibernian Hall, (401) 847-8671.

**SATURDAY - 7th**

**Bus Tour of Irish Newport**

- Leaves from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport at 10 am sharp.
- Coffee & Danish provided at 9:30 a.m.
- Bus returns approx. 12 noon.
- Sites of Irish interest include: Forty Steps, Ochre Court, Barney St. Cemetery
- Includes introductory visit to Museum's Interpretive Center on Lower Thames Street
- Admission free, but donations accepted. Space is limited, reservations required.
- Sponsored by [Viking Tours](#) and the [Museum of Newport Irish History](#)
- To Reserve or for Info. call Ann at 401-841-5493

**Irish Radio - The Irish Hours on 1540 AM and online at [WADK.com](#) [WADK](#) in Newport.**

- The best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish influenced music.
- Hosted by Rick Kelly since the 1980s.
- Saturdays, year-round, 12:00 to 2:00pm.
- Also listen on line at [www.wadk.com](#)
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**Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center**

- Learn about Irish immigration to Newport County from the 1600s to the present.
- Open 12 Noon to 4 pm.
- 648 Thames Street, Newport. (401) 848-0661
- Members free; others by donation.
- [www.newportirishhistory.org](#)

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## **AOH Pipes and Drums**

- Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 12 noon - Pawtucket, RI
- [Check the parade website](#)
- AOH members are always invited to march with the band.

## **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

- Knights of Columbus Irish Night.
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.
- Cash Bar.
- Music and dancing included.
- Performance by Irish step dancers.
- After-dinner dancing until 10pm with music by Joe Souza.
- Location, 7 Valley Road, Middletown, R.I.
- Tickets: \$15
- Info/Tickets: Brian Geer 401-743-3789 or BDGeer31@yahoo.com

## **SUNDAY - 8th**

### **Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center**

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- Open Noon - 4:00 p.m.
- 648 Thames Street, Newport. (401) 848-0661
- Members free; others by donation.
- [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org)

### **Grand Marshall Testimonial Roast [from Parade website]**

- **location TBD**
- Testimonial honoring **Brian Arnold** Grand Marshal of the annual parade in Honor of St. Patrick.
- Tickets: \$25.00 in advance.
- Cocktails & heavy hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment
- Event will start at 1:30pm and will end when all of the roasting is completed.
- Ticket information: (401) 846-5081 or purchase at Hibernian Hall, (401) 847-8671.
- [www.newportirish.com/events](http://www.newportirish.com/events)

### **Traditional Irish Music**

- Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport. (401) 845-9311
- Live traditional Irish "session" - 6:00-9:00pm.
- hosted by A. O. Gutierrez, Tim May, and Jack Wright.

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## **FRIDAY - 13th**

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### **Big Daddy Award and Pre-Parade Party Ceremony**

- Hibernian Hall, Newport.
- Honoring IHOP Restaurant owners, Bill & Karen Cardinal.
- This is a free event with Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar.
- Entertainment will include: Banda De Gaites de Corvera bagpipe band from Northern Spain and a DJ.
- Doors open at 6:00pm. Information: (401) 846-5081.
- [www.newportirish.com/events](http://www.newportirish.com/events).

## **SATURDAY - 14th - Parade Day**

### **Mass in Honor of St. Patrick**

- St. Joseph's Church, Broadway & Mann Avenue, Newport. 9:00am.
- In memory of deceased members of the Newport Irish Heritage Association.

### **Mayor's Reception**

- City Hall, 2nd floor Council Chamber
- 43 Broadway, Newport
- 10:00 a.m.
- Coffee & pastries
- Free

### **Irish Radio - The Irish Hours including **Live Parade Coverage** on 1540 AM **WADK** in Newport.**

- Special hours for the day: 11:00am to 3:00pm
- The best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish influenced music.
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- Saturdays, year-round, 12:00 to 2:00pm.
- [www.wadk.com](http://www.wadk.com)

## **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick [from Parade website]**

- From City Hall on Broadway, via Washington Square, Thames Street, and Carroll Avenue to St. Augustin's Church.
- Parade Grand Marshal: **Brian Arnold**
- Dedicated to the memory of the late Vincent Arnold.
- the parade steps off promptly at 11:00am.
- [www.newportirish.com](http://www.newportirish.com).

### **AOH Pipes and Drums**

- Will be appearing in this parade.
- AOH members are always invited to march with the band.

### **Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center**

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- Open Noon to 4 pm.
- 648 Thames Street, Newport. 848-0661
- Members free; others by donation.
- [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org)

### **Post-parade Party at Hibernian Hall - 12:00 pm**

- AOH Hall, Wellington Avenue, Newport.
- Corned Beef sandwiches and plenty of Irish Music
- Advance tickets only: \$20.00
- Cash bar
- Information and tickets: (401) 847-8671.

### **Post-parade Family Party**

- An alcohol free family event.
- Location: "The Hut", (Behind the Newport Public Library)
- Following the parade at 1:00pm.
- Entertainment including bag pipers, Irish step dancers, Tony "the dancing cop," pirates and more
- There will be a "How Green I Am" contest with cash prizes.
- Entry is free!
- Sponsored by [Savings Institute Bank & Trust](http://SavingsInstituteBank.com)
- [www.newportirish.com/events](http://www.newportirish.com/events)

### **Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Pendragon!**

- [Jane Pickens Theatre and Event Center](http://JanePickensTheatre.com)
- Touro Street, Newport
- 2:00 pm (Doors open at 1:00 pm)
- Price \$20 advance / \$10 for kids / ...\$30
- Join Pendragon for our first concert at this iconic theater as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day with special guests Torrin Ryan on uilleann pipes and Tir Na Nog Irish Dance led by Erika Damiani!
- [www.pendragoncelticmusic.com](http://www.pendragoncelticmusic.com)

## **Celebrating the Irish at the La Forge**

- La Forge Restaurant
- 186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport.
- Great food including Corned Beef & Irish beverages
- Music & sing-a-longs with **David O'Manuel**
  - Immediately following the parade until 5:00 pm
  - Returning at 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm
- (401) 847-0418.
- [www.lafornewport.com](http://www.lafornewport.com)

## **Irish Celebration at Newport Grand**

- Irish Celebration at [Newport Grand Slots Event Center](http://www.newportgrand.com)
- 150 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, RI
- Featuring "The Town Pants"
- Show time: 9:00 pm
- Admission: Free
- For further information: [www.thetownpants.com](http://www.thetownpants.com)

## **SUNDAY - 15th**

### **Mass in Honor of St. Patrick**

- St. Mary's Church, Spring Street & Memorial Boulevard, Newport.  
11:00 am.
- The Mass is in memory of deceased AOH and Lady AOH members and the victims of the great Famine.
- The principal celebrant will be Reverend John McNulty from St. Augustine's Church.
- Church built 1848 - 1852 by Irish-American Architect Patrick Keeley and dedicated to Mary, 'Our Lady of the Isle'.
- [www.stmarynewport.org](http://www.stmarynewport.org)

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- [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org)

### **Traditional Irish Country Breakfast**

- La Forge Casino Restaurant
- 186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport
- Serving 9:00am - 2:00pm
- Reservations: 847-0418
- [www.lafornewport.com](http://www.lafornewport.com)

### **Traditional Irish Music**

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## **TUESDAY - 17th St. Patrick's Day**

### **Mass in honor of St. Patrick**

- St. Augustin's Church, Carroll Avenue, Newport
- 8:00am
- Celebrant: Father John McNulty

## **THURSDAY - 19th**

### **Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade Dinner**

- Crown Plaza, Warwick
- Honoring Grand Marshal [Fr. Bernie O'Reilly](#)
- [Parade website](#)

## **SATURDAY - 21st**

### **Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade**

- Starts at 12:00 pm - near Providence College.
- [Parade website](#)
- Dedicated to the memory of Sister Anne Keefe.

## **SUNDAY - 22rd**

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- Members free; others by donation.
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### **AOH Pipes and Drums**

- The 11th Annual Mystic Irish Parade
- Mystic, CT
- [Check their website](#)
- AOH members are always invited to march with the band.

### **LAOH Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**

- St. Augustin's Church Hall - 6 pm.



- Corner Carroll & Harrison Avenues, Newport
- Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.
- Tickets: \$20, children under 5 free.
- This is a fundraiser for a scholarship fund.
- Available:
  - at Creaney Cruise & Travel - (401) 849-8956
  - from Colleen McCarthy (401) 662-1423, or
  - at Hibernian Hall (401) 847-8671
  - Elizabeth Buckley (401) 378-7287

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### **THURSDAY - 26th**

#### **Museum of Newport Irish History Lecture**

- "Subject TBD"
- March 26, 2015 - Scott Molloy, Ph.D.,
- Time: 6:00 pm
- Salve Regina
- More info: [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org) [*click on Lectures*]
- Reservations Required

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### **SUNDAY - 29th**

#### **Traditional Irish Music**

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  - hosted by A. O. Gutierrez, Tim May, and Jack Wright.
  - No cover. Family-friendly - arrive early to secure a table if you plan to eat.
  - [www.TheFastnetPub.com](http://www.TheFastnetPub.com)
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**And coming in May!**

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**THURSDAY - May 28th**

**The Newport Irish Heritage Association - Civitas and Fenian Annual Award Dinner**

- La Forge Restaurant
- 186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport.
- Cocktails 6:00 pm; Dinner 7:00 pm
- Also to be announced, the winner of the Paul Crowley Memorial Irish Heritage Scholarship.
- Info: Donal Lehane, NIHA Pres. Email: [lehane3@verizon.net](mailto:lehane3@verizon.net)
- details to follow.

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Calendar as of 2/14/2015.