

39th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month - March 2016

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](#).

For this year, we have also included information regarding the Rhode Island activities being held in commemoration of the 1916 Irish Uprising.

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY - 28th

Green Eggs & Ham Brunch

- Benefit for 60th 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

Dancing at the Forty Steps

- This is the official opening event of the 39th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month.
- Forty Steps is on the Cliff Walk, at the East end of Narragansett Avenue, Newport.
- 3:00 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

MARCH

Guided Tours of Fort Adams

- Historic fort constructed with Irish labor between 1824-1857.
- Tour times: 12 noon & 2:00 pm (weather permitting). Tours are one hour.
- Sat. March 5th, Sun. Mar. 6th, Sat. March. 12, Sun. Mar. 13
then DAILY starting Sat. Mar 19 through end of the month.
- Adults: \$12, Children \$6 (Mention Irish Heritage Month for \$2 discounts).
- FortAdams.org , (401) 841-0707

FRIDAY - 4th

1916 Committee lecture on "The Women of 1916"

- Committee members of the make the presentation
- at the Ceilidhe Club, Cranston.
- Directions: www.IrishClubRI.org
- Music will follow in the downstairs pub.

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SATURDAY - 5th

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

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

Rockaway, NY. St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Rockaway, NY.
- [Check their website](#)
- AOH Pipes & Drums will be performing.

Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade

- 12 noon - Pawtucket, RI
- [Check their FaceBook page](#)

Hibernian of the Year Dinner.

- Honoring **Brother Tim Burns** as the Dennis E. Collins, Division #1 "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.

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Grand Marshall Testimonial Roast [from Parade website]

- Honoring **Bill & Karen Cardinal**, Grand Marshals of the annual parade in Honor of St. Patrick.
- 1:30 pm - 5:00pm Saint Augustin's Church Hall - 1 Fifth Ward Square.
- 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

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

TUESDAY - 8th

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

FRIDAY - 11th

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Celtic Music in the Mansion with Robbie O'Connell.

- Robbie is an Irish folk singer who began his career by performing with his uncles, the Clancy Brothers
- Linden Place Museum, 500 Hope Street Bristol, 401 253-0390
- 7:30 pm. [Note: There are no tolls on the Mount Hope Bridge on Friday evenings!]
- Tickets: \$25/\$20 for Linden Place members Advance reservations recommended
- For more information www.lindenplace.org

Big Daddy Award and Pre-Parade Party

- Honoring IHOP Restaurant owners, Bill & Karen Cardinal.
- Entertainment will include Irish musicians Fishing with Finnegan, Mystic Highland bagpipe band, and a DJ
- This is a free event with Hors d'oeuvres and a Cash Bar.
- Hibernian Hall, Newport.
- Doors open at 6:00pm. Information: (401) 846-5081.
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SATURDAY - 12th - 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

- Thompson Middle School Cafeteria
- Access via front door on Broadway or side door off parking lot on Central Street
- Handicapped accessible from either Broadway or the Central Street entrances
- 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.
- Hosted by Rick Kelly since the 1980s.
- Saturdays, year-round, 12:00 to 2:00pm.
- www.wadk.com

60th Annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick [from Parade website]

- Parade Grand Marshals: **Bill and Karen Cardinal**
- Dedicated to the memory of the late AOH **Brother Patrick Loftus**.
- The parade steps off from City Hall on Broadway promptly at 11:00am.
- It continues via Washington Square, Thames Street, and Carroll Avenue to St. Augustin's Church.
- For the parade website, click here: www.newportirish.com.

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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: TBD "The Hut", (Behind the Newport Public Library) -
- Following the parade at 1:00pm - 4:00pm.
- 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. Food and refreshments.
- Entry is free!
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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

Rhythm in the Night - Irish Dance Spectacular

- Park Theater
- 848 Park Avenue, Cranston RI 02910
- Show time 7:30 pm.
- Box Office 401-467-7275
- www.parktheatrerri.com

SUNDAY - 13th

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- Also listen on line at www.wadk.com
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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.
- Church built 1848 - 1852 by Irish-American Architect Patrick Keeley and dedicated to Mary, 'Our Lady of the Isle'.
- www.stmarynewport.org

Traditional Irish Country Breakfast

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

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Newport Public Library - Musical Sundays:

- Lindsay Straw and Caroline O'Shea
- Traditional songs and tunes from Ireland and the British Isles
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm Free and open to all. No registration is required.
- Contact: Ann Amaral 847-8720 x107 aamaral@newportlibraryri.org
- www.newportlibraryri.org

Traditional Irish Music

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- Live traditional Irish "session" - 6:00-9:00pm.
- hosted by A. O. Gutierrez, Tim May, and Jack Wright.
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THURSDAY - 17th **St. Patrick's Day**

SATURDAY - 19th

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- www.newportirishhistory.org

Providence St. Patrick's Day Parade

- Starts at 12:00 pm - near Providence College.
- Travels down Smith Street and ends at the State House.
- [Parade website](#)
- Honoring Grand Marshal Col. Hugh T. Clements Jr.

Knights of Columbus Irish Night

- Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner.
- Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m.
- Music and dancing included. Cash bar.
- 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 the council home 401-846-8800

SUNDAY - 20th

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Mystic Connecticut Irish Parade

- The 13th Annual Mystic Irish Parade
- including AOH Pipes and Drums.
- Parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m.
- Mystic, CT
- [Check their website](#)

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TUESDAY - 22nd

Museum of Newport Irish History Lecture

- Topic: Patrick C. Keely (1816-1896), Irish-born architect of St. Mary's Church, Newport."
- Guest Speaker: Edward H. Furey, founder, The Keely Society.
- Time: 6:00 pm
- St. Mary's Church - which was designed by Keely.
- More info: www.newportirishhistory.org [click on Lectures]
- Reservations suggested. Contact Ann at NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com or (401) 841-5493.

The Cripple of Irishmaan

- Director: The Newport Celtic Players
- Edward King House, 35 King St, Newport, RI 02840
- Time: 7:00 pm
- [Click here: www.edwardkinghouse.org](http://www.edwardkinghouse.org) for more information
- Free admission

SATURDAY - 26th

Irish Radio - The Irish Hours on 1540 AM **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.
- www.wadk.com

Centenary Commemoration of the 1916 Rising

- Dublin, Ireland
- The AOH Pipes & Drums will be appearing in this parade.
- AOH members are always invited to march with the band.

Irish Music Festival and Road Race

- Galway Bay Pub in Pawtucket will present an all day and road race
- to benefit the 1916 Committee.
- GalwayBayPawtucket.com

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SUNDAY - 27th

Traditional Irish Music

- Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport. (401) 845-9311
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APRIL

SATURDAY - 2nd

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

TUESDAY - 12th

Museum of Newport Irish History Lecture

- Topic: "A Doomed Rebellion? : The 1916 Easter Rising and Its Impact on the Irish Newporters."
- Guest Speakers: **Dean Robinson** and **Donald D. Deignan, Ph.D.**, of Ireland's Easter Rising of 1916 Centennial Remembrance Committee of R.I. and John Quinn, Ph.D., of Salve Regina University.
- Time: 6:00 pm
- More info: www.newportirishhistory.org [*click on Lectures*]
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THURSDAY - May 19th

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

- La Forge Restaurant
- 186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport.
- Tickets \$35.
- Cocktails 6:00 pm; Dinner 6:00 pm
- Also to be announced, the winner of the Paul Crowley Memorial Irish Heritage Scholarship.
- Info: Donal Lehane, NIHA Pres. Email: lehane3@verizon.net
- details to follow.

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This calendar is hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians -
Dennis E. Collins Division #1, Newport, Rhode Island 02840
on their website www.aohnewport.org.

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If you have any additions and / or corrections to this calendar,
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