

# 40th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month - March 2017

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](#).

## FEBRUARY

### SUNDAY - 19th

#### Newport Parade Committee St. Practice Day

- Sunday, February 19th, 2017
- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- O'Brien's Pub, 501 Thames Street, Newport, RI 02840
- This major parade fund-raiser is in honor of the Grand Marshal - , and will feature light food, music, & raffles!! This event is always a blast!
- Price is \$25

### THURSDAY - 23rd

#### Hibernian of the Year Dinner

- Honoring **Brother Jack Kane** 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). [Jack Kane bio.pdf](#)
- Info/Tickets: Hibernian Hall, (401) 847-8671.

### SUNDAY - 26th

#### 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](http://www.newportirish.com/events)

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## Dancing at the Forty Steps

- This is the official opening event of the 40th 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.
- Saturday March 4 - Sunday March 5
- Saturday March 11 - Sunday March 12
- then DAILY starting Sat. Mar 18th through end of the month.
- Adults: \$12, Children: \$6 (*Mention Irish Heritage Month for \$2 discounts*).
- [FortAdams.org](http://FortAdams.org) - (401) 841-0707

### WEDNESDAY - 1st

#### “Celebrating Ireland in Story & Song.”

- Celtic performers Mary King, Phil Edmonds and Kevin Fallon present a program of music, song and merriment for all ages.
- A simple Irish jig will be taught at the beginning of the program and audience participation is welcome.
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. – Brownell Public Library, 44 Commons, Little Compton. Free. 401-635-8562, [www.brownell-libraryri.org](http://www.brownell-libraryri.org) (click “Calendar”)

### THURSDAY - 2nd

#### Newport - Kinsale - Chefs Exchange Kickoff

- An evening at which several visiting chefs from our sister city of Kinsale, Ireland will join with local chefs to put on a food tasting event.
- There will also be a whiskey tasting station for those so inclined.
- Tickets will be available at the Hall and participating restaurants.
- 6-9 pm \$25. Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave, Newport

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**THURSDAY - 2nd - THURSDAY - 9th**

**Newport - Kinsale - Chefs Exchange Week**

Participating sponsors:

The Fastnet Pub - [thefastnetpub.com](http://thefastnetpub.com)

LaForge Casino - [www.lafornewport.com](http://www.lafornewport.com)

Main Sail - [mainsail-restaurant.com](http://mainsail-restaurant.com)

Midtown Oyster Bar - [midtownoyster.com](http://midtownoyster.com)

Kitchen Companion Catering - [kitchencompanion4u.com](http://kitchencompanion4u.com)

McGrath Clambakes - [riclambake.com](http://riclambake.com)

West Cork Distillers - [westcorkdistillers.com](http://westcorkdistillers.com)

Malt on Broadway

- For further information click here: [newportkinsalechefexchange.com](http://newportkinsalechefexchange.com)

**SATURDAY - 4th**

**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

**Pawtucket St. Patrick's Day Parade**

12 noon - Pawtucket, RI

[Check their FaceBook page](#)

**SUNDAY - March 5th**

**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.
- Year round on Sunday mornings at 8:00am.
- Also Sunday evenings at 6 pm on [www.wadk.com](http://www.wadk.com)

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## Grand Marshall Testimonial Roast [from Parade website]

Honoring **A. Claire Dias**, Grand Marshal 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](http://www.newportirish.com/events)

## “Celebrating Ireland in Story & Song.”

Celtic performers Mary King, Phil Edmonds and Kevin Fallon present a program of music, song and merriment for all ages.

A simple Irish jig will be taught at the beginning of the program and audience participation is welcome.

2:00-3:00 p.m. – Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport. 847-8720 x208

Program Room. Free. No registration required.

[www.newportlibraryri.org](http://www.newportlibraryri.org) (click “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](http://www.TheFastnetPub.com)

## THURSDAY - 9th

### Providence St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee Chief Marshal’s Dinner

An evening of fun, music, dance and lectures on Rhode Island’s long Irish heritage.

Scott MacKay, is the chief marshal this year

Dr. Scott Molloy, Irish historian and professor emeritus at URI, is the deputy marshal.

The dinner is being held at the RI Convention Center

Cocktails at 6 and dinner at 7.

Dinner is \$60 and you can pay at the door. RSVP to [smackay@ripr.org](mailto:smackay@ripr.org)

### The Wolfe Tones - Live at Hibernian Hall

Legendary Irish Music

Hibernian Hall 8:00pm.

\$40 per person - tickets for sale at the Hall

For event flyer, click here: [www.aohnewport.org/Wolfetones3.pdf](http://www.aohnewport.org/Wolfetones3.pdf)

For Wolfetones website, click here: [www.wolfetonesofficialsite.com/tours.htm](http://www.wolfetonesofficialsite.com/tours.htm)

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## FRIDAY - 10th

### Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center

Learn about Irish immigration to Newport County from the 1600s to the present.

Open 12 Noon to 5 pm.

648 Thames Street, Newport. (401) 848-0661

Members free; others by donation.

[www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.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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### 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

7:30 pm.

Tickets: \$25 [\$20 for Linden Place members] Advance reservations recommended

For reservations call 401 253-0390

For more information [www.lindenplace.org](http://www.lindenplace.org)

## SATURDAY - 11th - 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

Newport City Hall

Access on Broadway via front door or via newly installed elevator.

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 1:00pm

The best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish influenced music.

Hosted by Rick Kelly since the 1980s.

Also on Sundays, year-round, 8:00 to 9:00 am. [www.wadk.com](http://www.wadk.com)

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## 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick [from Parade website]

Parade Grand Marshal: **Claire Dias**

Dedicated to the memory of John A. Marshall, Sr. and John R. Mello

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](http://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. <li>Food and refreshments.

Entry is free!

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## Kevin Doyle's Roscommon Soles

Kevin Doyle's Roscommon Soles takes the Greenwich Odeum stage with their latest show, **Step into the Irish Parlor-St. Patrick's Day**.

The dance, music, and storytelling performance recreates an intimate family parlor of the 1960s on St. Patrick's Day, when memories travel back and forth in time to the tunes and the steps for an audience of all ages.

There are two wonderful opportunities to see this show, Saturday at 8pm. and a Sunday matinee at 3pm.

For more information: [www.greenwichodeum.com/2016/03/11/roscommon-soles/](http://www.greenwichodeum.com/2016/03/11/roscommon-soles/)

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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](http://www.lafornewport.com)

## SUNDAY - 12th

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### 7th Annual Post-Parade Day Clean-Up!

Hosted by Brick Alley Pub  
Sunday March 12th from 10:00 a.m. to noon.  
Volunteers Wanted - just bring yourself and a friend or two!  
Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Brick Alley Pub and wrap up around 12 p.m.  
Brick Alley Pub will provide all the necessary supplies (gloves, trash bags, sweepers, etc.)

Further information: [whatsupnewp.com/brick-alley-pub-post-parade-day-clean-up](http://whatsupnewp.com/brick-alley-pub-post-parade-day-clean-up)

### 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](http://www.stmarynewport.org)

### Traditional Irish Country Breakfast

La Forge Casino Restaurant  
186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport  
Serving 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Reservations: 847-0418  
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## Kevin Doyle's Roscommon Soles

See Saturday, March 11th for information

Sunday matinee at 3pm.

## 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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## WEDNESDAY - 15th

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7:00- 8:00 p.m. – Rogers Public Library, 525 Hope Street, Bristol. 401-253-6948,

Free. No registration required.

[www.rogersfreelibrary.org](http://www.rogersfreelibrary.org)

## THURSDAY - 16th

### “Humor and the Harp.”

Celtic harpist, Mary King, presents a variety of music on the harp, including Celtic, contemporary, classical and original pieces.

7:00- 8:00 p.m. – Portsmouth Free Public Library, 2658 East Main Rd, Portsmouth.

Free and open to the public, but registration required.

To register, phone the library at 401-683-9457

or visit [www.PortsmouthLibrary.org](http://www.PortsmouthLibrary.org) (click “Calendar”).



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

### Mass in Honor of St. Patrick

St. Augustin's Church @ 7:30 am.

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### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sponsored by Ryan Belmore - What's Up Newport

4 pm to 1 am - 5:00 pm AOH Men's Singers - 6:00 pm AOH Pipes and Drums

Midtown Oyster Bar

345 Thames Street, Newport

## SATURDAY - 18th

### Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center

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Open Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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### 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 Scott MacKay

### 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

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### Mystic Connecticut Irish Parade

The 14th Annual Mystic Irish Parade  
including AOH Pipes and Drums  
Parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m.  
Mystic, CT  
[Check their website](#)

### Traditional Irish Music

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Live traditional Irish "session" - 6:00 - 9:00pm.  
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## SATURDAY - 25th

### LAOH Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

St. Augustin's Church Hall - 5 pm.  
Corner Carroll & Harrison Avenues, Newport  
Sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians.  
Tickets: \$20, children under 5 free. BYOB  
Pipe band, dancers, raffles, raffles, raffles.  
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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## **Irish Quiz Night- Annual competition for the Newport Irish Heritage Cup.**

***It is the end of March - What have we learned about our Irish Heritage!***

Competing teams from local Irish organizations  
AOH, LAOH, the Museum of Newport Irish History, Newport Irish Heritage Association, et. al.  
MNIH team will be defending the Irish Heritage Quiz Cup  
Hibernian Hall - 3:00 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.  
Come cheer your favorite team.  
For more information, contact **Steve Marino** at [enzoteach@aol.com](mailto:enzoteach@aol.com)

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**TUESDAY - 28th**

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

**Rebecca L. Abbott, Ph.D.**, Professor of Communications, Dept. of Film, TV & Media Arts and  
**Christine Kinealy, Ph.D.**, founding Dir. of "Ireland's Great Hunger Institute" both of Quinnipiac  
University:

***"Ireland's Great Hunger and the Irish Diaspora"***

(a 50-min. documentary film).

[www.irelandsgreathunger.com/about.html](http://www.irelandsgreathunger.com/about.html)

Time: 6:00 pm

More info: [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org) [*click on Lectures*]

Reservations suggested.

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APRIL

MONDAY - 10th

## Museum of Newport Irish History Lecture

The fifth and final talk of our 15th Annual Crowley Lecture Series

The guest speaker will be **Kurt C. Schlichting**, Ph.D. who whose lecture title is: "Manhattan's Irish Immigrant Neighborhoods: From the Famine to the Movie Classic - On the Waterfront."

Time: 6:00 pm

More info: [www.newportirishhistory.org](http://www.newportirishhistory.org) [*click on Lectures*]

Reservations suggested.

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THURSDAY - 27th

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

Honoring 2017 Fenian and Civitas awardees:

Fenian - Paul A. Shea

Civitas - Fr. Frank A. O'Loughlin

Cocktails 6:00 pm; Dinner 6:00 pm

La Forge Restaurant

186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport.

Tickets \$35 - Menu selection: Chicken or Fish

For reservations call Jim Mahoney (401) 924-0284 or Kathy Creaney (401)849-8956

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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](http://www.aohnewport.org).

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