



September 27, 2020

**Dear Museum Members & Friends,**

We are delighted that so many of you joined us this past Thursday evening, September 24, for Steve Marino's "virtual" lecture on the subject of Newport's early Irish community and Rhode Island's first Catholic church.

The response to this presentation from our membership and the community at large was most enthusiastic, the size of the audience was impressive, and we look forward to hosting another "virtual" Crowley Lecture in the near future.

As most of you are aware, this talk was our first experience hosting an online event. It was presented via Zoom, a familiar app for many, but not for all of us. We apologize for any technical problems some of you may have experienced.

*Those who were unable to watch the lecture via Zoom may now enjoy the presentation by clicking the below "**Videotape**" button. A link to the video may also be found on the "[Lectures](#)" page of our website.*



Our guest speaker, local historian Steve Marino, invites all to review his lecture "Handout," which you may access by clicking the below "Handout" button.

Steve also encourages you to reach out to him via this email -- [NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com](mailto:NewportIrishHistory@gmail.com) -- with any follow-up questions regarding his presentation.

***Steve is especially eager to hear from anyone who:***

- Has an ancestor who might have been at one of the churches on Barney & Mt. Vernon Streets (from late 1820s through the dismantling of the second church on the site in 1864).
- Would remember the old cemetery before its 1962 renovation by the Diocese.

Feel free to forward this e-newsletter to family, friends and neighbors who would enjoy the lecture and any who might fall into one of the above two categories.

*As those of you who attended this most interested and engaging lecture can attest, there remain mysteries to solve regarding this site, so central to the history of Newport's early Irish community.*

*No doubt, there are also more stories to uncover regarding the lives of the Newporters of the 1800s, for whom this place was so important.*

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Videotape of Sept. 24  
Lecture

Handout for Sept. 24 Lecture

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