

Historic Cemetery Tours Offered in March



NEWPORT — The public is invited to take a tour of the historic Saint Joseph Cemetery (also known as the Barney Street Cemetery), to be given by the Museum of Newport Irish History during the 45th annual Newport Irish Heritage Month. The burial ground, located at the corner of Barney and Mt. Vernon Streets in Newport, is the oldest Catholic cemetery in Rhode Island, and on this site once stood Rhode Island's first Catholic church (1828).

Come learn about this site, the "birthplace" of Rhode Island's first Catholic parish, established in the early nineteenth century to serve Newport's growing Irish immigrant community. The free, outdoor tours of approximately 30 minutes will be held, weather permitting, at 12:30 p.m. on these three Sundays: March 6, 20, 27.

For more information and the link to reserve, please visit the "Events" page at www.NewportIrishHistory.org or phone Ann at (401) 841-5493.

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Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy March 5-9

"The Corona19 Virus Pandemic: Curse or Moment of Grace?"



The Reverend Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington

WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES ON

Confusion: "To Be a Christian and to Live in Sin is a Monstrous Contradiction. A Christian Must Be Holy." —St. John Vianney

Monday, March 7, Mission Talk at 7:00pm

Silence: "Why Speak at Length? Prayer is God, Who Works All Things in All Men."—Gregory of the Siani

Tuesday, March 8, Mission Talk at 7:00PM

Resolution: "Love Reaches that Point of Perfection Wherein it Not Only Causes Us To Do Good But To Do it Earnestly, Frequently, and Readily." —St. Francis De Sales

March 9, Mission Talk with Eucharistic Adoration at 7:00PM

Life of Grace: "Grace responds to the deepest yearnings of human freedom, calls freedom to cooperate with it, and perfects freedom. Sanctifying grace is the gratuitous gift of his life that God makes to us; it is infused by the Holy Spirit into the soul to heal it of sin and to sanctify it." —Catechism of the Catholic Church

Mission Confessions at 6:00 pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, March 7-9, with four Confessors



Monsignor Kieran E. Harrington serves as the National Director of the Pontifical Missions Societies in the United States, having been appointed in April 2021 by Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples. The Pontifical Mission Societies includes the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Holy Childhood Association, the Society of St. Peter Apostle, and the Missionary Union of Priests and Religious. The Societies are under the Direction of Pope Francis and support missionary work, foster prayer and awareness, and combat poverty, disease, and injustice. Monsignor Harrington was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2001. He was appointed Vicar for Communications for the Diocese of Brooklyn in 2006. In that role, he was responsible for overseeing the diocesan public information office, government affairs and public policy office, NET, the Diocese of Brooklyn cable TV station, and the Diocesan newspaper, The Tablet. He was appointed Rector of the Co-Cathedral of Saint Joseph in 2008. In 2009, he was named president and chairman of the DeSales Media Group, the communications arm of the Diocese. Monsignor graduated with honors from St. John's University with a degree in philosophy and holds a Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York and a Master of Business Administration from New York University's Stern School of Business. He is the recipient of the St. Thomas More Award from the Catholic Lawyers Guild and the Father Mychal Judge Award from the Great Irish Fair in Brooklyn. He is a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, a Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

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