

# 46th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month March 2023



The goal of the **Newport Irish Heritage Month** calendar is to include “All things Irish” that will be occurring in the Newport, Rhode Island area throughout March. This includes events sponsored by organizations that promote Irish heritage, culture, and history, including the Museum of Newport Irish History, the sponsor of this calendar, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee.

A complete list of participating organizations and businesses may be found at the end of this document.

You may also find a list of Recurring March events after the “Events by Day” listing.

**\* The calendar will be updated as additional events are submitted, so check back \***

To submit an Irish-themed March happening for inclusion on the calendar please email [newportirishhistory@gmail.com](mailto:newportirishhistory@gmail.com) with “Irish Heritage Month” in the subject line.

*Please reach out directly to the sponsoring organization with any questions. If we receive word of a change or cancellation to an event, we’ll do our best to update this calendar accordingly. Other than the Newport St. Patrick’s Day parade, which runs “rain or shine,” outdoor events may be subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather.*

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**Hibernian of the Year Dinner:** Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport.

Honoring Mark Woods as AOH Newport, Dennis E. Collins Division 1 Hibernian of the Year.

Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$50 a person (cash bar), available at AOH Hall. Tickets are limited and will sell out quickly. For info, call AOH Hall at: (401) 847-8671.

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and vocals) and Cathy Clasper-Torch (fiddle and vocals). Free. Seating is first-come, first-served. Registration not required. For more information: <https://newportlibraryri.libcal.com/event/9658569> or phone the library at (401) 847-8720. To reach Mary King: [marykingharp@gmail.com](mailto:marykingharp@gmail.com).

**Grand Marshal Roast:** St. Augustin's Church Hall, 2 Eastnor Road, corner of Carroll Ave. & Harrison Ave., Newport. The roast will honor the 2023 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, **Humphrey J. "Harp" Donnelly IV**. Starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends when all roasting is completed. Tickets are \$30 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and music by "Rhode to Dublin." For advanced tickets, call Dennis at 401-846-5081 or purchase from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Sponsored by the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Visit the "Events" page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 5**

**"The Irish Hour":** FM101.1, AM1540, or online at [WADK.com](http://WADK.com), Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m. and repeated Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music. Hosted by Rick Kelly for over 30 years. For more information and to listen to past podcasts, visit [wadk.com](http://wadk.com). To reach Rick, write to [rjkelly71@cox.net](mailto:rjkelly71@cox.net)

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**Historic Irish Cemetery Tour:** 12:30 p.m. Take a tour of the historic Saint Joseph Cemetery (known locally as the Barney Street Cemetery). Located at the corner of Barney and Mt. Vernon Streets in Newport, is the oldest Catholic cemetery in Rhode Island, and the site of the state's first Catholic church (1828), which served Newport's growing Irish immigrant community. The outdoor tour of approximately 30 minutes, given by a historian/guide, Steve Marino, and sponsored by Museum of Newport Irish History, is held, weather permitting, at 12:30 pm on these two Sundays: March 5, 19. Reservations required. More info and to reserve visit the "Events" page at <https://newportirishhistory.org/> or call Ann at 401-841-5493.

**Traditional Irish Music Sessions:** The Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport, 6-9 p.m. Live traditional Irish music. Hosted by A.O. Gutierrez, Tim May and Jack Wright. Family-friendly. Arrive early if you'd like a table. [thefastnetpub.com](http://thefastnetpub.com)

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**Concert and Movie:** The Jane Pickens Theater & Event Center, 49 Touro Street, Newport, will present a special encore screening of Oscar favorite “The Banshees of Inisherin,” featuring a concert by Irish band Turas before the film. Concert at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7:30 p.m.. Reacquaint yourself with this atmospheric tale from the coasts of Ireland and treat your ears to some authentically awesome tunes all in time for the Academy Awards and St. Patrick's Day. Jane Pickens Special Event Member \$13, General Admission \$15. For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://janepickens.com/shows/banshees-of-inisherin-coming-soon>

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To reach Mary King: [marykingharp@gmail.com](mailto:marykingharp@gmail.com)

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**6<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Eve Celebration at Midtown Oyster Bar.** 345 Thames St. Newport. 4:00-6:00 pm. [WhatsUpNewp](http://WhatsUpNewp.com)'s annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Eve Celebration featuring the Ancient Order of Hibernian's (AOH) Pipes & Drums and the AOH Men's Singers. No cover, but funds raised will go directly to the AOH Pipes & Drums band. A collection bucket makes its way around the room during this "Party for a Purpose." Details, including a schedule of events/performances, click [HERE](#) To get involved as a sponsor, musician or organization, e-mail [ryan@whatsupnewp.com](mailto:ryan@whatsupnewp.com) or call (401) 662-1653

**Concert by Irish Music Band "Turas":** Linden Place, 500 Hope Street, Bristol. 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The band (which means "journey" in Irish) features Bob Drouin, Josh Kane, Dean Robinson and Torrin Ryan. General



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Admission \$20, Linden Place members \$15. Cash bar. For tickets and more information please visit [the event page](#) at [lindenplace.org](http://lindenplace.org) or call (401) 253-0390.

**“Big Daddy” Award Ceremony & Pre-Parade Party:** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 6:00 -10:00 p.m. This year’s winner is [IHOP Middletown](#). Owners Bill & Karen Cardinal will be honored as the largest financial supporter of the 2023 parade and for their ongoing generosity to the Parade Committee. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and entertainment to include bagpipe bands, along with a DJ. suggested. [www.newportirish.com](http://www.newportirish.com)

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 11     \*\*\* PARADE DAY 2023\*\*\***

**Mass in Honor of St. Patrick & St. Brigid,** [St. Joseph’s Catholic Church](#), Broadway & Mann Ave., Newport (near City Hall), 9:00 a.m. Offered in memory of the deceased members of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernian and deceased members of the former Newport Irish Heritage Association. Officiant: Very Rev. Francis A. O’Loughlin, Pastor of Jesus Saviour Church and chaplain of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians.

### **67th Annual Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade:**

Steps off from Newport City Hall, Broadway promptly at **11:00 a.m.** and finishes at Saint Augustin’s Church on Carroll Avenue in the Fifth Ward. This year’s parade is dedicated to the memory of [Steven M. O’Brien](#). Grand Marshal is [Humphrey J. "Harp" Donnelly, IV](#). Approximate run time is 2 hours. Rain or shine. Visit [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**Live Radio Coverage of the 67th annual Parade in Honor of St. Patrick** on FM101.1, AM1540, or online at [WADK.com](#). Broadcast begins around 11:30 am as Rick Kelly and Bobb Angel bring you the sights, as they describe them, and the sounds, of one of the longest running St. Patrick's parades in the country. (see also “The Irish Hour” each Sunday in March, and year-round, at 8am).

**St Patrick's Parade Day Breakfast Buffet.** Brick Alley Pub, 140 Thames Street, Newport. Opening at 8:00 a.m. Regular menu beginning at 11am. Call (401) 849-6334 or email [contact@brickalley.com](mailto:contact@brickalley.com) to reserve.

**15th Annual Saint Patrick’s Day Family Celebration:** Martin Recreation Center “The Hut,” 35 Golden Hill Street, behind Newport Library., 1-4 p.m. FREE admission. This alcohol-free, family-friendly event will feature entertainment including bagpipers, Irish step dancers, pirates, face painters, balloons, clowns and more. There will also be giveaways, including a \$100 cash door prize and a “How Green Am I” contest with cash prizes (\$150, \$100, \$50). Enjoy a classic good time at no cost and a chance to win prizes and money! Sponsored by: [DUNKIN’](#),

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[IHOP Middletown](#), [City of Newport Recreation Dept](#), [Newport County Prevention Coalition](#), [McNeill Children's Institute](#). Visit the "Events" page at [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**St. Patrick's Parade Day Celebration:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Featuring Dave Manuel on the piano all day. [laforgenewport.com](http://laforgenewport.com), 401-847-0418.

**Post-Parade Celebration** hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport 12:00 noon. Featuring Irish Music by the McMurphy's and DJ Murph. Food available for sale, including Corned Beef Sandwiches (cash bar). Advance tickets are \$25, available from the bartender at Hibernian Hall, via cash, credit card or local check. Questions: Hibernian Hall (401) 847-8671

**Note:** No tours of Fort Adams offered today/Parade Day (see all other Saturdays & Sundays in March)

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**Irish Music at Greenvale Vineyards:** 582 Wapping Rd, Portsmouth. 2:00-5:00 p.m. Featuring Jack Wright, Jamie Lawton and Tom Perrotti. Free. Contact: (401) 847-3777 or [greenvale.com](http://greenvale.com) (also see Mar. 18).

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12 (2023)

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**Mass in Honor of St. Patrick:** St. Mary's Catholic Church, Spring Street and Memorial Boulevard, Newport 11 a.m.

This annual service is in memory of deceased members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the victims of the Great Famine. The church was designed by Irish American architect [Patrick C. Keeley](#). Construction began in 1847, and it was dedicated in 1852 to "*The Holy Name of Mary, Our Lady of the Isle*." [StMaryNewportRI.org](http://StMaryNewportRI.org)

**Traditional Irish Brunch Buffet:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 9:00 am –2:00 p.m. Reservations requested, as seating is limited. [laforgenewport.com](http://laforgenewport.com), 401-847-0418.

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**Traditional Irish Music Sessions:** The Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport, 6-9 p.m. Live traditional Irish music. Hosted by A.O. Gutierrez, Tim May and Jack Wright. Family-friendly. Arrive early if you'd like a table. [thefastnetpub.com](http://thefastnetpub.com)

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**St. Patrick's Day "Take & Make" Craft at the Newport Public Library,** 300 Spring Street, Newport. Children are invited to visit the library any time during open hours of 9:00 a.m.- 8:30 p.m. on Mon. Mar. 13 to pick up a craft to take home and make. We'll give you a bag filled with all the supplies needed and instructions. No registration is required. Click [HERE](#) to see picture of the finished craft. Children's Department contact: (401) 847-8720, [nptjuv@newportlibraryri.org](mailto:nptjuv@newportlibraryri.org)

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 18

**Annual Trolley Tour of Irish Newport: Departs from** Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport. Explore “Irish Newport” on this narrated tour presented by the Museum of Newport Irish History. Two departures: 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. These 2-hour tours will include stops at sites connected with Newport’s Irish heritage, including Forty Steps and the Barney Street Cemetery. Tours include an introductory visit to the Museum’s Interpretive Center on Lower Thames Street. Sponsored by [Viking Tours of Newport](#) in memory of [Karen A. Oakley](#). Free, but donations are gratefully accepted. Reservations are a must as space is limited. For more information and to reserve, visit the “Events” page at [newportirishhistory.org](#) or phone Larry Bartley at 401-965-7276.

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**64th Annual “Irish Night,”** sponsored by Knights of Columbus Middletown/Newport Council #256. K of C Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown. Doors open 6:00 p.m. Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner and entertainment. Suggested donation \$25. For tickets, call the Council at (401) 846-8800, or email Brian Geer [bdgeer31@yahoo.com](#) or Michael O'Sullivan [mikeosull@cox.net](#)

Today, Mar. 18, is the **Deadline to pre-order Lady Hibernians Corned Beef & Cabbage “Grab & Go” dinners** for pick up Sat. March 25 (for event and ordering details, please scroll to the daily listing under **March 25**)

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**"Gaelic & Garlic" Celebration Supper.** A fundraiser in memory of Ralph J. Gizzi to benefit Forum Lodge #391, Sons & Daughters of Italy in America. Vasco da Gama Hall, 15 Fenner Ave., Newport. Doors open 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$30. Dinner will feature corned beef and potatoes, pasta and sausage, bread and desserts and beverages (cash bar). For tickets, contact Greg Gizzi at (401) 226-3705.

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**Book Launch & Lecture re. distinguished Newport Irish-American**, after whom Newport's courthouse is named. Book title: *Island Girl: The Life of Justice Florence Kerins Murray: Patriot, Public Servant, Esteemed Jurist*,

by Marian Mathison Desrosiers. Redwood Library & Athenæum, 50 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 5:00 p.m.

Lecture followed by books sales and signing. No fee for lecture. Reservations/information at:

<https://redwoodlibrary.org/events/island-girl-the-life-of-justice-florence-kerins-murray-patriot-public-servant-esteemed-jurist/> Book will also be available online: <https://ripublications.org/selected-titles/island-girl/>

**The Irish Snug:** Edward King House, 35 King Street, Newport. 5:30 p.m. Join us for a musical journey with the "Irish in America," featuring Mary King (harp), Dan Lanier (guitar, banjo and vocals) and Cathy Clasper-Torch (fiddle and vocals). Irish immigrants captured the heart of the nation with their mix of Irish jigs, ballads, folk songs, storytelling and humor. Get your green on, warm up your voices and enjoy the warmth, spirit and hilarity of the

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**Corned Beef and Cabbage “Grab & Go” Dinner**, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH). Begins Immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass at St. Augustin’s Church and ends at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25. Children aged 10 and under are \$10. **All dinners must be pre-ordered by March 18, 2023.**

**To order:** email Kathryn Brady at [k.brady06@yahoo.com](mailto:k.brady06@yahoo.com) or phone Deanna Conheeny at (401) 847-7156. Include your name, number of dinners (adult and child), and desired pickup time. Payment accepted via credit card, cash, or check. Pick up from Saint Augustin’s Church Hall. Church located at corner of Carroll and Harrison Avenues. Enter church hall, which is in the basement of the church, via Eastnor Road entrance, accessible from the church parking lot. 50/50 Raffle Basket tickets will be available for 6/\$5.

### **SUNDAY MARCH 26 (2023)**

**“The Irish Hour”:** FM101.1, AM1540, or online at [WADK.com](http://WADK.com), Sunday mornings at 8:00am and repeated Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. Listen to the best in traditional and contemporary Irish or Irish-influenced music. Hosted by Rick Kelly for over 30 years. For more information and to listen to past podcasts, visit [wadk.com](http://wadk.com). To reach Rick, write to [rjkelly71@cox.net](mailto:rjkelly71@cox.net)

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**Historic Irish Cemetery Tour:** St. Mary’s Cemetery. 12:30 p.m. Meet at the gate on Kingston Ave. near the intersection with Warner Street. Explore historic Saint Mary’s Catholic Cemetery, final resting place of well over 1,000 Newporters of the mid-1800s through the early 1900s, including countless immigrants from Ireland and first-generation Irish Americans. The outdoor tour of approximately 45 minutes will be given by researcher and guide, Steve Marino, and is sponsored by Museum of Newport Irish History. Tour held, weather permitting. No fee, but reservations are required. To reserve visit the “Events” page at <https://newportirishhistory.org/> or call Ann at 401-841-5493.

**History Lecture & Step Dance Demonstration:** Linden Place, 500 Hope Street, Bristol. 2:00 p.m. Historian Dr. Scott Molloy, Award-Winning Writer of “*Irish Titan, Irish Toilers: Joseph Banigan and Nineteenth-Century New England Labor*” will discuss the relationship between Joseph Banigan and Samuel P Colt. The Clan Lir Academy Step Dancers will be performing. Free and open to the public, thanks to funding from the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities. Space is limited. Reservations required. Link to sign up is <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-titan-irish-toilers-samuel-p-colt-with-historian-dr-scott-molloy-tickets-525765708387> or call (401) 253-0390

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**Dancing at the Forty Steps:** Cliff Walk, east end of Narragansett Avenue, 3 p.m. Commemorating the informal dances held there by the Irish who made Newport their home in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Sponsored by the [Museum of Newport Irish History](https://newportirishhistory.org/), the annual event will feature live traditional Irish music, demonstrations of Irish set dancing led by Donal and Mary Lehane, and the Ancient Order of Hibernian Men Singers. Free, outdoor event. **Weather permitting.** To learn about the event, photos and videos of past “Dancing” events, visit this page on the Museum’s website: <https://newportirishhistory.org/events-calendar/dancing-at-the-forty-steps/>

**“Mrs. Campbell! Mr. Shaw.”:** Redwood Library & Athenæum, 50 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 3:00 p.m. A 70-minute play by Sandra Laub is described as a “romp” with the famous Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw and his muse and paramour, the gilded age actress, Mrs. Patrick Campbell. Featuring Sandra Laub and Mike Healy. Tickets will be available in advance for \$10 on the library website: <https://redwoodlibrary.org/events/mrs-campbell-mr-shaw-a-one-act-play/>

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**Museum of Newport Irish History Lecture:** Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, and live-streamed via Zoom. 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker, Mike Slein will present an illustrated talk titled, "A Virtual Tour of Irish Newport: Connecting the Dots." Reception with light hors d'oeuvres to follow (cash bar). Final talk of the 21st Annual Lecture Series. Reservations required for both in-person and virtual participation.

\$5 fee/donation at the door. No fee for Zoom participation. For details and reservations visit the ["Lectures" page](#) at [newportirishhistory.org](http://newportirishhistory.org) or call Ann at (401) 841-5493.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

**"Irish Poetry & the Celtic Harp":** Edward King House, 35 King Street, Newport. 5:30 p.m.

A special literature event featuring the words of Irish-born local actor and raconteur, Michael Healy, and the music of harpist Mary King. Mike Healy studied drama and acting at Fordham University and at the American Academy of Dramatic Art In New York, where he appeared off Broadway and off-off Broadway, most notably with the Irish arts center and the Irish Repertory theater. In Rhode Island he appeared with the Gamm Theatre, The Rhode Island Center for the Performing Arts, The Courthouse Center for the Arts and the Firehouse Theater. Celtic harpist Mary King specializes in performing for Irish programs and special events and is a recipient of three grants from the southern New England apprenticeship program as a Master Celtic harpist from 2019 to 2021. Both her parents are from Ireland and gave her a real love of Celtic music. \$5 suggested donation. Registration is required: <https://www.edwardkinghouse.org/> or call (401) 846-7426 ext 2.

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