

# 47th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month March 2024



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 due to inclement weather.*

## *Events by Day follow on Page 2*

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### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

**Guided Tours of Fort Adams:** 90 Fort Adams Drive, Newport. Take a guided tour of the historic Newport fort constructed with Irish labor between 1824-1857. Hour-long tours will be offered at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., on Saturdays and Sundays in March -- *except Sat. March 16/Parade Day* -- weather permitting. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for Youth (ages 6-17), Free for Children 5 and under. \$5 off individual tickets when mentioning Irish Heritage Month. Free for [members](#) of Fort Adams Trust. [fortadams.org](http://fortadams.org).

**"Irish in America" concert with Mary King and friends.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport (Friends Program Room, lower level). A musical journey celebrating the "Irish in America". 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 "Irish in America." This concert series is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Newport Public Library. More info here:

<https://newportlibraryri.libcal.com/event/11181507>

Note: Space is limited; seating is first-come, first-served. Doors close when room capacity is reached. No advance registration. Questions: **Contact** the Reference Dept.: (401) 847-8720 ext. 208.

**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner**, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH).

Doors open 4:30 p.m. Dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Location: St. Augustin's Church Hall, corner Carroll Ave. & Harrison Ave., Newport. Enter church hall (basement of the church) via Eastnor Road entrance, adjacent to church parking lot. Enjoy Irish step-dancing, AOH Pipe Band, Silent Auction, Raffles, desserts, and Irish coffee station. A fundraiser for LAOH's local charitable giving initiatives. Tickets are \$40/Kids aged 10 and under \$10. All reservations must be pre-paid. No tickets at the door. To reserve and arrange payment (Venmo, Cash, check or PayPal) call Kathryn Brady at (401) 258-0281 or Kim Sarro at (401) 855-4467.

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**Green Eggs & Ham Brunch**: Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Enjoy the large spread of food at this fun family event and **fundraiser for the Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade**. Brunch price is \$10 for adults and youth, \$5 for children 9 and under. Children under 3 are free. No reservations. All tickets paid at the door via cash or check on local bank. [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com)

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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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**An Evening of Irish Songs & Tunes with “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, Matt Cook and Gary Palmer. General Admission \$20, Linden Place members \$15, Free for Colt Circle Members. Cash bar. For tickets and more information please visit [the event page](http://lindenplace.org) at [lindenplace.org](http://lindenplace.org) or call (401) 253-0390.

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 9**

**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](http://VikingToursOfNewport.com) in memory of [Karen A. Oakley](http://KarenA.Oakley.com). Free, but gratuities for the driver are gratefully accepted. Reservations are a must as space is limited. For more information and to reserve, visit the “Events” page at [newportirishhistory.org](http://newportirishhistory.org) or phone Larry Bartley at 401-965-7276.

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**Parade Grand Marshal Roast:** St. Augustin’s Church Hall, 2 Eastnor Road, corner of Carroll Ave. & Harrison Ave., Newport. The roast will honor the 2024 Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal, **Rev. Francis A. O’Loughlin** (“Father Frank”). Starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends when all roasting is completed. Tickets are \$30 and

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include heavy hors d'oeuvres and traditional Irish 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.

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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. Free. Reservations requested. More info and to reserve visit this webpage: <https://newportirishhistory.org/historic-cemetery-tours/> Questions/assistance: Call Ann at (401) 841-5493.

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### **St. Patrick's Cèilidh in the Dining Room at Blithewold: \*SOLD OUT\***

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Blithewold Mansion, Gardens and Arboretum, 101 Ferry Rd. (Rt. 114), Bristol. The luck of the Irish will shine upon you as you savor an Irish Brunch in Blithewold's elegant Dining Room. Dance a jig or tap your toes to live, Irish music by Failte while you enjoy traditional fare from the Emerald Isle. Wear your green and join the fun! \$45 Members/\$60 non-Members. Pre-registration required. Click the link for details re. max. party sizes, payment info, etc. In the event of inclement weather the event may be cancelled and refunds issued. Click here: <https://www.blithewold.org/event/st-patricks-ceilidh-in-the-dining-room/>

**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)

### **MONDAY, MARCH 11**

#### **Leprechaun "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. 11 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 link to see picture of the finished craft: <https://newportlibraryri.libcal.com/event/12088500>

Children's Department contact: (401) 847-8720, [nptjuv@newportlibraryri.org](mailto:nptjuv@newportlibraryri.org)

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**7<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)'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. There is no cover, but funds raised will go directly to the AOH Pipes & Drums band to support their equipment needs and travel expenses. Please consider giving what you can when the collection bucket makes its way around the room. 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 phone(401) 662-1653



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“Big Daddy” Award Ceremony & Pre-Parade Party: Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport, 6:00 -10:00 p.m. Honoring the largest financial supporter of the 2024 parade for their generosity. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and entertainment to include bagpipe bands, along with a DJ. Hosted by the Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. [www.newportirish.com](http://www.newportirish.com) **More details to come.**

## **SATURDAY, MARCH 16    \*\*\* PARADE DAY 2024\*\*\***

**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: Rev. Francis A. O’Loughlin, Pastor Emeritus of Jesus Saviour Church, Chaplain of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians and 2024 Parade Grand Marshal. Organist:

## **68th 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 **Thomas “Tom” N. Kelly, III.** Grand Marshal is Rev. **Francis A. O’Loughlin.** Approximate run time is 2 hours. Rain or shine. Visit [newportirish.com](http://newportirish.com) for more information.

**Live Radio Coverage of the 68th 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 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). **– TO BE CONFIRMED**

**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.

**16th 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, pirates, face painters, balloons, clowns and more. There will also be giveaways,

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**St. Patrick’s Parade Day Celebration:** La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. Featuring Dave Manuel on the piano all day. [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 – NOT YET CONFIRMED (**’23 info**)

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**TURAS ST. PATRICK’S DAY EVE CONCERT:** The Jane Pickens Theater & Event Center, 49 Touro Street, Newport. Local favorites “Turas” will perform an intimate showcase at the Jane Pickens Theater starting at 5:30 pm, with two 45-minute sets spaced by a 15-minute intermission. The band will play traditional Irish songs and tunes, including selections from their recently released album “Ride On”. Jane Pickens Special Event Member \$20, General Admission \$22. For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://janepickens.com/shows/turas-st-patricks-day-eve-concert>

**65th 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. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner and entertainment. Tickets \$25. For tickets, call Brian Geer at (401) 743-3789 or email [IrishTix256@gmail.com](mailto:IrishTix256@gmail.com) No tickets will be sold at the door.

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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) Principal Celebrant: Bishop Richard Henning.

**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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**Irish History Lecture by Museum of Newport Irish History:** Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, and live-streamed via Zoom. 6:00 p.m. Steve Marino will present a talk titled, "*The Great Cutter Race of 1905: An Irish Tale of Newport's Gilded Age.*" Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Reception with light hors d'oeuvres (cash bar). Final talk of the 22nd 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 Arnold at (401) 841-5493.

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

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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.

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 24** (Palm Sunday)

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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](#), 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/>

**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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**“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. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets \$30. Dinner will feature corned beef and potatoes, pasta and sausage, bread, Irish and Italian desserts and beverages (cash bar). Proceeds will benefit the philanthropic efforts of the Lodge. Tickets are limited and may not be available at the door. For advance tickets contact Paula Morris at (401) 829-5180 or [PaulaMorris1@msn.com](mailto:PaulaMorris1@msn.com) or Greg Gizzi at (401) 226-3705.

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 26**

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**Newport Celtic Players present “Irish Stew,” two 1-Act plays** (recurring event on 8 March evenings)

7:00 pm. Venue: St. Mary’s Parish Center (former school building), William Street

You can enjoy the production of “First Confession” with Mike Healy and “A Galway Girl” with Deb McGowen at 7:00 pm on eight March evenings (Mar. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 17, 22, 23). A portion of the proceeds will benefit the St. Mary's Hot Lunch Program, serving our Newport neighbors in need three Wednesdays a month.

TICKETS: \$20 via EventBrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/irish-stew-tickets-818691928597>

Questions? Please contact Mike Healy at [irishmike@cox.net](mailto:irishmike@cox.net)

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