

48th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month March 2025



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 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.

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“The Irish in America” Concert at Newport Public Library, 300 Spring Street, Newport. 2:30 p.m. Join Celtic harpist Mary King and guitarist Ed Sweeney for this musical journey. Get your green on, warm up your voices, and enjoy the warmth, spirit and hilarity of the ‘Irish in America.’. Free and open to all. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Held in the Friends Program room on the lower level. For more information: <https://newportlibraryri.libcal.com/event/13197063>

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. Live performances: Irish step-dancing, AOH Pipe Band, LAOH Singers. Raffles, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and delicious desserts. A fundraiser for LAOH’s local charitable giving initiatives. Tickets are \$40 (meal) or \$10 child (hot dogs & chips). BYOB. All reservations must be pre-paid to secure your reservation. No tickets at the door. Please contact via text/call for payment options and a confirmation: Robin Federici (401) 529-9617 or Ashley Bankas (401) 864-2442.

“Shamrocks & Shenanigans” A St. Paddy's Celebration for a Cause. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. VFW Post 5390, 822 Anthony Road, Portsmouth. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day! Enjoy live music by "Moment's Notice," basket raffles, and light food while supporting Portsmouth students going to Ireland to study agriculture and STEM. Tickets: \$10. Details/tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shamrocks-shenanigans-a-st-paddys-celebration-for-a-cause-tickets-1206134032359>

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

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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. Stick around for the Irish folk band, Moonlight Ramblers, performing from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. newportirish.com

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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 2025 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal, **Michael J. Henlyshyn**. Starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends when all roasting is completed. Tickets are \$40 and include heavy hors d'oeuvres and traditional Irish music by "Rhode to Dublin." Call Dennis at (401) 846-5081 for advanced tickets or purchase from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Sponsored by the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Tickets also available at the door via cash or local check. newportirish.com

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Celtic Violin Virtuoso Máiréad Nesbitt in Concert: Jane Pickens Film + Event Center, 49 Touro Street, Newport. 7:00 p.m. A Grammy® and Emmy® nominated artist and composer, Máiréad Nesbitt has enchanted millions around the world as the featured Celtic violinist and founding member of the globetrotting music phenomenon Celtic Woman. Performing with the Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki Trio. Details/Tickets (\$49+): <https://janepickens.com/shows/mairead-nesbitt-live>

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St. Patrick's Day Wand "Take and Make" children's craft. Newport Public Library, 300 Spring St. Newport. Free. We'll give you a bag filled with all the supplies and instructions for how to make your craft. This craft can be picked up anytime during regular Library hours, 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. One bag per child while supplies last.

Click link to see picture of the finished craft: <https://newportlibraryri.libcal.com/event/14178828>

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

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Hibernian of the Year Dinner celebrating 2025 Hibernian of the Year Patrick Carlisle. Hibernian Hall, 2

Wellington Ave., Newport. Cocktails 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50, available from the bartender at Hibernian Hall via cash, credit card, or local check. Cash Bar. Menu: Salad, Rolls, Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Sole. Cash bar. Questions: Hibernian Hall (401) 847-8671.

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8th Annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Eve Celebration at Midtown Oyster Bar. [345 Thames St. Newport](http://345ThamesSt.Newport).

4:00-6:00 pm. The celebration will feature 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. For details, including a schedule of events/performances, visit our [Facebook page](#). To get involved as a sponsor, musician, or organization, e-mail laurie@midtownoyster.com or phone (401) 236-2883.

Turas Concert. The Jane Pickens Film + Event Center, 49 Touro Street, Newport, 6:00 p.m. Experience the magic of traditional Irish music with the band "Turas," with 13-year-old Irish step-dancing prodigy Kira Nagle. An intimate showcase of musical craft and charm that appeals to all, especially those who love the Emerald Isle. Jane Pickens Concert/Film Members \$22, General Admission \$24. For more information and to purchase tickets: <http://janepickens.com/shows/turas-st-patricks-day-eve-concert>

An Evening of Irish Music with Fáilte. Linden Place, 500 Hope Street, Bristol. 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Fáilte- "welcome" in Irish- features accomplished musicians Erin Dube, Paul Dube, Josh Kane, and Dean

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Robinson. General admission \$25. Linden Place member \$20. Cash bar. For tickets and more information, please visit [the event page at 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. Honoring IHOP Middletown, the largest financial supporter of the 2025 parade, for their generosity. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment by DJ Murph. Hosted by the Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. Questions: Dennis Sullivan at (401) 846-5081.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15 * PARADE DAY 2025*****

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.

69th 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 **John “Jack” Kane**. Grand Marshal is **Michael J. Henlyshyn**. Approximate run time is 2 hours. Rain or shine. Visit [newportirish.com](#) for more information.

St. Joseph’s Church: Food Sale & Major Raffle: Corner Mann Ave. & Broadway (79 B’way), Newport (start of parade). 8:00-11:30 a.m. Breakfast sandwiches, potatoes, baked goods & more. Raffle: \$5/ticket for a chance to win \$2,000 in prizes (need not be present to win). Advance tickets: Elaine at (978)729-0206 or Elaine.StJoes@gmail.com

44th Annual St Patrick’s Parade Day Breakfast Buffet: Brick Alley Pub, 140 Thames Street, Newport. Opening at 8:00 a.m. Regular menu beginning at 11:00 a.m. Call (401) 849-6334 or email contact@brickalley.com to reserve.

17th 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, face painters, a balloon twister artist, a magician, [Trevor “The Games Man,”](#) 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: [Saccucci Honda](#), [Middletown Self Storage](#), [IHOP Middletown](#), [City of Newport Recreation Dept.](#),. Visit the “Events” page at [newportirish.com](#) for more information.

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Post-Parade Celebration hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. Entertainment by DJ Murph and Wally McMurphy and friends throughout the afternoon. Kitchen open Noon-6:00 p.m. (cash bar). Advance tickets are \$25, available from the bartender at Hibernian Hall, via cash, credit card, or local check. Questions: Hibernian Hall at (401) 847-8671.

Corned Beef Dinner Sing Along with Dave Manual. La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 2:00-5:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m. (401) 847-0418 LaForgeNewport.com

St. Patrick's Parade Day Family-Friendly Show with Greg Asadoorian & Danielle Boucher, 2-5:00 p.m. Top of Pelham, 1 Pelham Street, Newport (across from Bowen's Wharf on Thames St.). Enjoy St Patrick's Day with a special family-friendly "Dueling Pianos" show and views of Newport Harbor. Accompanied children between the ages of 2-16 are welcome. Sound decibel levels not suitable for children under 2 years old. Children are admitted free, however tables and booth reservations can only seat the number indicated on the ticket

Details/Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-event-st-patricks-parade-day-family-friendly-show-greg-danielle-tickets-1234804807419>

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

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Blithewold Mansion, Gardens & 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/>

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Annual Trolley Tour of "Irish Newport": Departs from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport at 1:00 p.m. sharp. Explore "Irish Newport" on this narrated tour by Mike Slein, presented by the Museum of Newport Irish History. The 2-hour tour 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 gratuities for the driver are gratefully accepted. Reservations are a must as space is limited. Arrive no later than 12:45 pm to check in. For more information and to reserve, visit this "Events" page at <https://newportirishhistory.org/events-calendar/trolley-tour-of-irish-newport/> or phone Larry Bartley at (401) 965-7276.

Parade Weekend Sunday Buffet Brunch at Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport. 12:00– 3:00 p.m., with music. Details, menu, and pricing to come. Check back or phone Hibernian Hall at (401) 847-8671

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St. Patrick's Day Film Screening Party with Live Irish Music. Sponsored by Narragansett Beer. Jane Pickens Film + Event Center, 49 Touro St., Newport. "The Departed," a critically acclaimed 2006 film that won four Oscars at the 79th Academy Awards, including Best Picture and Best Director (Martin Scorsese). Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, and Mark Wahlberg. Doors open/Beer tasting – 6:00 p.m., Irish/Celtic group Rhode to Dublin plays – 6:15-7:15 pm., film screening – 7:30 p.m. Details/Tickets (\$20/\$18 members): <https://janepickens.com/shows/departed-st-patricks-day-party-w-live-irish-music>

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"Gaelic & Garlic" Celebration Supper. A celebration of Irish and Italian heritage and a fundraiser in memory of Ralph J. Gizzi to benefit the philanthropic efforts of Forum Lodge #391, Sons & Daughters of Italy in America. Vasco da Gama Hall, 15 Fenner Ave., Newport. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Tickets \$35. Dinner will feature corned beef and potatoes, pasta and sausage, Irish and Italian desserts. Cash bar. 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 or Greg Gizzi at (401) 226-3705.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

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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. Raymond J. McKenna will present a talk titled "*The Old Stone Bank: A Window into the Lives of our 19th Century Ancestors.*" Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Reception with light hors d'oeuvres (cash bar). Reservations are required for both in-person and virtual participation. \$5 fee at the door. No fee for Zoom participation. For details and reservations, visit <https://newportirishhistory.org/lectures/> or call Ann Arnold at (401) 841-5493.

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Historic Irish Cemetery Tour: 1:00 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, it 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 the 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.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

“The Irish Hour”: FM101.1, AM1540, or online at 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. To reach Rick, write to rjkelly71@cox.net

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Dancing at the Forty Steps: Cliff Walk, east end of Narragansett Avenue, 3 p.m. Official close of the 48th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month, 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/>

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