

49th Annual Newport Irish Heritage Month March 2026



The goal of the **Newport Irish Heritage Month** calendar is to include “All things Irish” that will occur 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.

Events by Day follow on Page 2

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“Green Eggs & Ham” Breakfast Buffet: 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 \$15 for adults (kids/family pricing at the door). No reservations. Payments via cash or check on local bank. Stick around for the Irish folk band, [The Moonlight Ramblers](#), playing 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Dennis@NewportIrish.com

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Parade Grand Marshal Roast: Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown (accessible venue). The roast will honor the 2026 Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade co-Grand Marshals, **Mike & Tish Behan**. 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." Cash Bar. Call Dennis at (401) 846-5081 for advanced tickets or purchase from Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave., Newport. Tickets are also available at the door via cash or local check. A fundraiser for the Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee

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"The Irish in America" Concert at Portsmouth Public Library, 2658 E. Main Rd, Portsmouth. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join Celtic harpist Mary King, guitarist Ed Sweeney, and fiddler Cathy Clasper-Torch 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 Michael W. Mello Program Room. For more info.: <https://www.portsmouthlibrary.org/trustees-meeting/events/10091/irish-america-mary-king-cathy-clasper-torch-and-ed-sweeney>

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9th Annual St. Patrick's Parade Day Eve Celebration at Midtown Oyster Bar. 345 Thames St. Newport. 4:00-6:00 pm. The celebration will feature the Ancient Order of Hibernian (AOH) Pipes & Drums. 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 comes 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 special guest, 14-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. Two 45-minute sets with a 15-minute intermission. Jane Pickens Concert/Film Members \$23, General Admission \$25. More info. & tickets: <https://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 and Dean Robinson. Step dancers from The Kelly School of Irish Dance will perform during the concert. General admission \$25. Linden

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Place member \$20. Cash bar. For tickets and more information, please visit [the event page at LindenPlace.org](https://www.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 the largest financial supporter of the 2026 parade, IHOP-Middletown, for their generosity. Complimentary hors d’oeuvres. Cash Bar. Live entertainment by DJ Murph, appearance by Mystic Pipes & Drums. Free admission. Hosted by the Newport St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee. Questions: Dennis at (401) 846-5081 (Note: This award is in memory of Cornelius (Neil) “Big Daddy” Sullivan. Neil, a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dennis E. Collins Division in Newport. Neil, a native Newporter, a past president of the Division).

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 *PARADE DAY 2026*****

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. Principal Celebrant: Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R., Bishop of Providence, concelebrants include Rev. Francis A. O’Loughlin, Pastor Emeritus of Jesus Saviour Church, Chaplain of the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians.

70th 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 memories of **Dennis Reddy and Donald Mosher**. Grand Marshals are **Mike & Tish Behan**. Approximate run time is 2 hours. Rain or shine. Visit newportirish.com for more information.

18th 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, [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: [IHOP Middletown](#), [City of Newport Recreation Dept](#) (sponsor list under development). More info: write Dennis@NewportIrish.com or phone (401) 846-5081.

45th 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.

Parade Day Party at Stoneacre Garden, 151 Swinburne Row Newport (Brick Market Pl.). 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Opening early at 10:00 AM for pre-festivity snacks + bevies. The band “Motion Ave” takes the stage at 12:30 pm. Dance, sip, and celebrate. Featuring special corned beef egg rolls, good vibes, and the premiere of our brand-new

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menu. \$10 cover charge. Reservations Suggested. Stoneacregarden@gmail.com
<https://stoneacregarden.com/newport-brick-market-place-stoneacre-garden-happenings>

Post-Parade Celebration hosted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Hibernian Hall, 2 Wellington Ave. Newport. Doors open at 12:00 noon. Entertainment provided. Kitchen open Noon-6:00 p.m.. Food available for purchase and cash bar. Tickets are \$25, and advance purchase is recommended. Available from the bartender at Hibernian Hall, cash, credit card, or local check accepted. Tickets at the door are limited. Questions: Phone Hibernian Hall at (401) 847-8671.

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

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 a traditional Irish concert in the house's elegant Dining Room. Dance a jig or tap your toes to live, Irish music by local favorites "The Auld Triangle," while you enjoy Irish coffee and treats from the Emerald Isle. Includes guided tour of the Manor after the Cèilidh. \$45 Members/\$60 non-Members. Note: Open seating, first-come, first-served, with 4 people per table. Light refreshments served during intermission. Click for details, registration, and payment: <https://www.blithewold.org/event/st-patricks-ceilidh-in-the-dining-room/>

The Gooseberries at Greenvale Vineyards. 582 Wapping Road, Portsmouth. 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Enjoy traditional Irish music by Tom Perrotti, Jamie Lawton, and Jack Wright. Free. Family-friendly. Greenvale Vineyards: (401) 847-3777. <https://greenvale.com>

Dave Manual at the Piano. 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

Parade Day, Family-Friendly "Dueling Pianos" Show with Davina Yannetty & Brenner Campos.

2:00-5:00 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 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-tickets-1981332202955?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

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Traditional Irish Brunch Buffet: La Forge Casino Restaurant, 186 Bellevue Ave., Newport. 10:00 am –2:00 p.m. \$38. Reservations requested. laforgenewport.com, 401-847-0418.

Mountain Laurel String Band. St. Patrick’s Celebration at Clement’s Market, 2575 E. Main Rd., Portsmouth. 11:00 a.m. – 3: 00 p.m. Tom Perrotti, Ruth Anderson and Stephen Dyer will play a mix of Irish and Old-Tim songs and tunes. Free and open to all shoppers. Band will be set up at the Café, just inside the front door, near the fireplace. Band page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579943480428> Store phone (401) 683-0180

World’s Shortest St. Paddy’s Day Parade. Steps off at 3:00 p.m. from 26 Main Street, Adamsville (village of Little Compton, RI). The parade route is only 89 feet long, making it the shortest St. Patrick’s Day parade in the world. This annual event is a fundraiser for area food banks. All are welcome to participate in the parade, but registration is required. Including opening ceremonies, mid-parade performances and entertainment, the parade runs 45-60 minutes. For details, registration form, photos of past parades, Q&A: <https://www.paddyparade.com/>

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TUESDAY, MARCH 17 *HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!*

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Family-Friendly Irish Film + Live Celtic Music. Jane Pickens Film + Event Center, 49 Touro St., Newport. Doors open at 5:00, Live Music at 5:15, short intermission, movie at 6:15 p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a special family-friendly hybrid event fusing complimentary Celtic music by "Rhode to Dublin" with the gorgeous animated 2014 film, *Song Of The Sea*, an enchanting tale of Irish folklore infused with a Celtic score. Fun & culturally enriching for the whole family! Tickets: Kids under 12-\$15. Others-\$20 (\$18 for Members). Details/Film Trailer/Tickets: <https://janepickens.com/shows/song-of-the-sea-w-live-traditional-irish-music>

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"Gaelic & Garlic" 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. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Tickets \$35. Dinner will feature corned beef and potatoes, pasta and sausage, Irish and Italian desserts. Cash bar. Tickets are

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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,

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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.

Irish Snug, a benefit for the Edward King House and Knights of Columbus Council 256. 7:00-10:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall, 7 Valley Rd, Middletown. This evening of traditional Irish music will feature the Beacon Hill Band. Special guest Liam Geer on bagpipes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Dinner includes Corned Beef sandwiches, fries, coleslaw or Shephard's Pie. Cash Bar. Tickets: \$30. Click [HERE](#) to reserve tickets and indicate payment method (check, at the door, online. Event platform fee assessed for online payments. Contact: www.EdwardKingHouse.org

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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. Sponsored by [Viking Tours of Newport](#) in memory of [Karen A. Oakley](#) and [Ann M. 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 Kathy Papp at (401) 236-2624.

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reinventing the traditional songs of their homeland. They're renowned for live performances, which match dazzling sets of tunes with stunning interpretations of traditional songs.

Tickets start at \$44 for Spectacle Live members, up to \$68. Details & tickets: <https://janepickens.com/shows/dervish>

MONDAY, MARCH 23

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History Lecture presented by Museum of Newport Irish History: Wyndham Newport Hotel, 240 Aquidneck Ave., Middletown, and live-streamed via Zoom. 6:00 p.m. **Dr. Sean O'Callaghan** will present a talk titled "Echoing Ancient Voices: The Literary and Cultural Legacy of Ireland's Blasket Islands." 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 & reservations, visit <https://newportirishhistory.org/lectures/> or call Ann Arnold at (401) 841-5493.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center: 648 Thames St., Newport, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn about Irish immigration to the Newport area and of the contributions to the community by individuals of Irish descent from the 1600s to the present through various exhibits, including photographs, artifacts and more. Admission by donation. MNIH Members and children under 16 are free. For more information, please visit newportirishhistory.org.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

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Historic Irish Cemetery Tour: St. Mary's Cemetery. Meet at 1:00 p.m. at the gate on Kingston Ave. near the intersection with Warner Street. Explore historic Saint Mary's Catholic Cemetery, the 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.

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Atwater~Donnelly Concert. Newport Public Library, 300 Spring St. Newport. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Free. The Friends Room on the Lower Level. The highly acclaimed husband-wife duo, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly, present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs, a capella pieces, old-time gospel songs, dance tunes, and original works. Their performance is appealing to all ages, and with humor, audience participation, and a relaxed stage presence. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Generously funded by the Friends of the Newport Public Library. For more info.: <https://www.atwater-donnelly.com/index.htm>

RESCHEDULED From Sat. Feb. 28 due to snowstorm:

Comed Beef and Cabbage Dinner, sponsored by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (LAOH). Doors open 6:00 p.m. Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Location: St. Augustin's Church Hall, corner Carroll Ave. & Harrison Ave. (basement of the church). Live music by *Rhode to Dublin*, featuring Jamie Lawton, Tim May and Jack Wright, Irish step dancers from Clann Lir Academy, LAOH Singers. Raffles, 50/50 raffles, silent auction, and delicious desserts. A fundraiser for LAOH's local charitable giving initiatives. Tickets are \$45 (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 Robin Federici (401) 529-9617 or Ashley Bankas (401) 864-2442 via text or call for payment options and confirmation.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

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Dancing at the Forty Steps: Cliff Walk, east end of Narragansett Avenue, 3 p.m. **Official close of the 49th** 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/>

NOTE: Should the event be cancelled due to inclement weather, an update will be posted on the webpage and Facebook.

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Recurring March 2026 Events:

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

Museum of Newport Irish History Interpretive Center: 648 Thames St., Newport, 12 noon to 5 p.m. on the following nine (9) days: March 13, 14 (Parade Day), 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29. Admission by donation. MNIH Members and children under 16 are free. For more information, please visit newportirishhistory.org.

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Private Guided Tours of Adams: 90 Fort Adams Drive, Newport. This March, take a private guided tour of the historic Newport fort constructed with Irish labor between 1824-1857. Tours will be offered by reservation only, for groups of up to 15 people. These personalized experiences are a great way to explore the Fort's tunnels, ramparts, and casemates— perfect for small groups, families, or visiting guests. Tours are 1 hour and 30 minutes long and winter pricing starts at \$200. For details and reservations, write fort@fortadams.org or call (401) 841-0707.

Traditional Irish Music Sessions: The Fastnet Pub, One Broadway, Newport, 6-9 p.m. Live traditional Irish music. Every Sunday night, year-round. Hosted by A.O. Gutierrez, Tim May, and Jack Wright. No cover. Family-friendly. Arrive early if you'd like a table. thefastnetpub.com

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Museum of Newport Irish History
Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division #1, Newport
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Newport
Newport St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.
Jane Picken's Film + Event Center
Fort Adams Trust (*see Recurring Event list*)
Forum Lodge #391, Sons & Daughters of Italy in America
Edward King House Senior Center
Knights of Columbus Middletown/Newport Chapter 256
Blithewold Mansion, Gardens and Arboretum (Bristol)
Linden Place (Bristol)
The Fastnet Pub
Portsmouth Public Library (Portsmouth)
St. Mary's Church
St. Joseph's Church
Viking Tours of Newport
Stoneacre Garden
One Pelham East/Top of Pelham
Clement's Marketplace (Portsmouth)
Brick Alley Pub
World's Shortest St. Paddy's Day Parade (Adamsville, R.I.)
La Forge Casino Restaurant
Midtown Oyster Bar

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