

**THE TOLEDO HIBERNIAN
NEWSLETTER
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IN GOD WE TRUST



- March 4 ~ Traditional Irish music at the Blarney**
- March 9 ~ Toledo Irish American Club St Patrick's Blowout event @ St. Clement Hall**
- March 12 ~ Daylight savings time starts (Spring forward)**
- March 12 ~ St Patrick's Mass at Historic St Patrick's**
- March 14 ~ Irish cooking Demonstration at Downtown Library by Ann Dollman & her sisters**
- March 17 ~ **HIBERNIAN** Family Friendly St Patrick's Day party @ St Clement Hall**
- March 20 ~ Vernal Equinox (First day of Spring)**

**Lá Fhéile Pádraig sona daoibh
Happy St. Patrick's Day to Ye**



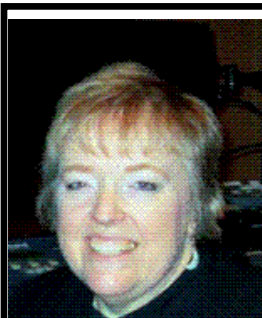
Mother McAuley Division

HIBERNIANS OF TOLEDO NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023



John P. Kelly Division



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN

Greetings!

Happy Spring Equinox or Imgbolg (first day of spring in Irish calendars!) We celebrated St. Brigid's feast day as the true special date welcoming the emergence of brighter days. Lent also started on February 22. May your Lenten journey help you find a deeper connection with God and reflect on the life of Jesus.

March 14th, Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, my sisters and I are doing an Irish cooking demonstration at the downtown library! Pray for us and if you get a chance, come on down! It is free! There may be a waiting list but there is a lot of room for those who come. This is the link to the Irish cultural cooking series.

<https://fb.me/e/3yFUPFtno>

Cultural Cooking Series

I have also sent an attachment with the zoom link to Maury to put in the newsletter about the National LAOH's webinar on March 5th 1pm for making Irish Shepard's Pie. (Page 8)

St. Patrick's Day Festival will take place Friday, March 17th from 4pm-10:30pm. I am looking for volunteers from 4-7:30 or 7:00-10:30 (includes clean up).

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A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON

Congratulations to the men who took the Shamrock Degree Last month. I hope that it will strengthen their resolve to Hibernianism and encourage them to continue the work that we do. The Pinnacle did a fantastic job with the food and service. They are a Catholic business and were happy to support them. We will look forward to having major degrees in the fall.

The season of lent is most important to all Irish and Catholics not only to keep the fast but to turn again our lives to God. Many Irish would put away the frying pan as it were and not use lard butter or any other animal byproducts for the entirety of lent. Often personal pilgrimages were taken during lent in atonement for sins. This tradition begun by the Holy Saint himself spending lent on Croagh Patrick.

His Grace Bishop Thomas has granted dispensation from the Friday abstaining from meat for the diocese of Toledo. We are able to eat our delicious Jiggs Dinners in good blessing.

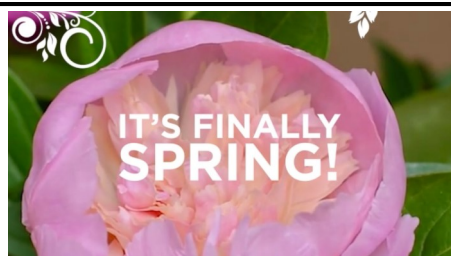
Please plan to help volunteer for the St. Patrick's Day Festival. We have a great lineup of entertainment for the entire evening from 4pm until 10pm close.

**4pm Robert and Randy and Friends
5pm Toledo Pipe and Drum Corp
5:30 Men from the Bog
6:15 Central Catholic Alumni Glee Club
7pm Ardan Irish Step Dancers
730 Awards including the Hibernian of the Year presentation
7:45-10 The Jolly Gabbers**

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MARCH, 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC @ BLARNEY</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>TIA CLUB ST PATRICK BLOW OUT @ ST CLEMENT</i>	10	11
12 <i>ST PATRICK MASS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS</i>	13	14 <i>IRISH COOKING @LIBRARY</i>	15	16	17 	18
19	20 <i>VERNAL EQUINOX</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	



March 20, 2023~In the Northern Hemisphere, the March Equinox (aka **spring equinox** or **vernal equinox**) occurs when **the Sun crosses the equator line, heading north in the sky**. This event marks the start of spring in the northern half of the globe. After this date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures. (In the Southern Hemisphere, it's the opposite: the March equinox marks the start of autumn as the Southern Hemisphere begins to be tilted away from the Sun.)

We hope you are able to join us at
The Historic Church of Saint Patrick
For Our Annual

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration

March 12, 2023
130 Avondale Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

9:30 a.m. Irish Sing-A-Long
10:00 a.m. Saint Patrick's Day Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Reception in back of Church

An Irish Welcome to All!!

DON'T BE LATE!!!!



HIBERNIAN FAMILY FRIENDLY ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

MARCH 17TH 4:00 ~ 10:00PM

ST CLEMENT HALL 2990 TRESMAINSVILLE TOLEDO, OHIO 43613

\$5.00 admission (Kids free with parent)



Irish Coffee
Jameson, Wine
White Claw

Food Menu

Jigg's Dinner served all day

Irish Bangers ,Hot Dogs for the kids
Desserts **Irish Baked Goods!!!**



LIVE IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

T. Fire Dept Drum & Pipe Band
Irish Dancers
Central Alumni Glee Club
The Men from the Bog



CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

Happy the Clown



LUCK OF THE IRISH

Door Prizes 50/50 Raffles



IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE IRISH!!!! BRING YOUR FAMILY!! BRING YOUR FRIENDS

ST. PATRICK'S SEASON BLOWOUT EVENT
MARCH 9TH DOORS 6PM
ST. CLEMENTS HALL
 2990 TREMAINSVILLE RD., TOLEDO, OH

JIGGS DINNER, IRISH BAKED GOODS, IRISH BANGERS
TOLEDO FIREFIGHTERS PIPES & DRUMMER PERFORMANCE

KILT CONTEST

\$17 EARLY BIRD 1/24-2/14
\$22 2/15-3/9
\$25 AT THE DOOR

The Druids
 A New Circle
 Award Winning Irish Band
FEATURE PERFORMANCE

The Toledo Irish American Club is throwing a MAJOR St. Patrick's Day season event! Here are all the shenanigans that will be going on!

- Featured Performance by award winning Irish Band, The Druids
 - Plenty O'Food to purchase including Irish Baked Goods, Jiggs Dinner and Irish Bangers along with Guinness, Harp, Earnest Brew Works and Soda Pop for beverages.
 - Intermission performance by the Toledo Firefighters Bagpipes & Drummers
 - 6th ANNUAL KILT CONTEST EVENT- come in a Kilt to see if you will be crowned as the 6th Winner of this event! Winner decided based on audience applause
 - Toledo Irish American Club merchandise and club info to join
 - Credit Card and Venmo will be accepted but Cash IS ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED.
- \$17 Early Bird ticket price is available through Eventbrite only until February 14th.
 \$22 ticket price available through Eventbrite from 2/15-3/9
 \$25 ticket price at Door

EXTRA STOUT PERFORMANCES

Friday, March 17th: Blarney Irish Pub - downtown Toledo, Ohio - 12pm

Friday, March 17th: Maumee Bay Brewing Company - downtown Toledo - 4:30pm

Saturday, March 18th: McCarthy's Irish Pub - Port Clinton, Ohio - time TBA

check out their videos, SoundCloud, and their Facebook page for their lively music!

WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



A MESSAGE FROM LAOH PRESIDENT, ANN DOLLMAN (Continued)

The volunteer positions that need filled include admissions, tickets, kitchen, baked goods, basket raffle and the sparkle team. My phone number is 419-250-0288 or my email is anndollman@yahoo.com You can call, text or email the time you are able to help out. This in my heart is a time of gathering to share a little of our Irish traditions with all and to see friends and family while celebrating our heritage. We shall have a MEITHEAL, and Irish work that loosely translates to a group or gathering. The heart of meitheal is hospitality! What a better way to show that Irish welcome than with food! We will be putting together baskets for our basket raffle on Monday March 6th at Kathy and Mike Moeller's home at 6pm 1671 Park Forest Dr. Toledo Ohio 43614

This year for the basket raffle we will have people put their names on the back of the tickets. They will have until 9:30pm to come pick the baskets up. Trying to accommodate those who are unable to hear the numbers called off at the festival.

PLEASE BAKE, BAKE, BAKE! We will have our bake goods for sale at the festival and Kathy Moeller has asked everyone to bake lots and lots!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone and getting lots of hugs! Stay Safe and God bless!

Ann Dollman



Meitheal is the Irish word that translate to a group or a gathering. The heart of Meitheal is hospitality. What better way to show an Irish welcome than with food. LAOH Irish Historian Peggy Cornish will be speaking on Irish Hospitality and a cooking class.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 5, 2023 04:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Irish Heritage Month Presentation-

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0S8FHRuCS7yJUX2wBuOBtA



A MESSAGE FROM THE CRAZY EDITOR, MAURY COLLINS

The thing I look forward to each year during the "Green Season" is seeing so many friends. Many, I only see once a year. The St. Patrick Mass at St. Patrick's Historic Church is always special. Some of the traditions of the 4 O'clock have been lost. I think of those good times and the many special people, many Irish born, who have passed on. I look around and thank God for the many friends, who are still here. It is, to me, the most important event of the Green Season!!!!

The Family Friendly celebration of St. Patrick's day become a tradition in 2002. There wouldn't be a celebration without the volunteers. Jimmy Dreps will be found in the kitchen along with a staff of volunteers. Ann Dollman and the ladies making the baskets and doing the silent auction. Robert McMahon setting up the entertainment. Kathy Moeller running the Bake sale along with Penny Collins and Linda Reitzel. Sherri McNeill and the people doing admissions and selling tickets. Be sure to stop at the "Irish Bakery", where you will be able to purchase some of Katie Collins famous Soda Bread!!!!

**Congratulations to Hibernian of the Year, Msgr. Chris Vasko!!!
God bless each of you and Happy St. Patrick's Day.**

Tabhair póg dom, is Éireannach mé! ~ Kiss Me, I'm Irish!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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**TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC AT THE BLARNEY
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH 5:00 UNTIL 8:00**

SMILE AND BE HAPPY

I've now retired from Spain and bought a nice villa. Yesterday my daughter e-mailed me again, asking why I didn't do something useful with my time. "Like sitting around the pool and drinking beer isn't a good thing?", I asked. (Talking about my "doing-something-useful" seems to be her favorite topic of conversation lately.) She is "only thinking of me," she said and suggested I go down to the Senior citizen community Centre and hang out with the fellas. So, I did, and when I got home, I decided to play a prank on her that I learned about from the fellas at the Senior Centre. So I sent her an e-mail saying that I had joined the Senior Parachute Club. She replied, "Are you nuts? You're way too old now; you're not going to start jumping out of airplanes?" I sensed she didn't believe me, so I told her I even had a Membership Card and e-mailed a copy to her. Immediately, she telephoned me and yelled, "Good grief, Dad, where are your glasses? This is a membership to a Prostitute Club, not a Parachute Club!" "Oh man, am I in trouble," I said, "I signed up for five jumps a week!" The line went dead.

The bishop was preaching his heart out but was concerned that because of the acoustics, people were finding it difficult to hear him. "Can you all hear me?" he stopped to ask. "I can," came a voice near the front, "but I don't mind exchanging seats with someone who can't."

The Doctor was puzzled "I'm very sorry but I can't diagnose your trouble, Mahoney. I think it must be drink. ""Don't worry about it Dr. Kelley, I'll come back when you're sober."

John O'Grady passed away and the Father Flannagan was speaking to his widow, Mary, gathering information about John for his homily at the funeral Mass. Mary said "Father, he was a good man. He belonged to the AOH, the K of C and the Holy Name Society". I heard that John was also a member of the KKK, Father replied. What is the KKK, Father, Mary asked. "You know, those devils beneath the sheets", "Ah, sure and he was a charter member of that gang." said Mary

Patrick wakes up one morning to find a bear on his roof. So he looks in the internet and sure enough, there's an ad for "Bear Repellent. "He calls the number, and the bear repellent says he'll be over in fifteen minutes. The bear repellent arrives, and gets out of his van. He's got a ladder, a baseball bat, a shotgun and a mean old Doberman. "What are you going to do," Patrick asks? "I'm going to put this ladder up against the roof, and then I'm going to go up there and knock the bear off the roof with this baseball bat. When the bear falls off, the Doberman is trained to grab his testicles and not let go. The bear will then be subdued enough for me to put him in the cage in the back of the van." He hands the shotgun to Patrick. "Why did you give this shotgun to me?" asks Patrick "If the bear knocks me off the roof, shoot the dog."

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas

GRANTS A DISPENSATION FROM LENTEN ABSTINENCE

for St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, 2023

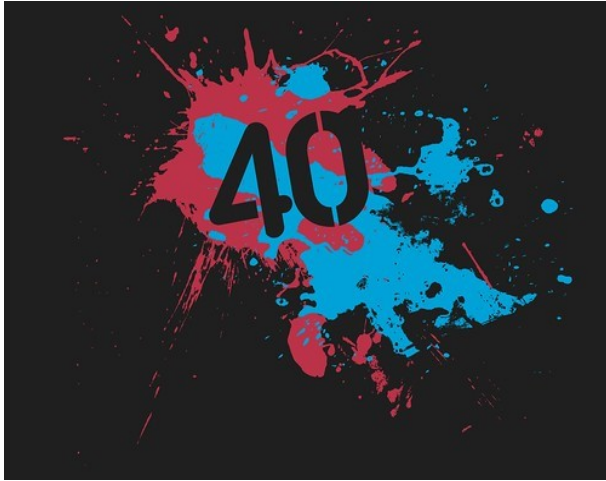


Diocese
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The Lenten Season in Old Ireland

by Bridget Haggerty

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holiest time of the Christian year in Ireland. For centuries, the faithful have gone to church on this day to have their brow symbolically marked with a cross of ashes. Traditionally, the ashes came from burning the palms saved from the previous Palm Sunday, but, in some areas, the custom was for people to bring ashes from their turf fire into the church to be blessed.



At least one person from every household attended the Ash Wednesday ritual and they would bring home a pinch or two, so that all family members could have their foreheads marked. And so, with the priest having used his right thumb to apply the ashes while saying the prayer, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," the 40-day Lenten season commenced.

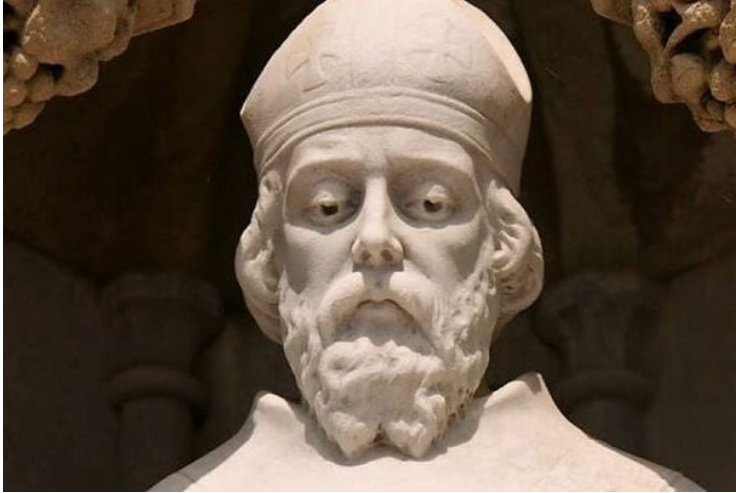
It was once a time of austere fasting. No animal products of any kind were eaten or used in cooking. This meant total abstinence from meat, eggs, butter, milk and animal fats. The frying pan was cleaned and put away.

For breakfast, a family might have had a small meal of dry bread, or porridge, washed down with black tea - and then the same for supper. For their midday dinner, the meal was usually potatoes seasoned with fish or onions. Families living on the coast most likely would have augmented the dinner menu with shellfish and edible seaweed.

Traditionally, children over the age of seven years received no milk; younger children were given it sparingly, and an infant, according to folklore was "allowed to cry three times before he got his milk on fast days".

Since Lent was supposed to be spent in penitential prayer, all socializing came to a halt. In fact, no merry-making of any kind was allowed or tolerated. That meant no music, dancing, card games or even visiting with the neighbors. In many homes, the musical instruments were stored away, and the deck of cards was burned. A new deck would not be purchased and brought into the house until Lent was over. Many people also gave up smoking as well as alcohol 'for the duration'.

By the middle of the nineteenth century, the rigid austerities of the Lenten fast had been greatly relaxed so that the majority of Irish people observed 'the black fast'- one meal and just water to drink only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. There was also a welcome break from the long, somber days to look forward to - the feast of St. Patrick on March 17th.



I arise today
 through the strength of heaven,
 light of the sun, radiance of the moon,
 splendor of fire, speed of lightning,
 swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea,
 stability of the earth, firmness of the rock.

I arise today, through God's strength to pilot me,
 God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me,
 God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me,
 God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me,
 God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me,
 God's host to save me from the snares of the devil,
 from everyone who desires me ill,
 afar and near, alone or in a multitude.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
 Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of everyone that thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in the eye that sees me,
 Christ in the ear that hears me.

-- The Breastplate of St. Patrick --



A MESSAGE FROM AOH PRESIDENT, ROBERT McMAHON CONTINUED

Please also mark your calendars for the 2023 Ohio State Convention. It will be June 23-24th at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati. There will be more information in the upcoming newsletters. The state convention is a great time to get together with fellow Hibernians from around Ohio and Kentucky as well. The State board members have been working hard to get March declared officially Irish American Heritage Month.

There is a great local tradition in the Port Clinton area on Wednesday March 8th. It is called the Ring of Perry. Participants meet at McCarthy's Pub and parade with piper to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for a short prayer service and then return to McCarthy's for a Jiggs Dinner Buffet. Please contact me if you are interested: 419-902-6559

Irish Saint of the Month

Gerald of Mayo died 13 March 732, Born in Northumbria, the son of an Anglo-Saxon king, he was one of the English monks at Lindisfarne who accompanied Colmán of Lindisfarne to Iona and then to Ireland. This occurred after the Synod of Whitby 664AD which decided against the Irish method of calculating the date for Easter. Colman was an ardent supporter of the Irish traditions; after the synod decided to adopt the Roman computation.

Colman and thirty English monks, St. Gerald among them, left Lindisfarne and eventually settled on Inishbofin off the coast of what is now County Mayo in 668. Colman decided to found a separate monastery for the thirty English brethren. Thus arose the Mayo (Magh Eo, the yew plain), known as "Mayo of the Saxons", with St. Gerald as the first abbot, in 670.

The monastery became an important and flourishing institution. The School of Mayo gained greatly in fame for sanctity and learning under the youthful abbot. Although St. Gerald was a comparatively young man, he proved a wise ruler, and governed Mayo until 697.

St. Gerald is reputed to have founded the abbeys of Tempul-Gerald in Connaught and Teagh-na-Saxon and a convent which he placed under the care of his sister.

Gerald continued to govern the Abbey and Diocese of Mayo till his death at an advanced age.

St Gerald's College, Castlebar is named for Gerald. Taoiseach Enda Kenny is an alumnus.