



Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

Lehigh Valley Division 1



Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity

2022, edition 1

My Dear Sisters,

Can you believe that we are in 2022 already! With all of the horrible nasties and the many wonderful fantastics ~ the 2021 year just marched along!

As this year begins, did you decide to accomplish resolutions? I do not make resolutions anymore as I usually desert them by this time. In 2022, I intend to focus on moments that can be celebrated; after all, we have been through, and I believe we need to remember what means the most, family, friends, and community.

Every opportunity to celebrate or honor something, I firmly believe we should. Life can be short, hectic, and unexpected; we must not live waiting for the perfect time, but make time perfect, or at least as fun as it can be.

Wishing everyone days to remember... Life, Laughter, Love ~ Beatha, Gáire, Grá!

Maura



**Ladies ~ During this time of social distancing, please know that
your LAOH Sisters are here for you.
Do not hesitate to call, text, or email any of us if you feel down or scared.**

Important & Upcoming Items to Know:

- ♥ February 1st ~ Rosary at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 ~ Columbian Home
- ♥ February x ~ St. Brigid's Mass ~ see Upcoming Events for more details
- ♥ February 20th ~ St. Patrick's Day Parade, see St. Patrick's Day Season for more details
- ♥ March 1st ~ Meeting at 7:00 ~ Columbian Home
- ♥ March 18th ~ Coronation ~ see St. Patrick's Day Season for more details
- ♥ March 19th ~ Community Days ~ see St. Patrick's Day Season for more details
- ♥ March 20th ~ Mass ~ see St. Patrick's Day Season for more details
- ♥ March 20th ~ Parade ~ see St. Patrick's Day Season for more details
- ♥ April 5th ~ Rosary at 6:30, Meeting at 7:00 ~ Columbian Home

In 2022, we will recite Rosary & have our Quarterly Donations Discussions in:
February, April, August, and November.



Membership Renewal

Dues

We will begin collecting dues Payments in January.
Our annual dues of \$30 are due on or before our March meeting. You can make one single payment or up to three, cash or check accepted (payable to LAOH, Inc.) & please bring your Registration card for signage.

If you cannot attend the meetings, but still wish to keep your membership, Please forward a check payable to LAOH, Inc. to Maura Roszyk
4545 Ash Drive Nazareth, PA 18064

Masks

We have four Celtic knot masks left; they are \$10 apiece.
If you would like one, Please reach out to Maura



Upcoming Events:



St. Brigid's Mass February 5 or 6th *(Still waiting to hear back, sorry)*

When: February xst ~ x:xxpm Mass

Immaculate Conception Church - 501 Ridge Ave, Allentown, PA 18102

Additional information: Please arrive 15 minutes ahead to assist in set-up and to line up.

~Please remember to wear white top & black bottoms or your kilt, along with your LAOH sash.

~Please bring a non-perishable product to donate to a food bank, as per our Hibernian Hunger Project.



St. Patrick's 2022 Parade Activities

We will participate as a group at many of the events.



We are most proud that within our Division, we have two former Parade Queens ~ Jean Gallagher and Dianne Mascari. Dianne now serves as the Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee president.

Please support as much as you can!

Looking for further details ~ check out the website and Facebook page.

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<https://www.facebook.com/allentownstpatrickspade>

February 20th ~ Kick-Off Fundraiser at Columbian Home ~ 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

(Early tickets at a reduced price are available from Jean Gallagher or Dianne Mascari)

Tickets are \$12 and include select beer & soda. Do not forget about the raffle & the door prizes.

March 17th ~ Allentown City Hall Plaza Flag Raising ~ 11:45 ~ 435 Hamilton Street

Please arrive by 11:30, dressed in black & whites and your sash, more details to follow

March 18th ~ Coronation ~ Agricultural Hall Annex, Allentown Fairgrounds ~ 7:30 pm

(Early tickets at a reduced price are available from Jean Gallagher or Dianne Mascari)

Coronating and celebrating Barri and Lisa Arnold, the 2022 King and Queen, doors open at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets include a door prize ticket & a Program Book. Beer and soda provided. BYOB.

March 19th ~ Cultural Day ~ Agricultural Hall Annex, Allentown Fairgrounds ~ noon – 4:00

We will once again host a table. We will need volunteers at the table to help the kids, as well as a bakery donation: cookies and scones are the best. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting.



March 20th ~ Mass ~ Immaculate Conception Church ~ 9:15 am

Please arrive by 9:00 am, and remember to wear white top & black bottoms or your kilt, along with your LAOH sash.

Reminder this is NOT our Mass, please listen to the direction given by the Parade Committee.

March 20th ~ The 63rd Annual Parade 1:30pm

Parade: **We will meet ahead to decorate our cars (time tbd), if you wish to ride in one of the cars, then you must alert Maura Roszyk on or before the March meeting so that we are sure to have enough room.**

We typically walk alongside the AOH ~ with the distinguished position of first off, this is a grand privilege; we must be ready on time!



Past Events:

Wreaths Across America: December 18th

We donated and volunteered at this extraordinary event again this year.

It was a cold and misty day; however, the patriotic spirit could be felt throughout Allentown's Cedar Hill Memorial Park.

It was a grand honor to lay wreaths for all of the heroic soldiers and we all loved getting to lay a wreath graveside, say a prayer, for Maryclare's parents.

Maura Roszyk, a Blue Star Mom, presented a Gold Star Family with a special wreath and escorted them graveside. Lastly, several of us stopped by to say hello to Corinne!



**Join us next year
Wreaths Across America Day
December 17, 2022**

Woman's Christmas

January 12th, 2021 ~ Braveheart Highland Pub



After a snow delay, we gathered to celebrate Woman's Christmas~ We gathered once again at the Braveheart Highland Pub for the fifth year to celebrate the Irish celebration of Women's Christmas.

At our celebration, we asked that all the Ladies write down on a piece of paper their woes from 2021 that they would like to see gone, Sabrina burnt them in her fireplace in the tradition of cleansing the past, all of the papers were burnt, and we start anew.

(Unfortunately, we forgot to take pictures!!!)

Nollaig Na mBan or "Little Women's Christmas" is an old custom that is still celebrated by women all over Ireland. It goes back to the days when large families were the norm.

Men never lifted a finger in the house to help, and were never expected to. If a man washed the dishes, other men would call him an “auld woman.” No full-blooded Irish man was prepared to risk that! Nevertheless, each year, after the Christmas holiday, tired women finally got a break – for one day, at least. On January 6th, (the same day as the Epiphany), men would take over the housework, offering women a chance to go out to relax with each other, and maybe have a Guinness! Traditionally in Ireland, Nollaig Na mBan is the day on which all the Christmas decorations start to come down -not before – *or else risk bad luck for the rest of the year.*

Fundraising Opportunities

Whoopee Pies ~ Fun flavors and boozy ones too!



We will be selling individual sized whoopee pies in a variety of flavors, including traditional and boozy flavors!

Traditional flavors include: Original, Chocolate chip, Sprinkle, Peanut Butter, Mint, and Pumpkin. These are priced at \$3 apiece.

The Boozy Flavors include: Drunken Grasshopper, Fireball, Irish Car Bomb, Margarita, Mudslide, and Orange Crush. Priced at \$5 apiece.

Should you need a flyer, which further describes the flavors, please reach out to Lorraine.

Please get your orders into Lorraine on or before the March 1st meeting,

Delivery will be at Tuesday, April 5th meeting.



Fundraising Ideas

As we begin 2022, we are open to all ideas, please share any thoughts you may have.



Missions & Charity



Catholic Action

Each month we take a small collection to support our LAOH directed Missions and charities, these funds are then donated yearly.

Please consider putting a \$1 in the green basket on the back counter.

The Purse Project continues!

(The Purse Project serves as our Catholic Action “Spirit of St. Brigid” project)

This ongoing project (**1,240 purses donated since we started November 2016**) requires us to keep an inventory of purse items. We have decided to utilize our fundraising funds to purchase some of the goods; however, if we could get items donated, that would be most wonderful!

Please consider asking your dentist for dental items or your hairdresser for hair items.

Also, do not forget to grab any items left behind when you stay at a hotel; items must be unopened.

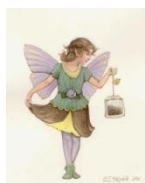
We have a formal letter explaining the project, should that help secure a donation. Additionally, we send a donation thank you letter, which can be used for tax purposes.

Rosalie is working on more donation points~ should you have any suggestions, please feel free to email or mention them at the next meeting and keep collecting personal items!

Purse items can include Soap ~ Shampoo ~ Deodorant ~ Lotion ~ Tissues ~ Toothbrush & Toothpaste ~ Lip balm ~ Snacks ~ Comb ~ Sunscreen ~ Emergency Blanket ~ Emery board & Nail Clippers ~ Pen & Notepad ~ Rain poncho ~ Gloves ~ Hats ~ Scarves ~ Socks

The Purse Project expands!

Upon the suggestion of Adele, we are looking to produce ***Busy Aprons for Ladies*** with dementia issues. Adele and Mary Ellen Zastko are teaming up to brainstorm and anyone else who wishes to help, please reach out and let us know!



Project St. Patrick Card

Should you be in need of an "In Loving Memory" or a card to honor someone?

We ask you to consider a Project St. Patrick card.

Project St. Patrick is a Catholic Action program of the LAOH and AOH initiated in 1995. Created to provide financial support to Seminarians and Religious by giving vocational grants.

Project St. Patrick asks that you forward a donation when you use the card.

Pick up one during our meetings, then fill out the slip and bring to the next meeting, along with your check (minimum \$10).

We must now fill out paperwork to alert our State Missions and Charity Chair as to how many have been sold in our Division, so please bring paperwork and check to the next meeting and we will submit all that are purchased on a monthly basis.

Everyone is a member of the Newsletter Team!
Please send Good News, Prayer Requests, or anything
that you feel would be of interest.

A special request...

We are still collecting soda pop tabs!

We will continue with our ongoing collection of soda tabs.

A plastic jar will be available in the meeting room~ when full; the tabs will go to support

The Ronald McDonald House. The next filled container can go again to Ronald McDonald House Or a new charity, if you know of one that utilizes this method... let us know!



In addition, we are collecting used mascara tubes!

We are also collecting mascara tubes for the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge program ~ Wands for Wildlife®. Old mascara wands can remove fly eggs and larva from the fur of wild animals. They work great because the bristles are close together.

Please bring your used tubes to our meetings and Lorraine will collect and mail them.

This program is an excellent way for us to participate in recycling and repurposing!

For further details, you can check out the site at:

<https://www.appalachianwild.org/wands-for-wildlife.html>

Let the collecting continue!



Irish Words of the Month

January = Eanáir [awn-nur] Snow = Sneachta [sh-knock-tah] Cold = Fuar [foo-er]

“Getting to Know You”

A Sister will be asked a series of questions, so the rest of us can get to know a little more about her.
Please enjoy learning a little more about this month's featured member ~ Kelly Chevalier!

We are so excited to have Kelly as one of our Sisters!

We welcome Kelly and her family to the LAOH Division One Family.

Growing up, where did you live and now and with whom?

I was born in Brooklyn, NY, and moved to the Poconos during my childhood. I attended Villanova University, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and minors in Spanish and Philosophy. I met my husband in high school, but we were friends for 15 years before dating. We live in Bethlehem with our sons, Liam (almost 7) and Éamon (almost 2), and our cat rescue, Daisy Mae.



What parish do you belong to?

We belong to Queenship of Mary and Liam attends Good Shepherd.

Do you/did you work outside of your home, what do/did you do?

My first job was a Spanish teacher at ND Green Pond - I had zero qualifications besides being bilingual. After that, I worked at Sesame Workshop for a while in the publishing department. Eventually, I settled into a small business development/consultancy career, and I have helped start dozens of small businesses in the Valley. I am currently a stay-at-home mother to our sons.



My favorite color:

I am ashamed to admit my favorite color is orange ... I cannot help it. It is cheery and sparks joy!

Fast Fact about oneself

...hmm 🤔 I was a baby model. I am a cancer survivor. I am working on a yoga-teaching certificate. Genealogy is my main hobby.

I would love to visit:

Ireland, I have never been there. And, Newfoundland as my maternal grandfather's family emigrated there from Ireland before they settled in Brooklyn.

Who would you like to meet, and why:

There's no one, in particular, I'd like to meet (besides Oliver Cromwell to give him a piece of my mind)... it's been such a long, strange two years, and I feel like I would like more time to spend with those in my inner circle before branching out to strangers. So, after further thought, first on my list would be my great aunt



Irene who still lives in the brownstone her parents purchased 100 years ago when they immigrated to Brooklyn. She is full of stories and family lore, and I thoroughly enjoy her company, which has been scarce with Covid. Second, would be my husband because a date night has been impossible for so long ... He is my best friend, and I miss him.

Why did you want to become a member of the LAOH?

I am very proud of my heritage, and it is an integral part of who I am. It has been very difficult, at times, in this area, to find like-minded people. I was hoping LAOH could fulfill the kinship I sought... So far, I am very happy that I have joined the LAOH and the Irish Catholic in me feels fulfilled.

When did you join and have you held any positions?

I joined this fall of 2021. I proudly serve as the Freedom for Ireland chair as an Ireland united in peace is important to my family and me.



What has been your favorite experience or memory as a member of the LAOH?

Since I am so new and due to Covid, I have limited experiences but in general I enjoy the traditions and pageantry of official functions and meetings.

If you could your Sisters of the LAOH one piece of advice, what would it be?

Carpe Diem. Life is short and we are only guaranteed this moment, today.

Happy Birthday to our Birthday Lasses!



January Birthdays

Kim Sanders on January 14th

Mary Marshall on January 16th

Please remember ~ Kathleen Knecht on January 23rd

February Birthdays

Marge Gallagher on February 14th

Dianne Mascari on February 26th



March Birthdays

Mary Ellen O'Donnell on March 5th

Jean Gallagher on March 9th

Mary Ellen Zastko on March 22nd



Lá breithe shona duit!



Prayer Requests



*The Power of Prayer is so very mighty
Therefore, we ask you to include the following
Special people in yours.*



Let's us remember the Souls of recently departed loved ones,

Mary Hannon ~ Corinne Reily ~ Kathleen Knecht

Eternal rest grant unto Mary, Corinne, and Kathleen, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine upon her.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

"Those we love do not go away; They walk beside us every day,

Unseen, Unheard, but always near,

Still loved, still missed, and very dear. ~ From a headstone in Ireland



Jeanette Denton as she continues to deal with her medical issues.



Dianne Mascari's son-in-law, Ryan with his on-going heart concerns.



Mary Eileen Rommeney's family and friends dealing with medical issues.



Juliann Donohue's granddaughter throughout her deployment.



Mary Clare Plucinsky's neighbor Liam deployed to Afghanistan/Qatar.



Mary Denise Schneider as she continues to deal with her medical issues.



Marie Nealis from the Tara Degree team as she deals with medical issues.



Brother Ed Barry as he deals with medical issues.



Rosalie Goldstein's friends & family who are suffering with health issues,
Specifically two friends- Melissa and Randy and 2 cousins Carole and Amy- all with health issues.



Kathleen Knecht's granddaughter, Anna Jane.
In addition, a special prayer for everyone's Special Intentions.



Additionally, we ask for prayers of strength and courage to all of those ailing & their caregivers
In addition, to all the Sisters, Priests, and others without loved ones to pray for their soul.
And, a prayer for us all as each one of us faces our daily struggles, fears, and pains.

More Irish Words

Friend ~ A Chara ~ (uh-KHAR-uh) Love ~ A ghra ~ (uh GHRAH)
Party ~ Ceili ~ (Kay-lee) A good fun time ~ Craic ~ (cray-ick)
Ireland ~ Éire ~ (AY-ra)



Some Irish history for January...

January 1: 1892 - Ellis Island becomes the reception center for new immigrants. The first immigrant through the gates was Annie Moore, 15, of County Cork.



January 2: 2007 - Irish becomes the 23rd Official Language of the EU, accorded the status of a treaty language, meaning it is regarded as an authentic text for treaties.

January 3: 1999 - Economic history happens with the much-heralded arrival of the Euro on the international currency markets.

January 4: 2003 - A group of women began an anti-war protest at a roundabout close to Shannon Airport, they were against the US Air Force landing there.



January 6: Epiphany and the Feast of the Holy Family.

January 7: 2003 - Gardaí adopt a zero tolerance-type approach to speeding after it emerges almost half of motorists in Dublin break the law.



January 8: 1998 - The first licensed drug to treat mild to moderately severe Alzheimer's disease launched in Ireland.

January 9: 2002 - Former Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, accepts the honor of being named the 71st Freeman of Dublin, following in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II, Nelson Mandela and members of U2.

January 10: 2003 - Farmers drive 300 tractors into the city and hold a two-hour rally in front of Government Buildings at Merrion Square.

January 11: 2002 - The country's population is set for another dramatic increase after Ireland records the highest birth rate and lowest death rate of all 15 EU member states in 2001.

January 12: 2000 - Despite the controversy over the book, Limerick people turnout in huge numbers to attend the sell out film premiere of *Angela's Ashes*.



January 13: 2000 - A 1,000 year old treasure trove has been discovered by a tour guide cleaning up litter from a Co Kilkenny cave. The priceless Viking age silver and bronze jewelry is unique - nothing like this has been found in Ireland or elsewhere.



January 14: 1937 - De Valera's new constitution, with its assertions of Ireland as a sovereign 32-county state, and its definition of Catholic morality and "women's place" was approved.

January 15: In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of St. Ita.



January 16: 1904 - In reaction to attacks on Jews in Limerick, Michael Davitt, a leader of the Irish Land League, protests "as an Irishman and a Catholic against this spirit of barbarous malignity."

January 17: 1649 - Marquis of Ormond James Butler and the confederates sign a peace treaty that grants toleration for Catholics in exchange for troops.

January 18: 1667 - Cattle exports to England are prohibited.

January 19: 1998 - The Northern peace process was close to a collapse after a 52-year-old Catholic taxi driver was killed in an attack.

January 20: 1961 - John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as president of the United States of America, becoming the first Irish Catholic to be elected to that office.



January 22: 1997 - Death of Lilly Kempson, aged 99, the last surviving participant in the Easter Rising.

January 23: 1803 - Arthur Guinness, founder of the Dublin brewery, dies.

January 24: 2002 - Irish doctors are among the worst paid in Europe and charge less



than they need to run a viable business, according to the Irish Medical Organization.

January 25: 1999 - Ireland's first day centre for refugees is opened in Dublin.

January 27: 1975 - Mother Mary Martin, founder of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, dies in Drogheda.



January 28: 1818 - The Ibero-Celtic Society was founded to preserve and publish the best ancient Irish literature.

January 29: 1967 - The Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association (NICRA) was formed.

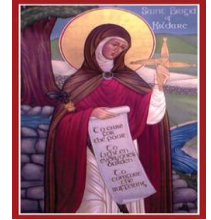
January 30: 1972 - In what was to become known as Bloody Sunday, the British Army kills 13 civil rights demonstrators in the Bogside district of Londonderry. A 14th marcher later dies of his injuries.



January 31: 1881 - Anna Parnell sets up the Committee of the Ladies' Land League in Dublin.

~facts from *Irish Culture and Customs*

Some Irish history for February...



February 1: In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast day of St. Brigid.

February 2: In the liturgical calendar, today is the feast of Candlemas, which celebrates the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple & the Purification of the Virgin Mary.

February 4: 2011 - The Prince of Wales, Charles visited St. Malachy's Church in Belfast to



view a \$3.5m restoration project. First Minister Peter Robison is quoted as saying "Northern Ireland has entered a new era - the first time in recent history that we have had a royal in a Roman Catholic Church here."

February 5: 1820 – The death of William Drennan, physician, poet, educator & one of the chief architects of the Society of United Irishmen. Known as the first to refer in

print to Ireland as "the Emerald Isle." According to his will, with deliberate symbolism, his coffin was borne to the grave by three Catholics & three Protestants.

When Erin first rose from the dark-swelling flood, God blessed the green island, he saw it was good. The Emerald of Europe, it sparkled and shone in the ring of this world, the most precious stone.

(William Drennan)

February 6: 1900 - John Redmond was elected leader of the Irish Party.

February 7: 2002 - The Cranberries announce that proceeds from their new single, Time is Ticking Out, will be donated to the Chernobyl Children's Project.

February 8: 2000 - US President Clinton makes it clear to the Irish and British Governments he is ready to become actively involved in trying to save the Northern Ireland government if needed.

February 9: 1932 - The Army Comrades Association is formed, later to be called the National Guard and nicknamed the 'Blueshirts'.

February 10: 2011 - A painting by Irish-born artist Francis Bacon painting sells at auction at Sotheby's in London for £23 million (€27.2 million) .



February 11: 1858 - The Miracle of Lourdes takes place when St Bernadette, Bernadette Soubirous, has her first vision of the Virgin Mary.



February 12: 1998 - It is confirmed that Ireland has one of Europe's top economies and our ability to compete globally outstrips Germany and France.

February 13: 1998 - It is announced that Irish Embassy staff in Riyadh and Tel Aviv, the Saudi and Israeli capitals, are being kitted out with special suits to protect them against nuclear, biological or chemical weapons.

February 14: 2002 - The Bishop of Killaloe says he would welcome the ordination of women priests. Dr Willie Walsh made his comments amid a growing crisis within his own diocese. Just one priest is set to be ordained within the next seven years. In the same period, over a dozen priests are set to retire.

February 15: 2001 - Lena Hunt, a 78-year old pensioner from Limavady, Co. Derry, turned down a £250,000 offer for part of her back garden, insisting that it means more to her than money. Without the key bit of land, developers of a multi-million pound supermarket project are unable to proceed.



February 17: 1980 - The Derrynaflan Chalice and other ancient silver and bronze pre-Christian antiquities are discovered in Co. Tipperary.

February 18: 1366 - The Statutes of Kilkenny are passed in an attempt to prevent Norman settlers becoming "more Irish than the Irish themselves."

February 19: 2001 - According to the latest price survey, taxes make price of Irish cars highest in the EU.

February 20: 1985 - In a highly controversial vote, the Irish government defies the powerful Catholic Church and approves the sale of contraceptives.

February 21: 2001 - Desmond O'Connell becomes the first Archbishop of Dublin in over 100 years to be installed as a Cardinal.

February 22: 2001 - Authorities begin placing a massive security cordon on sea and airports and along the 300-mile border with Northern Ireland in a determined bid to prevent animals infected with foot and mouth disease from entering the country.

February 23: 2002 - It is announced that Guinness is testing a new system that will slash the waiting time for a pint of the black stuff to 30 seconds. Guinness was hoping to appeal to people not prepared to wait the 1 minute 59 seconds for the traditional pint to be poured



February 24: 1582 - Pope Gregory XIII announces the new Gregorian calendar, replacing the Julian calendar.

February 25: 1570 - Elizabeth I is excommunicated by Pope Pious V.

February 26: 1962 - Due to "lack of support", the Irish Republican Army ends what it calls "The Campaign of Resistance to British Occupation"; which is also known as the 'Border Campaign.

February 27: 2002 - Former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger visits University College Cork where he is confronted by more than 400 angry students protesting his presence.

February 28: 1898 Hugh O'Flaherty was born in Cork on this day in 1898, the Catholic priest credited with saving the lives of 6,500 Jewish people from the Nazis during the World War II. A memorial to him stands in Killarney.



~facts from Irish Culture and Customs

Some Irish history for March...

March 1: 1981 - Bobby Sands begins his hunger strike at Long Kesh prison.



March 2: 1794 - United Irishman Archibald Rowan escapes from custody & makes his way to America.

March 3: 2003 - According to a survey by the Dublin Institute of Technology's Tourism Research Centre, the US is the most popular destination for Irish tourists.

March 4: 1902 - Ancient Order of Hibernians is revived at unity council.

March 5: 2000 - The Government closes the book on the millennium bug after spending £40m preparing for a potential disaster that does not happen.

March 7: 1848~ **Tricolour Celebration** commemorates the first official unveiling of the Irish Tricolour flag by Thomas Francis Meagher in Waterford city.



March 8: 1594 - English expedition sets out to kill pirate queen, Grace O'Malley.



March 9: 1995 - Queen Elizabeth II & the Duke of Edinburgh make a historic visit to Northern Ireland. For the first time, the Queen meets with the Roman Catholic Primate of all Ireland, Cardinal Cahal Daly, as well as his Anglican counterpart, Archbishop Robin Eames.

March 10: 1653 - Sir Phelim O'Neill is executed by Parliament forces in Dublin, after refusing to state that Charles I authorized the 1641 Rebellion.

March 11: 1605 - A proclamation declares all persons in the realm to be free, natural, & immediate subjects of the king & not subjects of any lord or chief.

March 12: 1944 - Britain bans all travel to & from Ireland in an effort to prevent news of

Allied preparations for the invasion of France reaching the Germans.

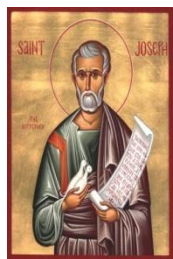
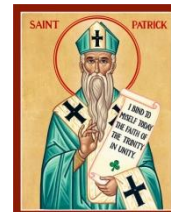
March 13: 1999 - Over 250,000 people pack the streets around the River Liffey in Dublin to witness the largest fireworks display ever seen in Ireland. The event marks the start of a five-day festival to mark St Patrick's Day as well as the official launch of the Millennium celebrations.

March 14: 1705 - An English act permits direct export of Irish linen to American colonies.

March 15: 1672 - Charles II issues the first declaration of indulgence suspending penal laws against Catholics and dissenters.



March 16: 1690 - French king Louis XIV sends troops to Ireland.
March 17: Today is the feast day of St. Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.
March 18: 1932 - The order outlawing the IRA was allowed to lapse.
March 19: Today is the feast of St. Joseph.



March 20: 1927 - Birth in Dublin Zoo of Cairbre, the lion used to introduce Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer films. Cairbre, who later was known as Slat, served as the mascot for the film company from 1924 to 1928.

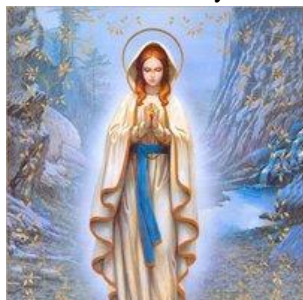
March 21: 2010 - Pope Benedict apologizes to Ireland's Roman Catholics in historic papal letter read at Masses throughout Ireland.

March 22: 1998 - Sonia O'Sullivan wins her second gold medal at the World Cross-Country Championships.

March 23: 1847- funds were sent to Ireland from a Native American tribe, the Choctaw. They raised the equivalent of thousands of dollars to help the starving during the Famine.

March 24: 1953 - Queen Mary dies at 86.

March 25: Today is the feast day of the Annunciation to Our Lady.



March 27: 1625 - Charles I becomes king of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

March 29: 1898 - The Registration Act allows women & peers to vote in local government elections.

March 30: 1896 - An Irishman wins an Olympic gold medal for the first time, when John Pius Boland triumphs in tennis.

March 31: 1711 - Seven women from Island Magee, Co. Antrim are imprisoned & pilloried for 'bewitching' a woman named Mary Dunbar, who has experienced strange fits and visions.

~facts from Irish Culture and Customs



Club Business:

Have you changed your address, phone, or email?

If you have had any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail since registering, Please let us know. We need to update our database for any mailings.

You can e-mail any changes to Mary Eileen Rommeney at mebrom@gmail.com



Do you know someone who would be a Fabulous addition to our Sisterhood?

To become a member, one must be:

A practicing Roman Catholic woman, 16 years of age or older; and
 of Irish by birth or descent OR the mother of a LAOH Member,

OR the wife or mother of an AOH Member, OR the mother of a Junior Hibernian

For more information contact: Maura Roszyk at 610-509-0444 or maurar1117@msn.com

Please send in your Good News or Prayer Requests so together,
 we can celebrate & support each other.

Please email them to Maura Roszyk at maurar1117@msn.com

Be safe ~ Bí curamach

