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If you're at a loss wondering where to celebrate the high holy days this St. Patrick's Day season, you needn't be. The possibilities are as bountiful as blue eyes in Ireland. Here are a few.

Friday, March 11 — The Regency West of Redford Township, 25245 W. Seven Mile Road, is hosting the Knights of Equity St. Patrick's Day Celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m. On tap is a family-style dinner and dance featuring an open bar, music and dancing. Admission is \$22.50 per person. For details, contact Pat Foley at 285-3122.

Friday, March 11 — At high noon, shamrocks will be painted on Michigan Avenue, and the Detroit River will be dyed green in honor of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Parade Grand Marshal Neal Shine will be bestowed with his de rigueur-on-parade-day green satin sash at a luncheon at Reedy's Saloon.

Sunday, March 13 — The St. Patrick's Parade Corktown Races, a four-mile run, kicks off at 1 p.m. at Tiger Stadium, Michigan Avenue and Cochrane. Sponsored by the United Irish Societies and the Motor City Striders, the race is sanctioned by The Athletic Congress. Late registration will take place at Tiger Stadium from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on race day.

Late entry fee is \$10, and includes a T-shirt. The route winds through downtown and Corktown.

Sunday, March 13 — Detroit's 30th annual St. Patrick's Parade steps off at 2 p.m. at Michigan and Third, proceeding west on Michigan through historic Corktown to 14th Street. This year's parade will feature 15 marching bands and six pipe bands, 10 floats, clowns, marchers, dancers, ponies and Irish setters. It will be led by Grand Marshal Neal-Shine and Maid of Erin Margarite Cullen.

Tuesday, March 15 — The Rutherford Family Irish Showband of New York, one of the most popular in the country, visits Livonia for a 7 p.m. dance concert at the Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road. Donations, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12, benefit the upcoming Detroit International Fells and Gaelic Games.

For more information, call 420-0962 evenings or 322-0276 days.

Tuesday, March 15 — Father Russ Kohler and musician Brendan McNulty are staging a premier party at 7 p.m. at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand River in Detroit. McNulty and a host of local Irish entertainers have recorded an album, proceeds from which will benefit the St. Patrick Retreat Center for young cancer patients. Donation is \$5.

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Ongoing — the Favorite Irish Bartender Contest at 75 pubs in three counties. Patrons especially fond of a particular bartender's cheerful smile, good service or conversational savvy may give him or her a chance at a trip to Ireland or cash prizes by casting a \$1 vote on a shamrock ballot.

• Proceeds help defray parade expenses.

Thursday, March 17 — A capacity congregation of St. Patrick's Day celebrants will begin the day at a Sharin' o' the Green Mass at noon at Most Holy Trinity Church at Sixth and Porter in Corktown. Monies raised on the feast day will help Father Jay Samonie keep the doors open for the poor and homeless who flock to Holy Trinity throughout the year.

Saturday, March 19 — A St. Patrick's Day Barn Stomp, an O'Possum Corner traditional music presentation, gets under way at 7 p.m. at Upland Hills Farm, 481 Lake George Road, in Oxford.
Featured will be Irish step danc-

ers, button accordionist Ena McClearn, fiddler Mick Gavin, Modesty Forbids performing traditional Irish music, and New Old Stock Band - Root Stock playing old-time tunes. Five dollars buys entrance to the barn and light refreshments.

For more information, call 626-1611, 626-7647 or 626-1227.

Sunday, March 20 — Four-time All-Ireland champion button accordionist Paddy O'Brien of County Offaly, and Noel Shine, singer, guitarist and tin-whistler from northwest County Clare, entertain at 4 p.m. at the Gaelic League/Irish American Club, 2688 Michigan Avenue, Detroit.

Admission to the event, sponsored by the Traditional Irish Music Organization, is \$5.

Friday, April 29 — So what if St. Patrick's Day 1988 will be history.

will be making a little local history herself, returning for a second solo concert at Livonia's Monaghan K of C Hall, 19801 Farmington Road.

BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Judy Fallon of Plymouth Township plays the piano for her two daughters, champion Irish step dancers Eileen (left) and Jenny. They will perform Thursday, March 17, at the third annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia.

Irish entertainment is real McCoy

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IF ON ST. PATRICK'S Days past you've settled for green beer in pseudo-Irish pubs in a lost quest for a true taste of Ireland, you may want to set aside a few hours for something special this March 17.

At the third annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Fest, your feet are guaranteed not to stick to the floor in a

Instead, your toes will tap to jigs, reels, hornpipes and old-time waltzes played by traditional Irish musicians at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road in Livonia.

cal, non-religious group, will showcase the talents of a host of stellar area artists.

Admission to the event, to start at 4 p.m. and conclude when the cows come home, is \$5. Corned beef and cabbage and the custom-

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The sisters, 15 and 18 respectively, have competed throughout the

Midwest and Canada, performing for audiences of up to 4,000. They

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