

Entertainment

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traditional St. Pat's Day celebration awaits those who'll be on hand to hear Ireland's engaging Antoinette, Joo and Claran McKenna perform Saturday, March 22, at the Ancient Order of Hibernians Hall, 24242 Grand River west of Telegraph.

St. Patrick's Day events are many

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Ireland's Premier Variety Show. Storyteller Cahal Dunne, harpist and singer Deirdre O'Callaghan, comedian Noel Glenny and folk group Donnybrook Fair entertain at 8:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave. For details call 963-8895 or 584-3888.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Michigan Gaelic Football Dance. The Comber Showband performs from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Divine Providence Church Hall, 25335 Nine Mile, one block east of Beech Daly in Southfield. Donation \$5. Phone 538-1404 for more information.

Detroit Wolfe Tones Football Club's fourth annual St. Patrick's Day dance gets underway at 8:30 p.m. at the Gaelic League, 2068 Michigan Ave. Call 584-3888 or 963-8895 for more information.

Oakland County division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians hosts a feast-building party, beginning at 10

a.m. in a parking lot on 12 Mile, one block west of Woodward. Members will march alongside their float in Sunday's parade.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Pre-parade Mass. Father Thomas Duffey will celebrate the feast day Mass at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Church, 58 Parsons behind Orchestra Hall. Music by the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum corps with Irish dancers.

St. Patrick's Day Parade Four-Mile Run. Green-clad harriers will depart Hart Plaza at 12:30 p.m. for the parade route, which ends at Michigan and 12th. Motor City Striders will register those who missed early registration beginning at 11 a.m. race day. Entry fees (\$9 after March 10) go to St. Patrick's Church senior citizen food program.

St. Patrick's Day Parade. Families, friends and wee leprechauns will convene at 2 p.m. on shamrock-laden Michigan Avenue and Third where

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When Irish celebrate, the fun is for all to share

By M.B. Dillon
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Galway Bay
An Irish air
by Francis Fahy

*'Tis far away I am today
From scenes I framed a boy
And long ago the hour I know
I first saw Illinois*

*But time nor tide, nor water wide
can wean my heart away
For ever true it rises to you
My own dear Galway Bay.*

*The blessings of a poor old man
Be with you night and day
The blessings of a lonely man
Whose heart will soon be clay*

*'Tis all the heaven I'd ask of God
Upon my dying day
My soul to soar
For evermore
Above you Galway Bay.*

ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, there'll be Irish and Irish-at-heart so eager to commemorate St. Patrick's Day that they'll rise for St. Boniface's Early Bird 7:15 a.m. Mass.

By the time they file out onto Vermont Street, others will be saving seats at Most Holy Trinity Church at Sixth and Porter, where the Birmingham Celtic Pipe and Drum corps will usher in celebrants of the "Sharin' of the Green" Mass at noon.

Thanks will be given to St. Pat, the fifth-century missionary who converted pagan Ireland. Thoughts will drift back to Irish-born parents and grandparents who left heavy-hearted kin in search of a better life in America.

From there the likes of Murphy, Mulcreavy, Dempsey and Kelly, Butler, Brennan, Nagle and Cahill will pour into pubs and clubs all over Detroit.

Fathers looking dapper in Donegal tweeds, and women dressed in Irish lace with freckle-faced youngsters at their heels will dine on corned beef and cabbage, smoked salmon and spuds as Irish voices are raised in song.

In many a downtown den of activity, musicians' reels and slipjigs will jolt dancers to their feet.

For those who choose to stay closer to home, a good crack is bound to be found at your nearest Irish institution. Four Green Fields in Royal Oak, Farmington's Old Village Inn, the Ancient Order of Hibernians on the outskirts of Redford — all are featuring St. Patrick's Day menus and music. (There are many more celebrations



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Authentic Irish entertainment will be featured at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Club in Livonia. Among those performing will be Mike

Gavin of Redford (left) on the fiddle, Charlie Wilkie of Detroit on guitar and Steven McNeil of Dearborn on pipes.

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piper Steven McNeil who's recorded with the MacNish Distillery Pipe Band; bluegrass/Irish fiddler and pianist Marty Sonberg from Ann Arbor; guitarist and award-winning composer Charlie Wilkie of Detroit; and Scottish songster Jim Ferns of Livonia.

Fanore's repertoire of rafter-raising reels is sure to please, as "The Pigeon on the Gate," "The Maid Behind the Bar," "Musical Priest," "The Bird in the Bush," "Teetotaler" and "The Ban-shie" are just a few of the songs in store.

Jigs on the agenda include "Merrily Kiss the Quaker," "The Cook in the Kitchen," "Contentment Is Wealth" and "The Tar Road to Sligo."

Foot-dragging folks will enjoy watching Kitty Heinzman's Cell Dancers, a spirited, soft-shoed bunch whose members come from as far away as Great Britain. There'll be singalongs as Fanore plays soul-stirring Scottish ballads like "Dark Island," "The Road to Dundee," "McPherson's Lament" and "Flower of Scotland."

Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door. More information is available by calling 537-3489 or 476-8383.

IF IT HAPPENS that you're a house guest and the recipient of warm Irish hospitality the 17th, you may feel the need to express thanks.

Before digging into your Dublin duck, you can raise your glass and propose a toast:

To our host — an excellent man
For is not a man properly judged
By the company he keeps?

Of course it could happen that you'll be stoking your own turf fire for company St. Patrick's Day, in which case you may want to play toastmaster and say:

May the roof above us never fall in
And may two friends gathered below
Never fall out.

It really doesn't matter where you are, so long as you have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

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