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## Special meeting night -- March 4

The next meeting of the John F. Kennedy Division 1, AOH of Bridgeport takes place on the first Tuesday this month, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. sharp at the Gaelic-American Club.

This meeting, five days prior to our 58th Annual AOH Mass and Communion Breakfast, will allow a final opportunity to purchase tickets at \$20 for the above as well as pay Division dues at \$25 for our Brothers who missed our February meeting due to inclement weather. Please forward your dues to Financial Secretary

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## 58th Annual AOH Communion Breakfast

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Grand Ballroom

Holiday Inn of Bridgeport  
featuring

Bro. John J. Meehan, Jr.  
AOH National President  
Keynote Speaker

*Immediately following our*

## Annual Mass in honor of St. Patrick

at St. Ann's Church, Bridgeport  
8 a.m.

His Excellency

Most Rev. William E. Lori, STD  
Bishop of Bridgeport  
Principal Celebrant & Homilist  
Rev. Edward J. Small, S.J.  
AOH Deputy National Chaplain  
Con-Celebrant

## Grand Parade steps off at noon Monday, March 17

The 26th Annual Greater Bridgeport Saint Patrick's Day Parade through the Park City's Downtown will take place at noon on Monday, March 17. The great day begins with the Annual Mass in honor of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, at 8 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Augustine with His Excellency, the Most Rev. William E. Lori, STD, Bishop of Bridgeport as principal celebrant and homilist, and the Rev. Edward J. Small, S.J., Parade Chaplain and AOH Deputy National Chaplain, the Rev. Msgr. Kevin W. Wallin, Parish Pastor and resident priests of the Cathedral, con-celebrants.

Following the Liturgy, the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard will lead the congregation to a Tri-color flag raising at Bridgeport City Hall, with the Honorable Bill Finch, Mayor of Bridgeport, the Annual Grand Marshal's Breakfast, with 2008 Parade Grand Marshal (and AOH Brother) Robert Curwen, the Grand Parade, and Post-Parade Luncheon and awards ceremony at the Holiday Inn to

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**"...I am the Resurrection  
and the Life..."**

**- John 11:25**

**Happy Easter to All! Alleluia!**

**Daylight Savings Time begins March 9**

# CHERISH ALL LIFE

## March is Irish History Month

### Next meeting set for March 4...

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Chris Boyle early this year so that we may avoid the expense of future billings. See you on the 4th!

### Grand Parade set for March 17...

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round out the day. Tickets (advance sale only) are available through LAOH Sister Nancy Lovely, 8 Newton Lane, Trumbull CT 06611. Make checks payable to "GBSPDCC" (Breakfast at \$15 pp/lunch at \$20 pp) and mail to Nancy ASAP!

The Bridgeport AOH and LAOH will march in the parade with their flags and banners; please join us as we meet at the line-up area at 11:45 a.m.

### Feast of St. Patrick is March 17

Born in 389 and ordained in 417, Patrick traveled the length and breadth of Ireland, planting the faith and successfully converting everyone in his travels to Christianity, despite the hostility of the Druids.

On a visit to Rome in 442, Patrick, by now consecrated Bishop by Saint Germanus, was commissioned by Pope Leo the Great to formally organize the Church of Ireland, originating in Armagh. The many monestaries founded by Patrick allowed Irish monks to carry the faith to England, France and Switzerland. After living a completely apostolic life of labor and prayer, Patrick died on March 17, 461 in Downpatrick.

### Congratulations to:

AOH Bro. Tom Walsh and his wife, Ann, proud grandparents (first time!) of Jack Louis, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to daughter Sarah and Dan Neafsey on February 8.

### Order your AOH golf shirt now!



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### Coming up soon...

**March 1** - Countdown to St. Patrick's Day 2008, noon to 3 p.m. at Westfield Mall, Trumbull, featuring the Gaelic American Pipe Band, Lenihan School of Irish Dance (scheduled to appear at press time) presented by the GBSPDCC and Westfield at the Lord and Taylor Court.

**March 1** - Second Annual Dine Out on the Parade Route, dine at Cafe Roma, Holiday Inn's Parc 1070, Joseph's Steakhouse, Metric Bar and Grill, Ralph 'n Rich's, Roberto's or Two Boots Pizza restaurant and receive a 10% discount, courtesy of each establishment; complimentary desserts, a free raffle back at Metric Bar and Grill following dinner. Please contact Jennifer Daly Carolan at (203) 844-0011 or [www.st.patricksdaysparade.net](http://www.st.patricksdaysparade.net) for reservations.

**March 4** -- AOH Division meeting, 7:30 p.m. at GAC (note first Tuesday special meeting night).

**March 8** - Dublin City Ramblers Ireland's #1 Ballad Group at the GAC, 8 p.m., \$20 pp, call Sharon McGovern at 268-1852.

**March 9** -- 58th Annual AOH Mass and Communion Breakfast (see page 1 story).

**March 10** -- 44th Annual St. Patrick's Scholarship Dinner 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 8 p.m. entertainment, formal attire, Holiday Inn Grand Ballroom, \$125 pp, Call Past President Dave Howe at 767-6519 for tickets.

**March 16** -- Palm Sunday

**March 17** -- Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**March 20** -- Holy Thursday

**March 21** -- Good Friday

**March 23** -- Easter Sunday

March 27-30 - The Clan Na Gael Players present "Poor Neil O'Neil's Wake/Hooley" an audience participation comedy which includes dinner, a glass of wine or beer to "toast" Neil, and appearances by his widow, grandson, attorney, parish priest, the "lady in black" and others, all awaiting the reading of the will. Reservations accepted (\$25 on Thursday and Friday, and \$30 on Friday and Saturday) by calling 333-4736 ASAP! Directed by Peg O'Leary at the GAC.

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