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## Message from the President

This being the month of Saint Patrick I put pen to paper to write a message that might be meaningful and insightful. I fell short in my attempt. Green hats, beer and merry tunes seem to fade into the background of what really matters. Two pages eventually edited to one, and then to just these few lines.

To capture the essence of Saint Patrick and his impact on not only the Irish people, but all people who seek to understand the lesson of the shamrock and Trinity is best left to the Saint himself. Moreover, as we prepare for our Irish weekend let us remember in our daily prayers our brothers and sisters who struggle with illness, themselves and with those in their families. For them and theirs.

### An Irish Prayer

### (St. Patrick's Breastplate, abridged)

I arise today

Through a mighty strength,  
 the invocation of the Trinity,  
 Through belief in the Threeness,  
 Through confession of the Oneness  
 of the Creator of creation.

**Amen**

As our Irish bonds are born in the Faith and forever in our heritage, so too we must serve in Friendship, UNITY and Christian Charity.

Síocháin (Peace)

Jim / President♣



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## *Slainte Augus Paidreach (Health and Prayers)*

For those of you that may not know, our Tim Gilboy suffered a stroke and has been take to Benefits Hospital in Great Falls. Please keep Tim, Kathy, and all the family in your prayers.

They are extremely grateful and humbled by the outpouring of support and love. Tim has moved to the Benefits rehabilitation center and will receive occupational, speech, and physical therapy for 6 hours daily for the next 3-4 weeks. His spirit is upbeat, and he has a "ready to get to work" attitude. Once he has completed therapy in Great Falls, he will enter a long-term care facility in Helena.

With Tim unable to work and mounting medical bills, there is a GoFundMe.com (<https://www.gofundme.com/f/gilboy-family>) campaign that will run for the next few weeks. There is also an account set up at Valley Bank in Helena under Tim Gilboy Benefit.

Tim would love visitors and the best times to visit would be around 12:30 pm or 5:30 pm.

## St Patrick's Day Parade

Congratulations to this year's St Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal P J McHugh and Colleen of Day Cynthia Thornquist.

The weather might be on the cool side, but all the parade participants will be marching with warm hearts because of how proud they are of their Irish heritage

## SAVE THE DATE

### VIRGINIA CITY

### IRISH WEEKEND

FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup> AND

SATURDAY JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>

## *St. Francis Dinner Save the Date*

Good Samaritan Ministries along with the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus would like to invite you to our St Francis Dinner, Thursday, March 26, at St Mary Catholic Community. Doors open at 5:45 pm, opening program at 6:00 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm and features homemade soups. This is a free-will offering with funds going to Good Samaritan Assistance Ministry



*Beannachtai na Feile Pádraig*

HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY



## HIBERNIAN DATES TO REMEMBER

### AOH MEETING

KC HALL

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020**

**6:30 PM**

Regular monthly meeting.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVITIES

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020**

**ST PATRICK'S PARADE, NOON**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

**ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING AND PROCLAMATION BY  
THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA. CAPITOL, 8:00 AM**

**CATHOLIC MASS, CATHEDRAL, 12:00 PM**

**AOH DINNER, KC HALL,**

**DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM, DINNER 6:00 PM**

**ST FRANCIS DINNER (FUNDRAISER)**

**GOOD SAMARITAN – FAITH IN ACTION**

**MARCH 26, 2020**

**ST MARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

**DOORS OPEN: 5:45**

### This Month in Irish History

March 1, 1704 - Penal Laws passed in 1695, restricting Catholic civil rights, are strengthened.

March 4, 1778 – Robert Emmet born

March 7, 1848 – Thomas Francis Meagher first flew the Irish Tricolor on this day at 33 The Mall, Waterford City, Ireland.

March 12, 1689 - James II lands at Kinsale and proceeds to Dublin

March 17, 1866 – Thomas Francis Meagher gives speech in Virginia City, Montana

March 17, 1882 – Newspaper told of the first formal St. Patrick's Day parade in Butte.

March 17, 1889 – Formal Dedication of Anaconda's AOH Hall.

March 23, 1847 - Choctaw Indians collect money to donate to starving Irish Hunger victims.



**HAPPY AND BLESSED ST PATRICK'S DAY  
FROM THE THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER  
DIVISION OFFICERS**

**JIM JOE DAN PJ  
JASON PATRICK MIKE TOM**



This is the site that Thomas Francis Meagher flew the Tricolour for the first time. On March 7<sup>th</sup> 172 years ago at 33 the Mall in Waterford City, Ireland

# St. Patrick's Day Festivities

## Saturday, March 14th

### ♣ ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

12 noon ~ Downtown Helena

## Tuesday, March 17th

### ♣ ANNUAL IRISH FLAG RAISING

8 am ~ Front of State Capitol

### ♣ ANNUAL CAPITOL ROTUNDA CELEBRATION

8:15 am ~ Capitol Rotunda

♣ Official Proclamations

♣ Irish Singing

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

### ♣ CATHOLIC MASS

12:00 pm ~ Cathedral of St. Helena

Celebrant – Bishop Austin Vetter

### ♣ ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

*Irish Stew - \$10 per person*

**Knights of Columbus Hall**

**(LIMITED SEATING COME EARLY)**

4:30 pm ~ Doors Open      5:00 pm ~ Dinner

♣ Tiernan Irish Dancers

All Events sponsored by the  
Helena Ancient Order of Hibernians  
And Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians

# CATHEDRAL OF ST HELENA AND THE FEAST DAY OF ST PATRICK

It is very special to be able to celebrate the feast day of St Patrick at the Cathedral of St Helena. The Cathedral has many connections to Ireland that you may not know existed.



It starts with Thomas Francis Meagher wanting the church to create a diocese in the Montana Territory and writing letters that moved that reality forward. We have people like Thomas Cruse that was the major contributor to the building of the Cathedral of St Helena. Thomas Cruse was from County Cavan, Ireland.

We have many details of the Cathedral of St Helena that have a relation to Ireland. The beautiful stain glass window depicting St Patrick on Easter Sunday at the Hill of Tara in County Meath, Ireland using a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Also, some of the statuary on the outside of the Cathedral. Of course, there is St

Patrick, but also the statutes of Daniel O'Connell, the Great Irish Liberator and John Barry, the father of United States Navy. John Barry is from County Wexford, Ireland.

What is so special to celebrate the St Patrick's Day mass at the Cathedral is that it has a relic of St Patrick.

Relics are classified into three classes. The first being the physical remains of the saint. The Cathedral's St Patrick's relic is a first-class relic. The Cathedral of St Helena was dedicated on Christmas Day in 1914. The following June the Cathedral received the St Patrick's relic from Rome. With all the connections the Cathedral has to Ireland and having the relic of St Patrick just makes you feel that much closer to the Patron Saint of Ireland.

