

LADIES ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS



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AOH Division 39

March/April, 2021

President's Corner



Dear Sisters,

I hope you are happy as I am that Spring has arrived.

We will be having a meeting in April!! We will be meeting at AOH Division 39, on Tuesday April 6th at 7:30. For those of you that are comfortable with coming, I look forward to seeing you!! Hopefully with the vaccine coming in full force, we will be able to get back to some kind of “normal” soon.

You will be receiving this letter after St. Patrick’s day, so I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday!!

For those of you who attended, we had a great time kicking off St. Patrick’s week, starting with mass at St. George’s, and followed with a “Stroll” through Port Richmond. We were joined by the “Philly Fire Truck”, St. Patrick, The Easter Bunny, Spiderman, and were escorted by members of the Warrior Watch. Along the way, we collected food for St. Joan of Arc pantry. It was a wonderful time.

We are now getting ready for the Holiest time of the year – Easter. I hope you all have a blessed holiday.

As always, please keep everyone’s needs in your prayers, especially the family or our sister, Kathy Deacy Moore, who succumbed to Covid earlier this month. Continue to pray that the pandemic will continue to loosen its hold on our lives. But please continue to stay safe and wear your masks. We have come this far – it is not time to let our guard down!

Please continue to stay safe and healthy!
In our motto,
Eileen

Upcoming Events:

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A message from Chaplin Sr. Lisa:



One of my nieces recently sent me a passage from a self-help book she is reading. It stated: “I have learned to live by faith, which does not mean by a set of unwavering beliefs or dogma that men laid down ages ago to keep their power. My faith has nothing to do with religion anymore. God is not a being outside of me. God is the fire, the nudge, the warm liquid swelling and pressing inside of me.” (Glennon Doyle *Untamed*)

My response? I believe this is true. God is the fire within, but I need my religion to fan the flame. I need the ritual, the sacraments, and the community to keep the flame of God alive in me. I can’t do this life alone. By the way, my niece’s response to me was “I never thought of it (religion) that way.”

So let us take this Easter season as an opportunity to rekindle our commitment to our Catholic religion. I know that many say they don’t “get anything” from Mass or the sacraments and I feel the same way at times. But I am also there to give. To give back to the God who has given me so much. I just show up, which Woody Allen said is “eighty percent of success.” Yes, there are many ways to give back to God: our service, our love and dedication for family and friends, but if we say we are Catholic then let’s give the Church a chance. Let’s fan into flame the fire of faith we received at our Confirmation.

This brings me to the image of the Celtic cross. According to popular legend, the Celtic cross was introduced by St Patrick when he was converting the pagans in Ireland to Christianity. (Although others claim it was St Declan who introduced the cross.) It has been said that St Patrick combined the Christian cross with the pagan sun to give the newly converted followers the idea of the importance of the cross by linking it with the symbolism of the life-giving properties of the sun. The circle in the cross reminds me of the flame of God within each of us and how God’s light shines in and on us no matter how dark the days can be.

Practicing this kind of faith is not easy. It requires a commitment, a choice. Faith, even for the Irish is not easy. St. Patrick knew the ancient Celts needed to make the connection between their own faith in the Sun, so he blended the two with the Christian cross. Let that same Celtic cross be a reminder to us of the fire of God’s presence is in each of us and that our heritage and Catholic faith can fan this fire into a flame that will warm our often cold world.

In our motto,

Sister Lisa, SSJ

Family News

Birthday Blessings to Our Sisters



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Karen Snow 3
Kathleen Lindline-Evans 10
Marie C. Donahue 19
Anne Mary Costello 26
Linda Sweeney 30

April

Jeanette Bowers 7
Maryanne Burnett 8
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Meghan Kauriga 11
Michele Szarek 11
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Kathleen Morrison 17
Margaret Witalec 18
Regina Kavanagh 23

Special Intentions

Rich Hrapzynski
Greg Riley
Nicholas Jones
Anne Costello

The intentions of our Division 87 members

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Congratulations to Briana Mooney, niece of Nancy Brophy-Jones who will make her Confirmation in April.

Congratulation to Amelia Searles, daughter of Laura Lester who received the sacrament of First Penance in March.

Congratulations to Mikayla Sadoff, daughter of Jennifer Sadoff who received the Sacrament of First Penance in March.



Memorials



Please keep our Sister Kathy Deacy Moore and her family in your prayer, Kathy lost her battle with Covid.

Puzzle

No prizes, no pressure, a little puzzle just for fun.



Easter Story

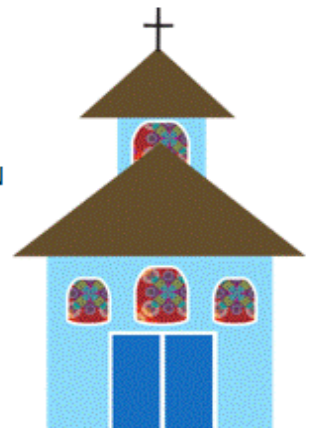
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Our Prayer for Easter

O Jesus, our beloved companion, and glow of our inspiration. We thank thee on this glorious Easter morn for guiding our lives and protecting our homes and families. And for sharing with us the warmth of thine unseen presence. We thank thee, O brother, for being our way to the father, for lighting our pathway to the spring, the source from whence all beauty, peace and life endlessly flow.

In this miraculous season of rebirth; as the flowers and the trees and the grasses emerge from winter's slumber; as the butterflies and dragonflies take to the breeze once again; as creatures big and small nurture a new generation of babies; and as the days grow longer, the nights warmer, and the skies bluer;

We thank thee, O Jesus, for bringing us together with our friends and loved ones on this Easter holiday, in order that we might recall thine own marvelous rebirth, so long ago--when the task of thy temporal ministry had drawn to a close and our father, by his grace unto us, did bring thee back to life and unto that dimension which is his own, which is all around us, and which is called Heaven; that ye shalt dwelleth by our side as our unseen but ever-present protector and counselor for the rest of these days.

And lastly, O Jesus, even as thou hast steadfastly protected us, we humbly reaffirm our promise to protect the gifts of nature and tranquility that our father hath bestowed upon us.

And so, it is in thy name, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.



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