

# County Leitrim Society of New York



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Dear Member,

We find ourselves in the midst of March Madness once again. Spring is nearly here, though this winter has certainly been one to remember. **A quick reminder that clocks go forward this weekend**, giving us longer, brighter evenings and—hopefully—warmer temperatures.

Our **March meeting** will take place on **Thursday, March 19th, 2026 at 7:30 PM in the Heritage Bar and Restaurant, 960 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY**. Please make every effort to attend and remember that new members are always welcome. If you wish to participate via ZOOM, the Meeting ID is 530 678 7556 and the Passcode is 707748. For additional assistance, please contact Meg McKeon-Baker at (718)445-8365.

Dance Reminder: Final preparations are underway for **our 129th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Friday, March 13th, 2026 at Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429**. A deluxe cocktail hour begins at 7:00 PM, followed by dinner and dancing to "Rumor Has It Band." Tickets are \$125.00 each. To reserve, please contact Bernadette Dunleavy at (917) 648-2144 or Margaret Taylor-Finucane at (917) 655-1493, or email Bernadette at [berniedunleavy@yahoo.com](mailto:berniedunleavy@yahoo.com). Last minute reservations and pre-payment are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to "County Leitrim Society of New York" and return to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704. It's important, if you plan to attend, please reserve your seat to ensure a smooth evening.

Please join us on **Tuesday, March 17th, 2026 as we march in the New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade**. **County Leitrim will assemble at 11:30 AM on East 44th Street between Madison and Vanderbilt Avenues**. We will line up AFTER "The Women of Irish Heritage, Northern NJ" and AHEAD OF "County Wexford PS&B Association of NY." **We strongly encourage arriving by 11:00 AM**, as groups are often called to march earlier than scheduled. Please review the attached rules and regulations, and don't forget your sash. **NOTE: The parade will pause at 1:00 PM for one minute of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11 on this 25th Anniversary.**

Thank you to everyone who braved the cold and marched with us on Sunday, March 1st, in the Mineola St. Patrick's Parade. We hope you warmed up with the lovely refreshments and entertainment at the Irish American Center.

**Payments for 2026 dues are now being accepted.** You may pay at any meeting or mail your check to the Financial Secretary at the P.O. address provided above. Dues are \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple.

**Scholarship Reminder: Please return completed scholarship applications to Bernadette Dunleavy, 238 Blackford Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704 by April 15th, 2026.** Winners will be selected at our May meeting.

**Thank you to everyone who supported our NFL Super Bowl Fundraiser.**  
 Congratulations to our winners: Neil Callaghan (Half Time) and Sharon Brady (Final Score).

**The Finale of the 50-Mile Challenge Fundraiser – Run, Walk & Connect will now take place on Sunday, March 15th at 10:00 AM in Tibbetts Park, 355 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY.** Please arrive by **9:45 AM** to receive your Leitrim hat. All donations, large or small, are greatly appreciated. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

**Congratulations to Fergal Guihan of Arigna, County Roscommon (nephew of Helen Lavin-McAlinden), who has completed his “Rossie to Aussie” cycling challenge.** Over nearly two years, he traveled more than 30,000 km across three continents, finishing in Sydney, Australia. His mission was to raise awareness and funds for the Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation and NorthWest STOP suicide prevention services. To date Fergal has raised over 170,00 euros for the charities.

We are saddened to share that Paraic Charles (brother of Oliver – The Butcher's Fancy, Yonkers) passed away on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026 following complications from a debilitating heart attack that affected his vital organs. At just 57 years old he leaves behind his partner and three young sons. A fundraiser has been created to help with significant medical expenses, not covered by insurance. Donations can be made at [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com). Please keep his family in your prayers.

**The Brooklyn St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 15th, 2026.** The day begins with Mass at 10:30 AM at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 245 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn, NY 11215. The parade steps off at 1:30 PM. **Congratulations again to Neil Callaghan, serving as Aide to the Grand Marshal, Magee Hickey.**

**Please mark your calendar for the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Parade on McLean Avenue on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026.** This year's Grand Marshal is William Fitzpatrick, YFD Commissioner. The day begins with Mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel at 11:15 AM. **County Leitrim will assemble at First Street and McLean Avenue (near Chase Bank) at 12 Noon. The parade begins at 1:00 PM.** Please bring your sash and check social media for any updates.

We ask you to remember in your prayers our deceased. Condolences to our President, Noeleen (Bohan), and Seamus McGovern on their recent losses. Noeleen's dear mother, **Anna Bohan (Cloone)**, passed away just one month ago on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and Seamus's aunt, **Margaret McGovern**, who passed away this week at 98 years old. We also remember **Dolly Reynolds (Mohill)**, and **Patsy Prior (Aughawillan/Ballinamore)**. May they all rest in peace.

Please keep our sick members in your prayers: **Joseph Miceli, John Ellis, Brigid Buggy, Maureen Lavin, Kathleen Regan, Cyrilla Ormsby**, and any others not mentioned.

We continue to pray for the safety and well-being of first responders, medical staff, and all essential workers. We also pray for peace throughout the world.

**This week, we proudly celebrate International Women's Day, honoring all the incredible women in our Society.**

**Wishing you a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day.** May the sun shine down on all our parades!

Sincerely,

**Noeleen Bohan McGovern**  
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