



Ladies AOH

Division 5, "Mary of the Gael"

Division Happenings



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Gail Cane,
President/Editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all enjoyed a beautiful Easter with your loved ones! It's hard to believe the month of April is almost over. Hopefully the month of May will bring some true springtime weather! We have some wonderful events being planned this spring. Of course, the Juniors Mother's Day Brunch is the highlight of the month; please invite your friends and family for a truly enjoyable breakfast. It's a chance to relax and let our lovely young ladies pamper you on your special day! June will bring our annual Ladies Div. 5 Yard Sale. I'm sure you are all cleaning out those closets and basements and would like to get rid of that "junk". But you know what they say, "One man's junk is another man's treasure." So plan on donating those unwanted items to help raise money for Hibernian charities and make our yard sale a huge success.

Of course in keeping with the month of May, not only is it a time to honor our mothers, but it is the month to honor Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the mother of the Catholic Church. Let us pray to Mary that she watch over us as well as all the unborn babies in the world.

In closing, I would like to offer this Irish blessing in honor of all of our mothers, both here with us and in heaven:

Mother's Day Blessing.

Tis the month of Mary,
Blessed Queen of the May,
Mother of God we pray to you,
Bless and protect all mothers
on this their special day.

May Mary's month explode with life
Flesh and fleece, fur and feather,
Grass, trees and flowers together;
And make our world a paradise
Wrapped in a kaleidoscope of color
And may God in heaven bless this
Season of hope,
Mary's Month,
The earth's rebirth.

Edited and adapted from a blessing by Andrew M. Greeley

Happy Mother's Day to all!

Yours in our motto of Friendship, Unity & Christian Charity,

Gail

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 29
LAOH Mtg.,
7:30 pm

May 8
Mother's Day
Junior Division 5
Mother's Day Brunch
12-3 pm
Monroe Irish Center

Friday, May 20
LAOH Mtg.,
7:30 pm

Saturday, June 4
Yard Sale
9 am – 2 pm

Saturday, June 11
"Who's Got Talent"
Junior Division 5 Talent
Show
(see details in the
newsletter)

Friday, June 24
LAOH Mtg.,
7:30 pm

**Traditional Irish
Music Seisiun**
Monroe Irish Center
Call Hall for schedule

GOODWILL & WELFARE

~ Congratulations to the children and family of members of Division 5 who recently received the sacrament of First Holy Communion:

- ♣ Graig Edmonds (son of Gail Edmonds)
- ♣ Tara Moloney (daughter of Kate Moloney)
- ♣ Anthony Viola & Helen Ramirez-Apuzzo (nephew and niece of Ann Marie Mulholland)
- ♣ Jacqueline Cane (niece of Gail Cane)
- ♣ Maeve Ryan (daughter of Aileen Ryan)

~ Congratulations to Janice Reynolds who is attending Nursing School at Orange County Community College. She was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa. It's an honor society for community college students. Way to go Janice!

~ Congratulations to Edmond Myers (Mary's son), Niall Bowden (Julie's son) and Mikey Mahon (Ann Marie Mulholland's nephew) who recently traveled with their teammates to Ireland for the Minor League Gaelic Football Championship Game at Croke Park!

SAVE THE DATE!
LAOH Division 5 Yard Sale
Saturday, June 4
9am to 2 pm

If you are doing your spring cleaning, just remember to put aside those unwanted items for our 3rd annual yard sale. It will be held on the grounds of Maggie's Celtic Cottage; Margaret Barry has again graciously volunteered her front lawn in front of Monroe Florist to hold our yard sale. Last year, over \$600 was raised from our two sales. Volunteers are needed to help with set up and sales. More info will follow on drop off and set up times. Stay tuned for more details. Of course, the Juniors will be contributing their delicious baked goods for the sale; these girls are always ready to help out when needed!

A Big Thank You!

Thanks to Carrie Ann Mullahy, our resident chocolatier! She made and sold beautiful chocolate Easter houses and donated the profits to our organization. We are very lucky to have Carrie Ann's talents! Don't miss this chance next year! You are missing a real treat if you do!

**LAOH Blankets**

Kathleen Metcalf is at it again! Now she has designed fleece blankets that are hunter green with a black water resistant backing. Of course, the LAOH logo is prominent. They have many uses, such as a beach or picnic blanket. They are \$25 each with proceeds of the sale going to Division 5. Please see Kathleen at the meeting if you are interested in purchasing one.

JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS**Mother's Day – May 8**

The Junior Division will be sponsoring a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9, from 12-3 pm at the Monroe Irish Center; \$10/adults, \$5/children, under 5 free. Traditional Irish breakfast will be served; a complimentary beverage for every Mom. Why go to an expensive, crowded restaurant when you can be pampered on your special day by some of our fine young ladies. Bring the family and friends to enjoy this special day. Please RSVP by May 1 to Gail Edmonds at 845-978-8483 or by email at gailedmonds@frontiernet.net.

PLANT SALE

If you ordered plants the pick-up will be held on Saturday, May 14, 12-4 pm, and Sunday, May 15, 1:30-3:30 pm. Pick up will be at the home of Gail Cane, 44 Cedar Pond Lane, Chester; if you need further information or directions, call Gail at 469-7022.

**"WHO'S GOT TALENT"**

The Juniors will be sponsoring a talent show on Saturday, June 11, from 7-9 pm, at the Monroe Irish Center. All ages are welcome to attend to show off their talents – sing, dance, tell a joke, display artwork – whatever you can do, just come out and support these young ladies for a great family night out. There is no charge for this event. It's open to all members, families and Friends.

**April Meeting**

Please make every effort to attend the April meeting. The Executive Board will be proposing some changes to the Division Bylaws on which the membership will be voting. Your input is important; we would like to hear what you have to say as this is YOUR division. See you on Friday, April 29, 7:30 pm