

The Country Courier



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Facts about St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, millions of people across the United States celebrate in the Irish tradition known as St. Patrick's Day. The holiday has been around for hundreds of years, and while the history of the holiday may be less of the focus today, it is still an important element. Understanding the history of St. Patrick's day can help appreciate it more and see why this holiday is still celebrated today through parades, colors and meals.

St. Patrick

The holiday is named after a religious figure who actually was never born in Ireland. At a young age, St. Patrick was kidnapped by pirates and forced into Ireland. He escaped his job as a slave and lived on the rich, green Ireland shores. He later left Ireland, became religious and returned to spread the faith of Christianity. He lived there for 30 more years, where he spread knowledge and writing through the Irish people. March 17 is the day he was rumored to die and that was chosen as the official St. Patrick's Day.

Leprechauns

Another celebrated figure besides St. Patrick is the leprechaun. Leprechauns are magical mini-people that have been in Irish tales and myths for years. Old stories tell the tale of the leprechaun who is a shoemaker that protects gold. Whoever discovers the gold can keep it as long as he also watches the leprechaun.

Green

A common St. Patrick's Day tradition is to wear the color green. There are multiple reasons for this and they have to do with country of Ireland itself. Ireland's flags featured a prominent green stripe. The northern country is also known for its rich landscape full of bright green shades of grass. The Irish shamrock is also green and a traditional St. Patrick's Day symbol.

Irish Traditions

St. Patrick's Day has become a celebration of the Irish as much as it has of St. Patrick. A traditional meal eaten on St. Patrick's Day is corned beef and cabbage. Corned beef originated in Ireland and the country was one of the biggest exporters of the food for years. In the United States, the heavily Irish-populated city of Boston celebrated St. Patrick's Day in 1737. Today, a parade is still held there every year along with other large cities like Chicago, New York and even Montreal, Canada.

Four-Leaf Clovers

St. Patrick's Day is known as a day of luck and, for centuries, people have collected rare four-leaf clovers for luck. Four-leaf clovers are hard to find, and because of this, finding one is supposed to bring extra luck to a person's life. Old legends state that each clover represents a spiritual helper. These are hope, happiness, love and faith.



HAPPY St. Patrick's Day from your friends at Country Cupboard!

The Refrigerator

A man bought a new refrigerator for his house. He decided to put his old refrigerator in his front yard with a sign on it, "Free to a good home."

For three days, the fridge sat in the yard without even one person stopping to look at it.

He figured people did not trust the deal. It seemed too good to be true. So he changed the sign to read, "Fridge for sale, \$50." The next day, someone stole it!

Holy Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." t young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER LOVER'S DAY Peanut Butter Cookies \$2.79/pack	2 Banana Cream Pie \$9.49	3 \$1.00 OFF Any Pie	4 Chicken Bowl \$4.99	5 Any 6-pack of Muffins \$3.79/pack	6 Oreo Cookie Dessert \$5.99/quart	7 Biggie Muffins 99¢ each	
8 Biggie Cupcakes \$1.99 each	9 NATIONAL MEATBALL DAY Meatballs in Red Sauce \$11.49/quart	10 Ham Salad \$6.49/pint	11 Sticky Bun Bread Pudding \$2.99/pint	12 50¢ OFF any pack (6) of Sticky Buns	13 Ham Pot Pie \$7.49/quart	14 50¢ OFF Any Loaf of Bread	
15 Large Iced Cut Out Cookies \$1.99 each	16 Mint Iced Brownies \$5.49 each	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY Mint Whoopie Pies 99¢ each	18 NATIONAL OATMEAL COOKIE DAY Iced Oatmeal Cookies 6 for \$3.49	19 Filled Cookies 6 for \$3.99	20 Stuffed Shells 6-pack \$7.99	21 Iced Cinnamon Rolls 6-pack \$4.59	
22 Honey Bun Cake \$4.99	23 Chicken Corn Soup \$8.49/quart	24 Meatloaf Bowl \$4.99	25 Cupcakes \$3.79/pack	26 Cherry Delight \$2.99/pint	27 Small Quiche \$4.49 each	28 Large Individual Cookies 99¢ each	
29 \$1.00 OFF Any Tub of Popcorn	30 Chocolate Whoopie Pies 99¢ each	31 Chicken Meat Pie \$4.99	Each day in March we're giving you a special reason to visit our Bakery & HomeStyle To Go Counter. We hope to see you soon and often! <i>Available ONLY at our Bakery and HomeStyle To Go Counter and while supplies last.</i>				 Order in Advance! Call 570-523-3211

Easy Tiramisu Recipe

What You Need

- 12 vanilla wafers, divided
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee granules
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 2 snack-size cups (3-1/2 oz each) vanilla pudding
- 1/4 cup whipped topping
- 1 teaspoon baking cocoa

Make It

Set aside two vanilla wafers; coarsely crush remaining wafers. Divide wafer crumbs between two dessert dishes. In a small bowl, dissolve coffee granules in hot water. Drizzle over wafer crumbs. Spoon pudding into dessert dishes. Top with whipped topping; sprinkle with cocoa. Garnish with reserved vanilla wafers. Yield: 2 servings.

Features of the Month

Breakfast Feature:

Croissant Breakfast Sandwich - \$6.99
Sausage, egg & cheese on a croissant served with fruit cup

Salad Feature:

Fajita Salad - \$11.79
Winter Salad - \$10.49

Dessert in the Dining Room:

Mint Chocolate Chip
Cheesecake - \$5.49

Facts About March

- Flower** - Jonquil
- Birthstone** - Aquamarine
- 8** - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 9** - Full Moon
- 17** - St. Patrick's Day
- 19** - Spring Begins
- 24** - New Moon



Hours of Operation

Restaurant Hours

Mon - Sat: 7am - 8pm
Sun: 7am - 7pm

Gift Shop Hours

Mon - Thurs: 9am - 7pm
Fri & Sat: 9am - 8pm
Sun: 9am - 5pm


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