



# St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY – ORGANIZED 1936

85<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARADE – FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 13, 2020

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February 20, 2020

Dear Friend,

*Grand Marshal*  
Michael D. Byrne

*Deputy Grand Marshall*  
Eileen McGinley Hannaford

*Dedicated to*  
†Francis J. "Frank" Coyne

Kathleen M. Conlon  
*First Vice Chairwoman*

The *St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.* is pleased to announce the Tenth Annual Saint Patrick's Day Art and Essay Contests for students of the schools of the *Archdiocese of Newark*.

Hon. Thomas P. Giblin  
*Second Vice Chairman*

John Martin  
*Recording Secretary*

Enclosed, you will find the materials students need to participate in the 2020 Contests. Students in elementary schools are invited to compete in an art contest while high school students are invited to compete in an essay contest.

George Clayton  
*Corresponding Secretary*

Rick Smith  
*Financial Secretary*

Through the contests, the Parade Committee and its member-organizations encourage students of the Archdiocese to learn about the life of Saint Patrick and the unparalleled contributions of the Irish to our state and our Church.

Michael D. Byrne  
*Treasurer*

The theme for the 2020 contests is "The Importance of Community Service" – a fitting subject, since the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal are Irish-Americans who have given significant time to non-profit organizations in their communities:

Robert P. Lynch  
Barbara A. Lyons  
*Sergeants-at-Arms*

John F. Wojtal, Esq.  
*Adjutant*

- Grand Marshal Michael D. Byrne has been a part of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc. for decades and served as its General Chairman for nine years.

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Rev. Patrick W. Donohue  
*Chaplain*

- Deputy Grand Marshal Eileen McGinley Hannaford founded the Kevin J. Hannaford Sr. Foundation in 2004 and has served as its President and Executive Director since then.

Eugene J. Byrne, Esq.  
Robert C. Rowbotham II, Esq.  
*Counsel*

As Parade Day draws closer, your school will also receive an invitation to participate in our Parade Day activities: Mass at *St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral*, an Irish History Breakfast, and the Parade itself.

Joseph Downar  
*Historian*

Michael J. O'Hara  
*Judge of Elections*

We hope to see you on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Saint Patrick's Day Parade!

Chris Dugan  
Sean McGovern  
Rosemarie L. Mellody  
Brian Roth  
Erin P. Sweeney  
*Trustees*

Very truly yours,

John M. "Jack" Doll  
General Chairman

Samantha Darnesto  
Student Contests Chairwoman

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## **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ART CONTEST**

### **Teacher / Administrator Overview**

The St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee has "Kept the Tradition Alive" in Newark for 85 years. To help ensure that students learn about the significant contributions that the Irish have made to the Church and to community life in New Jersey, the *St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Inc.* has established an art contest for Grades K through 8 in the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Participating schools may submit the work of up to three (3) finalists from the following categories:

Kindergarten through Grade 2 – one (1) finalist;  
Grade 3 through Grade 5 – one (1) finalist; and  
Grade 6 through Grade 8 – one (1) finalist.

Each school's finalists will be recognized at the Ceremonial Reviewing Stand where they will be presented with certificates and each will have the opportunity to lead their school's contingent in the 2020 Newark Parade.

Then, three (3) Archdiocesan winners will be chosen by the Parade Committee and their works will be featured in the Parade Committee's Annual Souvenir Journal and may be published on promotional materials for the Parade. Winners will be awarded cash prizes of \$250 for their school's art program.

Grand Marshal Michael D. Byrne and Deputy Grand Marshal Eileen McGinley Hannaford, will present the three Archdiocesan winners of the contest with the awards for their schools at the Reviewing Stand Ceremonies on Parade Day: Friday afternoon, March 13, 2020.

The Committee requests that one teacher or administrator from each school be responsible for submitting the work of each school's finalists by Wednesday, March 4, 2020 to [NewarkParade@gmail.com](mailto:NewarkParade@gmail.com). **Artwork should be submitted in .pdf format.** The file name of each entry should list the name of the student, the name of his school, and the school phone number, as in the example below:

McGuire, Kathleen T. – St. Patrick's Academy – (085) 313-2020

Those unable to email the artwork, should mail it to Samantha Darnesto / Student Contests Chairwoman / 21 Drakesdale Road / Flanders, NJ 07836. Write lightly – in pencil – on the back of each entry the student's name, the name of his school, and the school's phone number.

Kindly direct questions concerning the art contest to Samantha Darnesto with the Committee at (973) 746-3280 or [NewarkParade@gmail.com](mailto:NewarkParade@gmail.com).

The art contest prompt follows.

## **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY ART CONTEST** **Grades K through 8 – Prompt**

The Irish people honor Saint Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, as their patron Saint, for it was Patrick who left his homeland and came to Ireland to liberate the Irish from druid kings and from the darkness of life devoid of the light of Christ.

Saint Patrick's ministry in Ireland lasted nearly thirty years: preaching the Gospel and teaching the great body of knowledge that had developed for centuries on the mainland of Europe. And he did so by the only means available to him – the spoken word and the written word – (though in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century, it was a chore to produce a written text in ink and paper). But, God had a plan for him and helped Patrick achieve his calling to win so many for Christ.

Thus, the theme for the 2020 contests is “The Importance of Community Service” – a fitting subject, since the Grand Marshal and Deputy Grand Marshal are Irish-Americans who have given significant time to non-profit organizations in their communities:

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These honorees provide an opportunity to reflect on the importance of “The Importance of Community Service” – in school, work, family life, spiritual life, or – perhaps – other facets of life.

### Objective—

The objective is to design a 2-dimensional piece exemplifying the theme, “The Importance of Community Service.”

Artwork may be created in any medium (marker, paint, colored pencil, etc.), provided the design will transfer well to a digital format. Your artwork should be no larger than 7.5 inches wide and 9 inches high.

Please include your name, school name, and school phone number with your entry, *but not on the face of the entry itself*, [ex: McGuire, Kathleen T. – St. Patrick's Academy – (085) 313-2020].

Entries will be judged on the bases of originality, adherence to guidelines, and transferability to parade promotional materials, as needed.