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DIVISION 1 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Year of the Priest Dinner	September 17
Half Way to St. Patrick's Day.....	September 18
All Ireland Gaelic Football & breakfast	September 19
JDJ Board meeting at 3:00 pm.....	September 19
Traditional Irish Music Seisiún	Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Seisiúns are suspended for the summer	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brothers,

I hope everyone had a great summer. I would like to thank everyone who came out to the AOH Picnic/Luau on August 7th. Everyone I have spoken to had a great time. The food was superb, the music excellent, the weather was great and the venue was outstanding. Not to mention the Hawaii Bagpipers.

We all owe a great amount of appreciation to this year's Picnic committee — Chris DeBold, Chris Canonico, Mike Carroll, Teague Ryan, and Tommy Fleming. A great deal of time and effort was expended in order to put on a fantastic Picnic.

The Fall months are lining up to be very interesting as well. First on the schedule we are planning to open the NFL season with a Tailgate party prior to the Giants opening game on September 12th. Details will be available at the Hall and e-mail as well. We are planning to be open for Monday Night Football when the Jets open their season on September 13th as well. We

are always open for Sunday Football and Monday Night Football every week during the season. Come down and get details on extracurricular fun being engineered by our new Beerslinger Mike Carroll.

September 17th will be the Dinner for the Clergy at St. John's in Goshen starting at 5:00 pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist please contact Tommy Flynn or Gail Edmonds.

September 18th will be our 2nd Annual Halfway to Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. The cost will be \$15 per person and \$25 per couple which will include Buffet Dinner, Draft Beer, Step Dancing, the Seisun musicians and the AOH Division One Bagpipers in traditional uniform. St. Patrick's Day is too good to only celebrate once a year.

September 19th starting at 8:30 am will be Championship Day for All-Ireland Gaelic Football. A traditional Irish breakfast will be included. Come on down and see who takes home the Sam Maguire

Cup.

September 19th we will hold a JDJ meeting at 3 pm. Please do your utmost to attend as every Division member is also a JDJ member. This would be a great opportunity to voice your opinions and more importantly share any ideas you may have to improve our Hall.

And last but certainly not least mark your calendars for October 10th for our 30th Annual Communion Breakfast Mass at 9:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Monroe followed by an Irish Breakfast at the Hall. We hope to see many Green Jackets that morning.

Our next meeting is on Friday September 10th at 7:30 pm. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank.

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Pro-Life Report

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Irish History *(Continued from page 4)*

Writs for the arrest of Bl. Plunket were repeatedly issued by the Government. At length he was seized and cast into prison in Dublin Castle, Dec. 1679, and a whole host of perjured informers were at hand to swear his life away. In Ireland the character of those witnesses was well known and no jury would listen to their perjured tales, but in London it was not so, and accordingly his trial was transferred to London. In fact, the Shaftesbury Conspiracy against the Catholics in England could not be sustained without the supposition that a rebellion was being organized in Ireland. The primate would, of course, be at the head of such a rebellion. His visits to the Tories of Ulster were now set forth as part and parcel of such a rebellion. A French or Spanish fleet was chartered by him to land an army at Carlingford Bay, and other such accusations were laid to his charge. But there was no secret as to the fact that his being a Catholic bishop was his real crime. Lord Brougham in "Lives of the Chief Justices of England" brands Chief Justice Pemberton, who presided at the trial of Bl. Plunket, as betraying the cause of justice and bringing disgrace on the English Bar. This Chief Justice set forth from the bench that there could be no greater crime than to endeavour to propagate the Catholic Faith, "than which (he declared) there is not anything more displeasing to God or more pernicious to mankind in the world". Sentence of death was pronounced as a matter of course, to which the primate replied in a joyous and emphatic voice: "Deo Gratias".

July 1681 Bl. Plunket, surrounded by a numerous guard of military, was led to Tyburn for execution. Vast crowds assembled along the route and at Tyburn. One letter at that time reported that "all were edified and filled with admiration, "because he displayed such a serenity of countenance, such a tranquillity of mind and elevation of soul, that he seemed rather a spouse hastening to the nuptial feast, than a culprit led forth to the scaffold". From the scaffold he delivered a discourse worthy of an apostle and martyr. An eye-witness of the execution declared that by his discourse and by his heroism in death he gave more glory to religion than he could have won for it by many years of a fruitful apostolate. Bl. Plunkett's head is in a reliquary in a church in Droghed. Pilgrims come from all parts of Ireland and from distant countries to venerate this relic of the glorious martyr, and many miracles are recorded.

Announcements:

Ceili dancing will resume on Monday nights starting after Labor Day. At that time Div. 1 members whose dues are paid up will be entitled to 4 free lessons. We usually have more ladies than gents, so come and kick up your heels, have fun and lose weight too. For more info contact Ed Dennehy 469-2984.

Lou Allen Memorial Golf Outing will be September 26th in Wallkill Country Club. As you know, our Brother Bob Allen lost his son Lt. Lou Allen and please consider golfing this year. Contact: Kerry Lembo at Tuxedo school district for details: 845-351-4786 ext. 715

Dues and Contact Information — are essential to the continued success of our division. Your address label on the September Newsletter will be marked with red ink if you have not paid your 2010 dues. Members receive the monthly newsletter, the quarterly national newsletter, members' families are eligible for the Thomas Fleming Scholarship, members pray for each other in life and after death, and many other successful and important events are accomplished as a division. If you have current contact information for Burt Pratt or Thomas Hughes, please send the contact information to both of your division's secretaries. Please email your contact information to our division's secretaries: wolfetone45211@yahoo.com and 8158269422@optonline.net

2010 Year of the Priest Dinner — Please drop Tommy Flynn an email for details about this September event:

TommyFlynn@optonline.net

Three generations of the Jordan family will be joining Div. 1 at the meeting on Sept. 10th. Come to the meeting and welcome them.

10 - 10 - 10 . . . On Sunday, October 10, 2010, we will have our Annual Communion Mass at Sacred Heart on Still Road. Following the Mass we will also have the communion breakfast back at the hall with a special guest speaker. Please make a special effort to attend the Mass.




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HISTORY

Blessed Oliver Plunkett (1629 -1681)


Excerpt from NewAdvent.org




Blessed Oliver Plunkett was the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of all Ireland, born in County Meath, Ireland, 1629; died 1681. His is the brightest name in the Irish Church throughout the whole period of persecution. As an aspirant to the priesthood, Blessed Oliver Plunkett set out for Rome in 1645. As a student of the Irish College of Rome, the rector said of him that he was "ranked amongst the foremost in talent, diligence, and progress in his studies, and everywhere, at all times, was a model of gentleness, integrity, and piety". Promoted to the priesthood in 1654, Blessed Plunkett was deputed by the Irish bishops to act as their representative in Rome. Throughout the period of the Cromwellian usurpation and the first years of Charles II's reign he most effectually pleaded the cause of the suffering Church and in 1669, he was appointed to the primatial see of Armagh, and was consecrated a bishop.



Bl. Plunkett lingered for some time in London, using his influence to mitigate the rigour of the administration of the anti-Catholic laws in Ireland, and it was only in the middle of March, 1670, that he entered on his apostolate in Armagh. From the very outset he was most zealous in the exercise of the sacred ministry. Within three months he had administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to about 10,000 of the faithful, some of them being sixty years old, and, writing to Rome in December, 1673, he was able to announce that "during the past four years", he had confirmed no fewer than 48,655 people. To bring this sacrament within the reach of the suffering faithful he had to undergo the severest hardships, often with no other food than a little oaten bread; he had to seek out their abodes on the mountains and in the woods, and as a rule, it was under the broad canopy of heaven that the Sacrament was administered, both flock and pastor being exposed to the wind and rain. He made extraordinary efforts to bring the blessings of



education within the reach of the Catholic youth. In effecting this during the short interval of peace that marked the beginning of his episcopate his efforts were most successful. He often refers in his letters to the high school which he opened at Drogheda, at this time the second city in the kingdom. He invited Jesuit Fathers from Rome to take charge of it, and very soon it had one hundred and fifty boys on the roll, of whom no fewer than forty were sons of the Protestant gentry. He held frequent ordinations, celebrated two Provincial Synods, and was untiring in rooting out abuses and promoting piety.



The storm of persecution burst with renewed fury on the Irish Church in 1673; the schools were scattered, the chapels were closed. Bl. Plunkett, however, would not forsake his flock. His palace thenceforward was some thatched hut in a remote part of his diocese. Bl. Plunkett lay concealed in the woods or on the mountains, and with such scanty shelter that through the roof they could at night count the stars of the sky. Bl. Plunkett traveled with another Archbishop from Cashel. Plunkett tells of their hardship in one of his letters: "The snow fell heavily, mixed with hailstones, which were very large and hard. A cutting north wind blew in our faces, and snow and hail beat so dreadfully in our eyes that up to the present we have scarcely been able to see with them. Often we were in danger in the valleys of being lost and suffocated in the snow, till at length we arrived at the house of a reduced gentleman who had nothing to lose. But, for our misfortune, he had a stranger in his house by whom we did not wish to be recognized, hence we were placed in a garret without chimney, and without fire, where we have been for the past eight days. May it redound to the glory of God, the salvation of our souls, and of the flock entrusted to our charge".

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