

Fun Facts About St. Patrick's Day!

Tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day! In keeping with a theme and having some fun, we wanted to share facts and trivia about St. Patrick's Day!



Who was St. Patrick?

You may wonder if St. Patrick was even a real person. Yes, he was! Patrick, before he became a saint, was born in Britain, around 386 A.D. He was later kidnapped as a Teenager by pirates and lived as a slave in Ireland for nearly six years. He later escaped and reunited with his family. Patrick's Christian faith led him to enter the priesthood, and he later lived his life as a missionary in Ireland.

Why March 17th?

St. Patrick's Day is wildly known for wearing green, four-leaf clovers and lots of beer, the date marks the anniversary of St. Patrick's death. The earliest known celebration was held on March 17, 1631. It's also a secular celebration of Irish culture.



The Shamrock Was Considered a Sacred Plant

Did you know that the three-leaf clovers symbolize spring? The shamrock has been associated with Ireland for centuries. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant as a visual guide when explaining the Holy Trinity.

What are Leprechauns?

The red-haired, green-clothed Leprechaun is commonly associated with St. Patrick's Day. Belief in leprechauns likely stems from Celtic belief in fairies. In folktales, leprechauns were cranky souls.



The First St. Patrick's Day Parade

Although people in Ireland had celebrated St. Patrick since the 1600s, the tradition of a St. Patrick's Day parade began in the United States. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida.

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