

# ST MARY'S Gael Scoil

Gael Scoil is an immersive experience designed to help our young people grow in knowledge about Ireland and Irish culture.



It is open to young people ages 7-18 of all walks of life. We aspire to engage others through active participation by partnering with area community members to offer exposure to traditional Irish activities.

St Mary's is presenting a month full of Irish events and initiatives in celebration of St Patrick's Day in Gloucester City, NJ this March. St Mary's Parish established in 1848 has a strong history of community in Gloucester City and surrounding communities.

As such, we are very vested in sustaining a vibrant community with excellent quality of life for the residents and visitors. Gloucester City has a rich history of Irish heritage dating back to the 1600's when Irish Quakers first settled in the Town of Gloucester, now known as Gloucester City. That tradition continues today with the City ranking 9<sup>th</sup> in the nation for Irish American population.

St Mary's RC Church  
426 Monmouth St  
Gloucester City, NJ 08030



## Gael Scoil:

February 9, 2019

St Mary's Rectory

Cost: \$10 per person

Lunch and Snack are provided.

## Schedule:

9:45-10:00 am Welcome and Start

10:00-10:45am First Class

10:45-11:00 am First Break

11:00-11:45 am Second Class

11:45-12:30 pm Lunch

12:30-1:15 pm Third Class

1:15-1:30 pm Second Break

1:30-2:15 pm Fourth Class

2:15-3:00 pm Fifth Class

3:00-3:45 pm Sixth Class

**Language** – Attendees will learn the resonances of the Irish language and some vocabulary from an Irish speaking teacher.

**History** – Themes will encompass the Celts and the coming of Christianity, the influence of the Vikings, and the origins and consequences of the Great Famine (1845-55).

**Dance** – Irish traditional dance as well as step-dancing, will be demonstrated by dancers and the basic steps will be presented.

**Music** – the bodhran, harp, tin whistle and bagpipes. Students not only hear the music, they learn about the instruments and their histories. Students will receive a tin whistle and learn to play a few notes.

**Sports** – Hands on/and demonstration of Irish Football and Hurling provided by GAA Sports.

**Traditional Irish Food** – Attendees will receive traditional Irish lunch and snacks during breaks.

**Culture** – The oral tradition and its contribution to Irish history is recounted through the art of storytelling.

Cost \$10 per person  
Registration due by February 2,  
2019.

## Directions:

### Using Route 42 –

Take 42 North to Exit 1C. At the top of the exit ramp, make a left onto Market Street. Follow Market Street to end (Stop sign). Make a right onto King Street. Go 2 blocks and make a right on Cumberland Street. Proceed 2 blocks. Gloucester Catholic High School main building is on the right.

### Using I-295 –

Take Interstate 295 North to 42 (stay to the right). Take Exit 1C. At the top of the exit ramp, make a left onto Market Street. Follow Market Street to end (Stop sign). Make a right onto King Street. Go 2 blocks and make a right on Cumberland Street. Proceed 2 blocks. Gloucester Catholic High School main building is on the right.

### Using Route 130 –

Follow Route 130 North to Market Street in Gloucester (Quality Inn Motel on corner). Turn Left at light onto Market Street. Follow Market Street to end (Stop sign). Make a right onto King Street. Go 2 blocks and make a right on Cumberland Street. Proceed 2 blocks. Gloucester Catholic High School main building is on the right.

## Contact Us

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