For eateries, St. Pat's serves up more than food

If you're looking for an Irish breakfast, **Paddy's Loft** in Massapequa will be serving daily St. Patrick's Day week, says June Duffy, manager. Other choices will include Irish beef and lamb stew, corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie, Irish spring rolls, and lamb chops, she says. "We will be having live music all week long for St. Patricks Day," says Duffy. Irish flights include a trio of Harp, Guinness and Smithwicks, she adds. 1286 Hicksville Rd., 516-798-7660, paddysloft.com

This will be the **Irish Coffee Pub's** 39th St. Patrick's Day, says Steven Mahood, who owns the East Islip restaurant. Irish favorites will be served all day, including spud soup, shrimp Guinness, New York sirloin Fitzpatrick, and scallops Sligo. Live entertainment is scheduled to begin at 12.30 p.m. At 7 p.m., there will be a special St. Patrick's dinner show with the Gabe Hickey Band, Mulvihill-Lynch Irish Dance and some of Long Island's finest pipers. 131 Carleton Ave., 631-277-0007, irishcoffeepub.com

Shennanigans Café in Lake Ronkonkoma will put on Irish-themed trivia and musical bingo, says Jennifer McGuigan, who runs marketing for the restaurant. But bring an appetite for dishes such as Guinness-battered fish and chips, St. Patty's hash, and Irish nachos. 228 Hawkins Ave., 631-467-9724, shennaniganscafe.com

Kitty Mulligan's Irish Pub in Bay Shore, which was named after owner Stephen Bermingham's grandmother from Dublin, will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Corned beef and cabbage, a staple at restaurants on St Patrick's Day

"We will have Irish music all day with bagpipers, Irish dancers from the local dancing school, and lots of giveaways all day long," says Bermingham, who opened the restaurant in March 2021. Look for Irish stew, bangers and mash, corned beef and cabbage, fish and chips, and more on the menu. 615 E Main St., 631-315-3571, kittymulligans.com

"If you want to have a great time, there's no time like St. Patrick's Day at **Finnegan's**," says Tommy "Big Kat" Forte, bartender at the Huntington pub. Expect favorites such as corned beef and cabbage, corned beef sandwiches, Irish stew and shepherd's pie, but also, Forte says, "the perfect Guinness, hats, beads — Irish fun ... without the flight to Ireland." 5 Wall St, Huntington, 631-423-9696, lessings.com

Yes, you'll find traditional St. Patrick's Day fare at **The Nutty Irishman** in Farmingdale, but this year expect some twists, including Irish poutine, Reuben egg rolls, and Guinness beer cheese dip, says Karina Costello, marketing director. "Our featured cocktail for St. Patrick's Day is our 'Irish Gentleman,' which is Jameson and Guinness Draft," she says. Step dancers and bagpipers will add to the atmosphere, she says. 323 Main St., 516-293-9700, thenuttyirishman.com

For St. Patrick's Day, you might be inclined to try the Almighty Belfast, an 8-ounce hamburger with corned beef, onion rings, spicy coleslaw, Irish cheddar cheese and bacon — it is one of the many mighty menu offerings at the **Belfast Gastropub** in Lindenhurst, where owner Dave Crowe has been helping to organize the community's first St. Patrick's Day parade. He opened the restaurant in March 2021. 101 N. Wellwood Ave., 631-237-7021, belfastgastropub.com

Doors open at 11 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day at **Flanagan's Pub** in Lake Ronkonkoma. "We'll have live Irish music, bagpipers, Irish step dancers, and food and drink specials all day long," says Heather Hemberger Poli, one of the owners. The restaurant is known for its Irish Wednesdays special: For $20, enjoy shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, or fish and chips, with soup or salad and an Irish beer or house wine. 451 Hawkins Ave., 631-588-9843, flanaganspubny.com

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