

St. Patrick's Day celebrates a Catholic saint who lived long ago. The first St Patrick's Day parade in the United States took place when Irish soldiers marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Over the years, Irish immigrant groups began to hold parades with bagpipes and drums. In 1848, several groups united their parades. Today, New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade was the nation's largest. Each year, nearly three million people attend.