Galvin and Larkin to exchange vows

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IT CAN indeed take a village, at least to foster two marriages that span the Atlantic.

Martin Galvin Jr. and Emer Larkin will share in the sacrament of marriage on August 30 at St. Barnabas Church in Woodlawn.

Martin is the son of attorney and Irish community activist Martin Galvin. His mother, Carmel

Galvin, is from Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath, and works in the liver transplant unit at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx.

Emer’s parents are Joe Larkin and Angelina Larkin, who reside in Rahugh, County Westmeath, where they have a farm.

Martin Jr. was born and raised in the Bronx and lived in Woodlawn, Kingsbridge, and Riverdale. He is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Manhattan College and attended the University of Notre Dame Law School.

For one semester he studied Irish history at University College Galway. He has served as a prosecutor at the Bronx County DA’s office, as a law clerk to Judge Ciparick of the New York State Court of Appeals, and adjunct professor at Manhattan College. He now works as a court attorney to Judge Fabrizio in Bronx County Supreme Court. He was recently appointed to Community Board 8.

Emer is from Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath - the same village where Martin’s mother is from. She graduated from the Dublin Institute of Technology with honors with a major in nutritional health science and also has an advanced degree in nutritional therapy. Emer is employed as a research associate at Albert Einstein Hospital in the Bronx.

The couple met at the Greenville Arms Hotel in Mullingar at Martin’s cousin’s wedding in 2002. Martin also lived in the same village as Emer for one year, in 1982, and attended the same primary school as Emer, but the two did not cross paths. Before the wedding, Martin’s mother told him to “look your best” because you might meet your future wife at this wedding.

She said with prescience that men often meet their future wife at a wedding. Emer spotted Martin as “the American” at the wedding because he was wearing khaki pants and white socks.

On their first date, Martin’s bicycle broke and he had to hitch a lift on a tractor to Rochfortbridge to meet Emer who was waiting in a car with her mother. Seven years afterwards, they were engaged on a beach at the Jersey Shore.

Now, ten years later, they will be married at St. Barnabas.

The wedding will be celebrated by Mgr. Larkin of Visitation Church in Kingsbridge (no relation to the bride), and Mgrs. Barry of St. Barnabas.

THE CHALICE OF BLOOD

By Peter Tremayne

THIS IS the latest installment in Sister Fidelma’s mystery series and once again the reader is pulled back through the mists of time to medieval Ireland, specifically the island as it was in 670 AD. Sister Fidelma features in over 20 mysteries penned by Tremayne but she is still hard at work pursuing skullduggery at a time when people presumably had the time on their hands to do all sorts of shenanigans. This reads not unlike an Irish version of Umberto Eco’s classic, “The Name of the Rose.” Published by Minotaur and available generally.

THE SOUTH LAWN PLOT

by wiley,....

AND WHY is this here? Well, as it happens there is a fair number of hard copies still available as TSLP has yet eluded a good seller, perhaps even the bulk, of Echo readers. Definitely worth bringing to the beach or to the hills if the old deck chair has a short leg. Again, available generally, both in hardcover and ebook formats.

Outing will honor Pat’s memory

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THE FIRST annual Pat Cahill Memorial Golf Outing is set for Monday, October 1st at Pelham Bay/Split Rock Golf Course in the Bronx.

The outing will be in memory of former Cavan P&B Association president, Pat Cahill, who died in 2010. Cahill was a stalwart of the local organization and was active for many years in all things to do with his native county. He held several posts in the Cavan P&B Association and was an officer in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

He ran a successful golf outing for The Woodsie Steak House for many years raising funds for a fellow Cavan native, Brother Clement Brady. Similar to Pat’s own outing, proceeds from the Oct. 1 event will go to help Brother Clement and the Irish Franciscan Brothers with their ministry of education.

“This is an opportunity to continue the tradition that Pat and his family started many years ago and support the worthy cause of the Irish Franciscan Brothers,” said a release announcing details for the outing.

Registration will start at 11 a.m. and there will be lunch before a shotgun start at 12.30 p.m. The day will conclude with a cocktail reception, a dinner and awards ceremony with numerous prizes to distribute. Pat Cahill.

The Cavan Association will also award a perpetual cup for the best performance.

For reservations and sponsorships call Liam Moffatt at 646-239-6276, Michael O’Reilly at 917-750-5419, (morraillym@gmail.com), Mike Lynch at 917-347-9443, or Brian Cahill at 201-574-3389 (cpat@gmail.com).