

February 7, 2016
Bulletin #6

Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite Catholic Church

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Cana Sunday

- ***Weekend Masses:** Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
- ***Weekday Masses:** Tuesday to Friday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 20 minutes before Mass]
Monday No Mass
- ***Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- ***Confession:** Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
- ***Baptism:** Please call the Pastor as soon as baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
- ***Weddings:** Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made
- ***Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick:** Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
- ***Parish Council:** Lou Khourey, Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
- ***Choir Members:** Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher, Ted Olinski
- ***Bulletin Coordinator:** Thomasina Geimer
- ***Altar Server:** Mike Linton
- ***Altar Boys:** Dalton Haas, Shaun Hancher & Luke Lenz
- ***Cedar Club:** Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
- ***Women's Society:** Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395



- ***Bulletin Announcements:** Submit all Bulletin Information to Msgr. Bakhos by Noon on Tuesday every week
- ***New Parishioners:** We welcome you with great joy & invite you to officially register as one of our parishioners
- ***Cedar Hall Rental Fees:** Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
- ***Parking:** Saturday & Sunday parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday park ONLY in the 3 Alley spaces
- ***Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament:** Her prayers will accompany you to heaven

Gospel Reflection: Cana Sunday

Readings: Rom 14:14-23 and Jn 2:1-12

THE FIRST OF HIS SIGNS

In presenting Jesus in action for the first time, the Apostle John gives us a number of clues about how to understand the story. First, he calls this incident a sign, which in his vocabulary does not simply mean a miracle, but indicates that one must perceive the meaning of the event in order to understand it. Signs always point beyond themselves. In the same verse he indicates that Jesus “revealed his glory” and in response the disciples “believed in him.” Thus the sign is not merely a miracle to arouse astonishment but a manifestation of the divine glory.

Second, Jesus refers to his “hour,” which means his passion. It is precisely the death and resurrection which is the ultimate manifestation of Jesus’ divine glory, and that is somehow to be seen as anticipated in the miracle of changing water to wine at Cana.

Third, the identity of Jesus as Messiah is implied. The Occasion is a wedding feast where the great abundance of wine provided recalls the imagery of Amos, “Yes, days are coming says the Lord, when the juice of grapes shall drip down the mountains, and the hills shall run with it.” (9:13). Most of all, the remark of the steward in verse 10, “You have kept the good wine until now” invites the conclusion that the Messiah is now here.

Season of Lent

Lent, the third season of the Maronite calendar serves as a preparation for the Paschal Mystery and consists of fifty days. The period is composed of two distinct cycles: a proper liturgy of the Sundays of Lent numbering seven:

- * Cana
- * The Leper
- * The Hemorrhaging Woman
- * The Prodigal Son
- * The Paralytic
- * Bartimaeus the Blind
- * Hosanna Sunday

...and an independent weekday cycle composed of six weeks divided into three stages initiating the pattern of Christ’s public life. They include the Week of Lent, the Week of Miracles and Hosanna Week.

Regulations for Great Lent

EPARCHY OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

Then to all Christ said, “Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps” (Lk 9:23).

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Accordingly, the Pope, the Patriarch and the American bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence. Our Eparchial Regulations are:

Ash Monday (February 8, 2016) and Great Friday (Good) Friday (March 25, 2016) are days of *abstinence* for all Catholics *over the age of 14*. On these two days, *fast* as well as abstinence is also obligatory for those *from the ages of 18-59*. Abstinence means abstinence from meat and meat products. Fast means no food from midnight to noon – except for plain water. No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.

All other Fridays of Lent are days of *abstinence* from meat (and meat products) for everyone 14 years of age and older. Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this obligation would not apply.

Fasting from midnight to noon daily is optional.

During this Holy Year of Mercy we are also asked to use every Friday to perform a “different gesture” of mercy (Matthew 25-31-45 gives us excellent examples).

We strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance.

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, February 6-7: Cana Sunday. Entrance to Great Lent

Saturday, February 6, at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Steve & Margaret Schlog (Birthday) by Bob & Fran Saseen
- ✠ Emilia & Peter Misko by the Hostage Family

Sunday, February 7, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ Living & Deceased members of the Nicholas & Nimnoom Ghaphery Family & the David Abraham Ghaphery Family
- ✠ Josephine Ferris (Anniversary) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone

Weekday Masses

Ash Monday, February 8 at 12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ashes

- ✠ Tom George by Mary Lish
- ✠ Larry Joseph (TX) by Dr. MaryAnn Cater

Ash Monday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ashes

- ✠ Isabel Ferris Wolfe (Birthday) by Mary Zaid Stees & Libby G. Magnone
- ✠ Julia Tappe by Mike & Steve Linton

Tuesday, February 9 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Fr. Eugene Jacob by Lou & Charlotte Kourey
- ✠ Sister Mary Thomasina John PCJ by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Ash Wednesday, February 10 at 12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ashes

- ✠ Larry Joseph (TX) by Dr. MaryAnn Cater
- ✠ Julia Tappe by Lou & Charlotte Kourey

Ash Wednesday, February 10 at 5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ashes

- ✠ Tom George by Carol & Baron Johnson
- ✠ Julia Tappe by Jean Weisner

Thursday, February 11 at 12:05 p.m.:

- ✠ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will
- ✠ Tom George by Bill & Carol Dougherty

Friday, February 12 at 5:30 p.m.:

- ✠ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
- ✠ Kay Garvey & Shirley Dietz

This Weekend, February 13-14: Sunday of the Leper

Saturday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m.:

- ✠ Tom George by Bob & Fran Saseen
- ✠ Special Intention

Sunday, February 14, at 10:30 a.m.:

- ✠ 40-Day Mass for Julia Tappe & Sister Mary Thomasina John by their nephews & nieces
- ✠ Shirley Dietz by Steve & Mike Linton

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

Cedar Club Meeting	<i>Monday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall</i>
Tuesday, February 9	<i>Msgr. Bakhos' Birthday</i>
<u>Soup & Hoagie Sale</u>	<i>– sponsored by the Women's Society</i>
Monday, February 8th → →	<u>Order & Payment Due</u>
Mon. & Tue, February 15, 16	Work Day for Soup & Hoagie Sale – starting at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, February 17 → →	<i>11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. <u>Pick Up Day</u> for Soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall</i>
Thursday, February 18 → →	<i>11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. <u>Pick Up Day</u> for soup & Hoagies in the Cedar Hall</i>

<u>St. Maron Dinner</u>	<i>[more information in future bulletins]</i>
Week of March 7 → → → →	Work Days for St. Maron Dinner – starting at 9 a.m.
Sunday, March 13 → → → →	St. Maron Dinner served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<u>Palm Sunday, March 20</u>	The Passion of the Lord
<u>Easter Sunday, March 27</u>	The Resurrection of the Lord
<u>Lebanese Bake Sale</u>	–Sponsored by Women’s Society
Sunday, April 3 → → → →	<u>Orders & Payment Due for Lebanese Bake Sale</u>
Sunday, April 10 → → → →	Spinach Preparation – starting after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Mon.-Thu., April 11 thru 14 →	Baking Days – starting at 9 a.m. the dough will be ready to shape & fill
Wed.-Thur., April 13-14 → →	Order Pick-Up Days for Lebanese Bake Sale – from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
<u>St. Maron Dinner</u> – Starts 9 am	Work Days for St. Maron Dinner – <u>No Work on Tuesday & Friday</u>
Monday, March 7 th → → → → →	Baking Cookies for Dessert
Wednesday, March 9 th → → →	Cook & Shred Chicken
Thursday, March 10 th → → → →	Make Kibbee
Saturday, March 12 th → → → →	Set Up Hall for Dinner
Sunday, March 13 th → → → →	St. Maron Dinner Served – 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, April 16, 2016</i>
Hall Rental	<i>Saturday, October 8, 2016</i>
Mahrajan (Festival)	<i>Sunday, August 14 (Mass at 10:30 a.m. and booths open at noon)</i>

Birthday of Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac

The Cedar Club is sponsoring cake to celebrate Msgr. Bakhos’ birthday following Mass on Sunday, February 7th. Please plan to come and offer Msgr. Bakhos birthday greetings.

Cedar Club Meeting (Monday, February 8th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall)

The Cedar Club Meeting will be held on Monday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Cedar Hall. Hosting the evening will be Rita Strawn and Thomasina Geimer

Ash Monday (Monday, February 8, & Wednesday, February 10)

Remember, You Are Dust and Unto Dust You Shall Return

Dust and ashes are signature symbols of Lent, the 40-day liturgical season of prayer, reflection and discipline intended to open us more fully to God’s redeeming and healing presence.

On Ash Monday –the first day of Lent in the Maronite Catholic Church– blessed ashes are spread on our foreheads in the form of a cross –signifying the penitential nature of Lent. Those ashes, which come from the burning of palm branches used on the previous Passion Sunday, are spread by the priest as he says the somber words of Genesis 3:19, “**Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return,**” or the clear admonition of Mark 1:15, “**Turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.**”

Ashes denote traditional Lenten goals that we are encouraged to strive for in our relationship with God and with others –for repentance and sorrow for sin and spiritual sloth; for humility in the face of God’s greatness; for awareness of our human weakness, fragility and mortality: for “good grief” and appropriate mourning for all the inevitable losses in our lives. To show that he was at the end of his rope and could do nothing else but throw himself on the mercy of God, Job sat on the *ash heap* and spread *ashes* over his head (Job 42:6; 30:19). The psalmist even declares, “*I eat ashes like bread . . .*” (Psalm 102:10). Jesus cited the need “**to repent in sackcloth and ashes**” (Mt. 11:21).

We may be tempted to shy away from the Lenten symbolism of dust and ashes because it seems too negative. Instead, we would be wise to open our minds and hearts to what the Church offers us each year as a healthy dose of realism about God and God’s mercy, and about ourselves and human life.

On Ash Monday, February 8th, we will have two Masses and blessing with Ashes at Noon and 5:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed during Wednesday, February 10th, at Noon Mass and 5:30 p.m. Mass for those who missed it on Monday.

Ash Monday Schedule:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Ash Wednesday Schedule:

12:05 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

5:30 p.m.: Mass & Blessing with Ash

Stations of the Cross & Light Dinner (Starts Fri., February 12 after 5:30 p.m. Mass)

Every Friday during Lent, we celebrate the Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction of the Cross. The “*Stations of the Cross*” is a devotion which consists of following the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ by recalling the fourteen prominent events that took place from the time of the trial under Pontius Pilate until His death and burial on Mount Calvary.

We give thanks to the Cedar Club members who will sponsor the first Lenten Meal on Friday, February 12, and on Good Friday, March 25, following the Friday prayers. Also we offer thanks to the generous families who will sponsor the light meals during the other Fridays of Lent.

Date:	Volunteers:
1 st Friday, February 12	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners
2 nd Friday, February 19	Meal Sponsor: MaryAnn Cater, & Nini Miller
3 rd Friday, February 26	Meal Sponsors: The Fadoul & Duffy Families
4 th Friday, March 4	Meal Sponsor: Thomasina Geimer, Kim Gibbons, Charlotte Khourey, Shirley Bine
5 th Friday, March 11	Meal Family Sponsor: Chris & Jeannette Wakim
6 th Friday, March 18	Meal Sponsor: Carol Dougherty, Mike Linton & Msgr. Bakhos
Good Friday, March 25	Meal Sponsor: The Cedar Club & Parishioners

Soup & Hoagie Sale (Orders Due: Mon., Feb. 8; Pick-up Days: Wed. & Thur., Feb. 17 & 18)

The Women’s Society of Our Lady of Lebanon Church has scheduled its Soup & Hoagie Sale.

Quarts of **Homemade Soups** Include: *Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken & Rice Soup, Chili, Ham & Bean Soup, Lentil Soup, Potato Soup, Vegetable Beef Soup, Meatless Vegetable Soup* available for \$6.50 per quart and *Stuffed Pepper Soup* available for \$8.00 per quart.

Three Hoagies will be available: Ham & Swiss, Italian or Turkey & Cheese. Cost is: \$7.00 each.

Deadline for Order Form & Payment: Monday, February 8th. (Be sure to mark the day and time you wish to pick up your order on the form). Orders and payment may be mailed to the church or placed in the weekly offering basket.

Pick-Up-Days: Wednesday, February 17th, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; OR

Thursday, February 18th, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To make this event a success we need several volunteers Tuesday and Wednesday, February 16th and 17th. We need helpers to assemble, label and package the Hoagies and to packing the orders for pick up. We also need several volunteers to make and donate desserts. In the past items such as: *Pies, Texas Sheet Cake or other cakes, brownies, any flavor fudge, Lebanese treats (such as twist cookies, coconut cake, pizzelles), sugar free or nut free items, etc.* Additional order forms will be available at the church entrance. Quantities are limited. Take Out Only.

Thanks to all individuals who have already volunteered to make and donate soup, to make and donate desserts, to give of your time and talent for our sale, or to make a Cash Donation which help defray expenses.

The kitchen in the Cedar Hall will be used as follows: Saturday & Sunday Feb 13th 14th preparing stuffed pepper soup; Monday, February 15th, preparing Vegetable Beef Soup and Tuesday, February 16th, preparing Chicken Noodle Soup.

St. Maron Dinner (Sunday, March 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m)

St. Maron Donations Welcomed

We greatly appreciate all donations for food, ingredients, paper products, and general expenses for the St. Maron Dinner. Please enclosed your donation in an envelope marked “*St. Maron Dinner Donation*” and put it in the Offering Basket or mail to: *Our Lady of Lebanon Church, St. Maron Dinner Donation, 2216 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003*. Any donation large or small will help this event become one of the best ever.

Our St. Maron Lebanese Dinner will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on **Sunday, March 13**. Take out will be available. Plan to bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

Tickets purchased at the Door cost full price: \$17.00 Adult and \$8.00 Child (under 12). Early Bird Discounted Tickets that are PAID in Advance by SUNDAY, MARCH 6th, cost \$15.00 Adult & \$7.00 Child (under 12). You should soon receive your St. Maron Dinner mailing inviting you to purchase your tickets early and be able to take advantage of the Early Bird Discounted Ticket prices. Additional “St. Maron Dinner – Ticket Order Forms” and additional sheets for the 50/50 Raffle and Gift Basket Raffle will also soon be available at the church entrance (or call the church office at 304-233-1688 or Charlotte at 304-639-1372) to arrange to purchase tickets.

Our delicious homemade Lebanese menu (*valued at over \$20 each*) includes: *kibbee, grape leaves, hummus, chicken & rice, vegetable, salad, pita bread, yogurt, dessert & beverage* (no tax is added).

The dinner will also feature a bake sale of homemade treats, free door prizes, a 50/50 Raffle, and the “*Under the Sea*” Gift Basket Raffle which will feature several bottles of wine.

\$25 Donation for Easter Lillies (Due Friday, March 25)

Easter Lillies in memory of loved ones to decorate the church and the tomb of Christ are sponsored by the following generous parishioners:

☼ Gladys Howard & Louise N. & Louise H. Kourey, Sr., by Lou & Charlotte Kourey & Family

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List

Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers

Mary Ryncarz, Rizzo Palotay, Sharon Bryan Glanzer, Dorothy Kupchak, Gene Howard (brother of Charlotte Kourey)

Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them

Dolores Oser, Jonas George, Josephine Weidman, Lucille Gibbons, Nick Bedway, Paige McCoy (niece of Millet, Gina & Linda), Peggy Justice, Clara J. Morris, Shirley & Jim George, Mary Margaret Blum, Jim Thomas (father of Diane Frenn), Carrie Jane (Powell) Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), Barb Sobota,

Happy Birthday

February 9: Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac
 February 10: Sandra DeMuth, Betty Shia
 February 11: Charlotte Kourey
 February 14: Diane Frenn
 February 15: Nettie Seidler
 February 16: Dave Sengewalt
 February 17: Rebecca DiFabrizio
 February 18: Barb McLaughlin
 February 21: Louie Kourey
 February 27: MaryAnn Carl

Your Church Support Last Week

\$1,441.00	Sunday Collection
120.00	Bulletin Ad
70.00	Candles
50.00	Donations in Memory of Michael Hatti
50.00	Donations in Memory of Julia Tappe
50.00	Donations in Memory of Kay Garvey
200.00	Donation toward the Renovation of the Basement Hall
490.00	Parking
322.00	Refunds
669.00	Utilities
30.00	Donation to Poor Families
\$3,492.00	Total Deposits: <i>May God reward you abundantly for supporting your spiritual home!</i>

Brass Plaque for the Basement Hall

Please remember in your prayers the following additional benefactors
who contributed toward the Restoration of the Basement Hall 2016

–Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac, Pastor

Diamond (\$500 & over)

Patrick & Jacqueline **Petros**,

Gold (\$200-\$499)

Joe & Nikki **Popovich**,

Silver (\$100-\$199)

Robert **Harris**, Chris & Jennifer **Means**, Al & Josephine **Weidman**,

Remodeling of the Old Basement Financial Report (By February 3, 2016)

Cost of the Project	Donations received	Remaining Balance
\$20,920.42	\$1,600.00	\$19,320.42

We appreciate every donation small or great to defray the cost of this project.

What's New?

Masses for the Faithful Departed

These intentions were added to the Masses of the Faithful Departed

--Parents and grandparents and beloved ones of Janet Shutler

--Kay Garvey by her friends

Around Us

Fish Fry (Fridays during Lent)

Where: Our Lady of Seven Dolors Catholic Church, Chapel Hill Road, Triadelphia

When: All Fridays during Lent starting February 12th at 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Information: 304-547-5342

Lenten Meals (Fridays during Lent)

Where: Our Lady of Vicoty, 1000 Lindsay Road, Carnegie, PA, 412-278-0841

When: All Fridays during Lent starting February 12th at 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Reflections:

Sometimes bells ring loudly and clearly, while at other times they ring softly and delicately. Do you stop to listen to the innuendos, or do the sounds of bells become an accepted background for living?

As I sat in my sunroom on a beautiful, frosty morning enjoying the peace, my solar chimes began to ring, reminding me that the sun was shining. I felt happy and thought about the importance of bells through the ages and their meaning to us now as they bring joy and inspiration to our lives.

Before the common person could read or write, people relied on village bells to convey important messages. They were signals to those working in the fields that it was time to eat or end their day's work. Vendors used bells to announce their arrival in towns to sell their wares, and bells also called children to school. In some rural areas, bells are still attached to animals' necks by herders so that those who stray can be found.

Bells remind us of time and of those things that are timeless, universal, and eternal. Clocks chime the hours of the day. Alarm clocks jar us from a good night's sleep, telling us to wake up and greet the new day with optimism. Doorbells can be exciting sounds as we greet family and friends. Dinner bells remind us that it's time to gather for refreshment and to count our many blessings.

Bells call us to worship and toll when someone dies. Wind chimes remind us to pay attention to the air around us that is the breath of life. The Liberty Bell is a reminder to cherish our precious freedom. Singing bowls from Tibet can be a call to meditate and attune to the great vibrations of the universe. Bell choirs bring joy to the spirit through the eternal medium of music.

Perhaps the most important message of the bell is that it is asking us if we know what time it is. Are we in the morning, noon, or evening of our lives? We can be truly alive and excited and look forward to making the most of each new day.

In the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*, when a tiny bell on the Christmas tree rings, the little girl tells her father, "Teacher says that every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."

Listen to the pulsating bell in your heart that awakens the angel in each of us. Spread your wings, and let your spirit ring!

Story: God Searches for Us

You may remember the story of Helen of Troy. According to legend this beautiful queen was captured and carried away and became a victim of amnesia. She became a prostitute in the streets. She didn't know her name or the fact that she came from royal blood. But back in her homeland, friends didn't give up hope for her return. An old friend believed she was alive and went to look for her. He never lost faith.

One day while wandering through the streets, he came to a waterfront and saw a wretched woman in tattered clothes with deep lines across her face. There was something about her that seemed familiar, so he walked up to her and said, "What is your name?" She gave a name that was meaningless to him. "May I see your hands?" he pursued. She held her hands out in front of her, and the young man gasped, "You are Helen! You are Helen! Do you remember?"

She looked up at him in astonishment. "Helen!" he yelled out. Then the fog seemed to clear. There was recognition in her face. The light came on! She discovered her lost self, put her arms around her old friend and wept. She discarded the tattered clothe and once more became the queen she was born to be. God searches for you in the same way. He uses every method possible to look for you and try to convince you of your worth to him.

A Time to Laugh (283)

Church Humor

While driving their car in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign: "Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

The Minister

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of the minister in front of the service station.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "*Reverend,*" said the young man, "*sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.*" The minister chuckled, "*I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.*"

More Smiles on Your Lips

--People want the front of the bus, back of the church and center of attention.

--Somebody once figured out that we have 35 million laws trying to enforce 10 commandments.

A Polish Divorce

Although his English was far from perfect, they got along very well until one day he rushed into a lawyer's office and asked the lawyer if he could arrange a divorce for him. The lawyer said that getting a divorce would depend on the circumstances, and asked him the following questions:

L: Have you any grounds? P: Yes, an acre and half and nice little home.

L: No, I mean what is the foundation of this case? P: It made of concrete.

L: I don't think you understand. Does either of you have a real grudge?

P: No, we have carport, and not need one.

L: I mean. What are your relations like? P: All my relations still in Poland.

L: Is there any infidelity in your marriage? P: We have hi-fidelity stereo and good DVD player.

L: Does your wife beat you up? P: No, I always up before her.

L: Is your wife a nagger? P: No, she white.

L: Why do you want this divorce? P: She going to kill me.

L: What makes you think that? P: I got proof.

L: What kind of proof?

P: She going to poison me. She buy a bottle at drugstore and put on shelf in bathroom. I can read, and it say, "Polish Remover".

Only the Irish Have Jokes Like These

-An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, Of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over.' So,' says the cop to the driver, "Where have ya been?" "Why, I've been to the pub of course," Slurs the drunk. 'Well,' says the cop, 'it looks like you've had quite A few to drink this evening.' 'I did all right.' the drunk says with a smile. 'Did you know,' says the cop, standing straight and Folding his arms across his chest, 'that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?' Oh! thank heavens,' sighs the drunk. 'For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf.'

-Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, When Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. 'Brenda, may I come in?' he asks. I've somethin' to tell ya". 'Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's m y husband?' That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda.' There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery...' ' Oh, God no!' cries Brenda. 'Please don't tell me.' I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry. Finally, she looked up at Tim. 'How did it happen, Tim?' It was terrible, Brenda He fell ito a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned.' ' Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me truth, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?"Well, Brenda... No. In fact, He got out three times to go to the bathroom.

-Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after His Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, 'So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?' She says, 'Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night.' The priest says, 'Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?' She says, "That he did, Father." The priest says, 'What did he ask, Mary?' 'She says, He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun.'