From the Desk of Fr. Gary ...

New England Pumpkin Bread Recipe

As the days shorten and the nights get frosty, I start craving the comfort foods of fall. This bread is easy peasy to make and tastes great served warm and slathered in butter. I love it as a snack with a tall glass of tart apple cider!

Pumpkin mix ingredients:  
1 - 15 oz can pumpkin puree (1 use Libby’s)  
4 eggs  
1 c. cooking oil  
2 1/3 c. water  
3 c. white sugar  
1/2 c. all purpose flour

Spice mix ingredients:  
1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
3 c. white sugar  
2/3 c. water  
1 t. ground cinnamon  
1 t. ground nutmeg  
1/2 t. ground cloves  
1/4 t. ground ginger

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease and flour three 7x3 inch loaf pans.
2. In a large bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, eggs, oil, water and sugar until well blended. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and ginger. Stir the dry ingredients into the pumpkin mixture until just blended. Pour into the prepared pans.
3. Bake for about 50 minutes in the preheated oven. Check for doneness with a toothpick.

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Dear Friends of Holy Cross,

I start this newsletter with a new alpha! Some of you are wondering whatever happened to the August Cross Links. Well, a funny thing that in the midst of pulling it together, I realized too late that I had missed its due date. At the same time, Carol, Kim and the rest of the office were literally under water. A massive rainstorm made light work of the drainage system around Moreau Seminary. Things have dried out, but we are still preparing for new carpet in a week or so. Anyhow, I hope this November issue serves as a magnificent “double issue” for you all!

Otherwise, the transition from Fr. Herb has gone smoothly thanks to Carol Gromski and Kim Brunner. Those ladies have adjusted to a new personality, a new daily schedule, and a new naming style. They work hard processing requests for Masses, enrollments in the Golden Treasury of Prayer, lighting candles at the Grotto, shipping Lourdes water, and taking calls from members. In the midst of this, Carol lost her Mom quite suddenly in August. We continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Florence Gromski.

We in Holy Cross were blessed on the last weekend of August with the final profession and ordination to the diaconate of Ryan Pietrocarlo and Michael Palmer. Both came to Holy Cross in 2007 as freshmen in our Old College Program. It has been a joy to watch them mature into the men they have become. They will be a gift to the people of God.

Since the May newsletter, several Holy Cross religious have died, including two brothers who served their whole life ministering to and with the priests of the province. Br. John Flatte, C.S.C. (August 3) made final profession in 1955 and served as administrative assistant to six provincials over the next 47 years. After years of high school work, Br. Ron Whelan, C.S.C. (July 4) became a social worker at St. Joseph Hospital in Phoenix, AZ. After 17 years, he began at the André Houses of Hospitality in Phoenix, AZ and Berkeley, CA before helping in parishes in Portland, OR.

Br. Joseph Geniesse, C.S.C. (June 28) was a campus minister and counselor in the Southern Province most of his life, but he never stopped loving his Green Bay Packers. He loved music even more and sang in choirs and choirs wherever he lived.

Rev. Maurice E. Amen, C.S.C. (May 10) ministered in residence work, formation, and teaching before moving to Japan in 1977 to learn Japanese. He spent the next 20 years there teaching at Sophia University. Rev. Joseph Geniesse, C.S.C. (June 28) was a campus minister and counselor in the Southern Province most of his life, but he never stopped loving his Green Bay Packers. He loved music even more and sang in choirs and choirs wherever he lived.

Rev. William Condon, C.S.C. (July 8) and Rev. Robert Rioux, C.S.C. (September 2) were both members of the former Eastern Province. Bill had a long and varied career in teaching and administration at King’s College. He also served for years as a Navy chaplain. Later in life, he assisted the aged and dying at the Rose Hawthorne Home in Massachusetts. Bob was a high school teacher who moved into development for the Family Rosary Crusade, the University of Notre Dame and other entities.

Have a blessed and beautiful Fall. Know that you and your loved ones are regularly in my prayers.

F. Gary

NOVEMBER PRAYERS

As we have been doing all these years, we men of Holy Cross will be remembering not only our own beloved dead, but yours as well.

If you wish, jot down the names of those you would like us to remember on the enclosed prayer sheet. They will be placed by the altar at Moreau Seminary throughout the month of November.

No offering is required, but any gift that is included will be used for the needs of Holy Cross.

CROSS LINKS
The Communion of Saints

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart at Notre Dame is a riot of imagery and a celebration of the history of our faith. Its stained glass windows feature a panoply of saints - both male and female - who were important in the life of the Church. Above on the ceiling, stars and cherubic angels smile down on the gathered assembly. Though beautiful, the scene is not complete until the church is full and the liturgy celebrated. Then, we find the Communion of Saints united in prayer and praise of our loving God, the saints in heaven and the saints on earth gathered together to celebrate the Oneness in Christ that we already possess and whose whole we long for. Like many churches through the centuries, it was to be a living icon of the Communion of Saints gathered with all of creation in an act of praise for all that we have received and all that we will become. It is a living witness that faith - though deeply personal - is always communal, lived out daily in the ways we minister and are ministered to by one another.

However imperfect we may be in living out this faith at any given time, we are called to radical holiness. As Leon Bloy wrote, “The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.” It is the way to which we are called and it is the journey of a lifetime. Bloy also said this about fallen humanity, “I answer you with certainty that I have the soul of a saint; that my fearful imperfections purged away as they move from this world to the next, and prepare themselves to stand together to celebrate the Oneness in Christ that we already possess and whose whole we long for. For centuries, Christians have traveled to Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage of prayer and self-discovery along the way of St. James back into the heart of God. Many today start in the French Pyrenees but trails once led from all the major cities of Europe. In fact, when asked where the pilgrimage begins, the answer often given is simplicity itself. “Look down. It is at your feet.”

Most of us won’t be martyrs, but the greatest sadness of all is not to be counted as one of the saints. Let us walk together on the way to salvation carrying each other’s water and tending to each other’s blistered feet. As a communion of saints we will sing the praise of God and help each other to attain the glorious end for which we were made.