



On March 7, 2019, **Rev. James Flanigan, C.S.C.**, died at Holy Cross House where he resided. Fr. Flanigan was born in Chicago, Illinois in 1935, entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1953, and he was ordained in 1962. He spent most of his years in ministry at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana as Associate Professor of Art, served also as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Notre Dame, Indiana and was the Rector of the Old College Undergraduate Seminary Program.



Rev. Joseph F. Callahan, C.S.C., died on Easter Sunday while visiting relatives in Attleboro, Massachusetts. Fr. Callahan entered Holy Cross in 1962 and was ordained in 1970. He spent many years in the former Eastern Province Administration serving as its Provincial from 1982-1990. He completed a D.Min from the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, continued serving in parishes, and since 1999, was the Director of the Holy Cross Retreat House at Stonehill College where he resided.

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Dear Friends of Holy Cross,

Christ has risen! He has risen indeed! A blessed Easter season from our family to yours. Throughout this season, we remember you with gratitude and love in our prayer and our work, giving God thanks that you are part of our mission to proclaim His Kingdom. Speaking of family, I do have a bit of family news to share, starting with some of our youngest members.

Five Ordained on April 27th

On Saturday, April 27th, Holy Cross **Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C.**, ordained five priests for the United States Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross. The Province is truly blessed with these newly ordained priests who will continue their ministry in the United States and Chile. Those ordained were **Rev. Brian Kennedy, C.S.C.**, who is at St. John Vianney Parish, Goodyear, Arizona; **Rev. Brogan Ryan, C.S.C.**, who is a Rector of Keough Hall at the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana; **Rev. Karl Romkema, C.S.C.**, who is at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas; **Rev. Michael Thomas, C.S.C.**, who is at St. George's College in Santiago, Chile; and **Rev. Bryan Williams, C.S.C.**, who is at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts.



Recipes for the Soul ...

SWEET BREAD FOR HOLIDAYS

This is a sweet bread perfect for Christmas or Easter celebrations. I made it for Easter, and it turned out very well. You have to make a sponge first, and then add four of the eggs and the rest of the ingredients. It is worth the time and effort for three wonderful loaves of sweet bread.

Ingredients

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| 2 packages of dry yeast | ¼ tsp salt |
| 3 tablespoons of warm water | ¼ tsp of nutmeg |
| 3 cups of warm milk | Zest of 1 orange |
| 8 cups of flour | 3 tablespoons of orange juice |
| 1 cup of sugar | 1 cup golden raisins |
| 5 eggs | ½ cup of raisins |
| 2/3 cup of soft butter | ½ cup of chopped dried apricots |

Directions

1. Sprinkle yeast over the warm water in a large bowl and set aside.
2. Pour 2 cups of the warm milk over the sugar, reserving 1 cup for later, and stir to dissolve. Let cool for about 15 minutes.
3. Stir milk mixture into the yeast mixture, and add 3 cups of the flour and mix well. Cover and let stand in a warm place for an hour, and this becomes the sponge which will become bubbly.
4. Beat the four eggs and add to the sponge, and then all other ingredients. The dough may be a bit sticky and require more flour. After completely mixed, knead the dough for about 10 minutes until it is no longer sticky to the fingers, and then place it in a greased bowl, cover and let stand for another hour or about double in size.
5. Make three balls from the dough and place tightly into bread pans. Cover and let rise for about 45 minutes until double in size.
6. Combine the remaining egg with the remaining cup of milk, and paint the loaves before placing into a 375-degree oven. Bake for about 55 minutes. After taking them out of the oven, let stand for 5 minutes, and then remove them from the pans to cool further. Do not slice them until they are completely cooled.

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May They Rest in Peace (See the back page for two additional notices)



On March 6, 2019, **Rev. Jose Martelli, C.S.C.**, died. He was born in Italy in 1943, entered the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1969, and he was ordained in 1973. He spent time in Chile and for many years worked in parishes in the South Bend, Indiana area. He was also the pastor of Sacred Heart Parish at Notre Dame, Indiana. He was a resident of Holy Cross House at the time of his death.

Brother Donald, CSC

MAY APPEAL

Any donation given to Holy Cross through our May appeal will be used for the needs of our retired and ill priests and brothers.

I promise you the prayers of the men who live at Holy Cross House and Our Lady of Fatima House. This is their specific assignment given to them by the Provincial.

EASTER BRINGS US A SEASON OF HOPE



Easter is one of the most beautiful times of the year for many reasons: first, after a long winter and having just finished our Lenten journey in preparation for Easter, we anticipate the joy and happiness that surrounds Christ's Resurrection.

After the very meaningful liturgies of Lent and especially Holy Week, we rejoiced heartily at the first Mass of the Easter Season with loud Alleluias and the ringing of bells, which we had not heard during the Lenten Season. The Easter Vigil makes everything once again new: we witnessed the blessing of the Easter fire, the new light of the Easter candle, and the Easter water, all signs of hope to provide for us important liturgical symbols for the rest of the year. At the Easter Vigil, we listened to the readings from the Old Testament and the New Testament as we anticipated the Easter Season. The celebrant then intoned the Easter Alleluia that so strikingly marks the beginning of this beautiful season. We joyfully sang the Gloria for the first time since Lent began, again with bells ringing, rejoicing that Easter has begun. Participation in the Easter Vigil is truly one of the most beautiful liturgies of the year.

In most of our parishes, we welcomed new members who received the sacrament of baptism during the Easter Vigil. These newly baptized spent several months in preparation for coming into the Church, and there is always a tremendous feeling of new life as we witness those who join us as members of the Church. For some of these new members, they received three sacraments that night: Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation. In preparation for their reception of the sacraments, we invoked the saints during the singing of the litany, and we too recalled all those saints who have served as role models and patrons for us as we have lived our lives as Christians. Pope Francis, while instructing

a crowd of visitors at one of his Wednesday General Audiences earlier this year, reminded us "Baptism is the sacrament in which our faith is founded upon and engages us as living members in Christ and in his Church. Together with the Eucharist and Confirmation, they form the so-called 'Christian initiation,' which constitutes as a single, great sacramental event that configures us to the Lord and makes us a living sign of His presence and His love" (Papal Audience, January 8, 2019). Many of us do not have the slightest memory of the celebration of this sacrament if we were baptized shortly after birth. Pope Francis teasingly asked the audience if they could remember when they received the sacrament, and he asked for a show of hands. Most could not remember, so he asked them to check their baptismal certificates for the exact date because it was one of the most important days in our lives. Not only are we free of original sin at baptism, but we become the bearers of new hope. In witnessing the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, we welcomed new members, who with us, will live our daily lives on the path of salvation. This indeed brought many of us this new sense of hope that comes with the Easter Season.

On Easter Saturday, April 27, the Congregation of Holy Cross rejoiced in five of their younger members ordained priests by one of our own bishops, Bishop William A. Wack, C.S.C., Bishop of St. Petersburg-Pensacola in Florida. What a joyful day for Holy Cross. The ordination of these young men provide a tremendous sense of hope for all of us in Holy Cross, because each of these newly ordained will serve in the various ministries of Holy Cross in building God's Kingdom here on earth. If we look at each of these newly ordained priests, and where they have come from and where they will be serving in the coming year, we are indeed thankful to God for bringing us such new hope in this Easter Season.

These newly ordained have served in various ministries of the United States Provinces as deacons. Caring communities of parishioners and students provided the opportunity for each of them to experience the sacraments and counselling from each of them furthering the work of the Church in those different assignments. Fr. Brian Kennedy spent the past year at St. John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Arizona, working in this very active parish with a large grade

school. The parish has a large Latino population, and his ability to work with them has been very rewarding for him. Fr. Brogan Ryan spent his deacon year as Rector of Keough Hall at Notre Dame, Indiana. From a large family in Columbus, Ohio, Brogan works very well as a rector among Notre Dame students serving as their mentor and friend. Fr. Karl Romkema, who is also from a large family in Clarkston, Michigan, spent his deacon year at St. Ignatius Martyr Parish in Austin, Texas. This large Holy Cross Parish is close to the Holy Cross Community at St. Edward's University. It has a large grade school and a significant Latino community. Fr. Michael Thomas, a South Bend, Indiana, native who graduated from St. Joseph High School, has spent his deacon year at St. George's College in Santiago, Chile. Michael worked in campus ministry at this large school that is also one of the best secondary schools in Santiago. The fifth newly ordained priest, Fr. Bryan Williams, spent his deacon year working in campus ministry at Stonehill College in North Easton, Massachusetts. These young men have already experienced and demonstrated their love and effectiveness in ministry, and the Province is very proud and appreciative of their becoming very active participants in our Mission for many years to come.

Within two weeks of Easter, we enter the month of May, the month specially devoted to Our Lady. The beautiful days of May provide numerous occasions for us to invoke Mary to intercede for us to her Son for the many favors and wishes we bring to prayer. It is very appropriate that we open the month with the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, the husband of Mary, and the Foster Father of Our Lord. St. Joseph is one of the patronal feasts of the Congregation of Holy Cross and, in particular, the Brothers of Holy Cross who were originally the Brothers of St. Joseph at the founding in 1819.

Most of us remember May devotions in our home parishes when we were children when we recited the Rosary every day followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. One of the highlights of the month was when one of the young women in the parish, dressed as a bride, would crown the Blessed Mother with a wreath of spring flowers in a very solemn ceremony. Flowers were abundant in decorating the May Altar for the crowning, and people sang in full voice their favorite hymns to her. Interestingly here at

Notre Dame for the past several years, this devotion to Mary has returned, and students are participating in a crowning ceremony which indicates how important these symbols are to people even in our modern society. The May Crowning here at Notre Dame took place on the first day of this month dedicated to Mary.

Many of you say a daily Rosary asking Our Lady for special favors throughout the year. The Venerable Patrick Peyton, one of our priests in Holy Cross, worked his entire adult life in encouraging the daily Rosary. His motto, "the family that prays together stays together" became the identifying slogan for his Family Rosary Crusade that has spread all over the world. Today, more than forty Holy Cross priests, brothers and sisters are engaged in the work of the Family Rosary Crusade, Family Theater, and a host of family services they provide. Please remember in your daily Rosary the cause of Venerable Patrick Peyton in anticipation of his beatification and eventual canonization.

During Holy Week, while watching the terrible news of the fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, and while the fire was still burning, people gathered in the streets and were singing hymns to Our Lady. This was extremely touching to witness ordinary people in Paris on their knees praying and singing Marian hymns during a time of tragedy. What they must have learned earlier in their lives immediately came to them, and they knew it was important to pray and sing to their beloved patron. Perhaps this tragic event was the impetus needed for them to return to a form of common public devotions to Mary.

As we enter this Easter Season, filled with new hope for our faith, in thanksgiving for our newly ordained young men, and in gratitude to the Mother of God for her joyous response to the Angel Gabriel, may we recall that God has truly blessed us. We have so many things in our lives to thank God for during this Easter Season. May we spend these fifty days of joy-filled hope as newborn Christians eager to do God's will for whatever plans he has for us.