

Saturday, March 31,
anniversary of death
of Knute Rockne.

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Usual Mass schedule
Easter Sunday : 6,
6:45, 7:30, 9, 10:10.

His Good Friday

"Well, Father, the die has been cast. The last test that I told you about when you were last here has come in and the results are not what was expected or hoped for, and so I am to be operated on Good Friday. I am to lose some four ribs and they tell me that I will be down for some time, but that with reasonable good luck, it will do the trick and I can be out of here for good.

"So may I enlist your prayers and those of the boys that this time the treatment will be in my favor. I hate to ask for prayers for my sake at this time when so many other lads are suffering far worse and in far less pleasant surroundings, but I would appreciate them.

Phil Bondi, '37.

His Easter Sunday

"It is in humble petition that I am writing this letter to you, Father, for the Angel of Death has again cast her mantel across our home. I have just received word from the War Department that my younger brother, Marty, was killed in action in Germany.

"He was a real Notre Dame man. He was almost a daily communicant and would never go to church without his missal. He strove for perfection in everything he did. His faith was only second to his mother's.

"He was a wonderfully brave little guy. He attended N.D. from January through May of '43. He was scheduled to go on active duty with the Navy at school July 1st, the same year, but he was discharged because his eyes were weak. Then the Army rejected him on the same count. But he kept pestering them until he was finally accepted in January, '44. He was shipped overseas last August. He didn't get leave but he never complained. When he was made Corporal he didn't bother to mention it in his letter. He just changed his return address to read "Cpl. Martin T. Callaghan" instead of "Pfc Martin T.----."

"Do you think, Father, that you could put his name on the footnote of the RELIGIOUS BULLETIN and ask the boys to remember him in their prayers? Marty was my younger brother and yet in his short twenty years he has set an example for me to emulate all the years of my life."

Ensign Coyne Callaghan, '43.

Suffering and death have no meaning without the Resurrection of Christ. St. Paul made it clear to the people of Corinth that "if Christ be not risen from the dead ... your faith is...vain." But Christ did rise. We should rejoice. His victory over death gives us the assurance that His promises are true. There will be a reward for suffering, and death is not the end of all but the beginning of a new life with God.

The Resurrection gives you the conviction that your prayers for Phil and Marty will not be in vain. When you greet your friends on Sunday with "A happy Easter!" make it mean, "May you rise gloriously with Christ too!"

PRAYERS: (deceased) friend of Tim Babb (Walsh). (Ill) Jack Murray, '43, very serious.

A BLESSED EASTER!