## Loaded Mashed Potatoes!

This was the most popular dish at Easter dinner! EVERYONE loved these potatoes; however, I did not think they were as good as leftovers.

## INGREDIENTS

- 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup milk, warmed (or room temp)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup spreadable garlic and herb cream cheese
- 3 Tablespoons (TBS) butter, softened
- 1 pound bacon strips, cooked and crumbled (I used a half pound)
- 1 cup shredded parmesan cheese
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 TBS minced fresh parsley or 2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper

## DIRECTIONS

Place potatoes in large pot, cover with water. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and cook, uncovered, til tender (about 15-20 min). Drain and return to pot; mash potatoes in pot while gradually adding milk, cream cheese, and butter to reach desired consistency. Stir in remaining ingredients.

## **NUTRITION per serving;** serving size = 2/3 cup

238 calories - 15g fat, 8g saturated fat - 41mg cholesterol477mg sodium - 15g carbohydrate (2g sugar, 1g fiber)10g protein