

St. Patrick Catholic Church

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- Weekday Masses: M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.
- **Confessions:** Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

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St. Patrick Catholic School

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St. Patrick School Celebrates **Catholic Schools Week**

By Maureen Gildein, principal

olic Schools Week from Jan. 29 to values and faith they gain through grade during 2017-2018 school year. Feb. 3, 2017. The annual celebration their Catholic education and learn puts a spotlight on the tradition of how to make the world a better and Service."

The theme encompasses several entire lives. concepts at the heart of a Catholic education.

- small families in their own right erans with greeting cards, visit the the week with mass on Friday, Febbut also members of the larger com- area nursing homes and assisted liv- ruary 3 at 8:15. munities of home, church, city and ing facilities and contribute to global nation. Faith, knowledge and service initiatives such as Shoe box and are three measures by which any Child Fund. Catholic school can and should be measured.

lic Education Association (NCEA), talents to the fullest later in life. approximately 2.1 million students are currently educated in nearly paths that enable them to use their 6,600 Catholic schools around the talents well in the service of God and country. Students receive an educa- others — by answering the call to a tion that prepares them for the chal- religious vocation, by nurturing a lenges of higher education and a family through sacramental marcompetitive work environment. An riage, by volunteering in church acestimated 85% of Catholic school tivities and charities or by pursuing a graduates attend college.

brate with Masses, pep rally, ball faith. game and other activities for students, staff, families, parishioners School is the dedicated teachers. We

By focusing on faith, knowledge and service, St. Patrick School, pre-According to the National Catho-pares children to use their God-given Students explore the many life career that makes a difference At St. Patrick School, we cele- through the lens of our Catholic

The backbone of St. Patrick

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 29 – February 4, 2017

ties and our nation.

and community members. Through appreciate the priests, administrators these events, our school focuses on and staff who support teachers in the value Catholic education pro- their important work and thank the vides to young people and its contri- parents, grandparents, alumni, pabutions to our church, our communi- rishioners who provide volunteer service. Together, we make great A central aspect at St. Patrick things happen on a daily basis at St. ur diocese along with School, is learning the importance of Patrick School. We are especially all the dioceses of the service to others. When students take thankful for all of you as we continnation will be cele- part in service activities - both local ue to educate 174 students in grades brating National Cath- and beyond — they demonstrate the Pre-School-7th grade and adding 8th

We have many activities planned Catholic education through the lens place. When students participate in next week and hope parishioners and of its theme: "Catholic Schools: volunteering in the community, they St. Patrick School Alumni will join Communities of Faith, Knowledge gain an appreciation for how they us Monday, January 30 for mass at can continue to serve others their 8:15 AM followed by the kick off pep rally in the gym. An annual bas-Our students regularly collect for ketball game (students verses staff/ various food and clothing drives, parents) on February 1 at 1:00 PM is First, schools are communities reach out to the homebound and vet- an exciting event. We will culminate

Come join in the fun!

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UpFront with Mary Hendricks

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2017 Year A 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

found on MSN.com: Mensa celebration of the Eucharist. People were or higher. A few years ago, there was a other words, getting snockered. Leaders Mensa convention in San Francisco, and were surrounded by groupies who several members lunched at a local café. claimed their leader was the best, like While dining, they discovered that their there was a competition among them. salt shaker contained pepper and their Worship was disorderly, and some may pepper shaker was full of salt. How could have participated in religious prostitution they swap the contents of the bottles and temple sacrifices. Things were falling without spilling, and using only the apart in Corinth. implements at hand? Clearly this was a So, Paul writes this letter to get the job for Mensa!

both bottles and switched them.

lower IQ then her Mensa customers, but people. We're all ordinary people. she solved the problem much faster than Gee, I hope you weren't offended

to the Corinthians was that they had Paul says we have no reason to boast.

community there.

control after St. Paul left them. Most of "should boast in the Lord." It is only the people he evangelized were the through his grace that I even have my underprivileged and poor. They were sons, let alone brag about them. I am et's start with this story being discriminated against during the sorry and promise to mend my ways.

is an organization whose taking more than their fair share of wine coming, do they?? members have an IQ of 140 during the agape (fellowship) meal-in

Corinthians back into line. He says that The group debated and presented God chose the people who count for ideas and finally came up with a brilliant nothing to "reduce to nothing those who solution involving a napkin, a straw, and are something." He means that no one is an empty saucer. They called the waitress insignificant and shouldn't be treated as over to dazzle her with their solution. insignificant. God's plan can be "Ma'am," they said, "We couldn't help accomplished through all types of people. but notice that the pepper shaker contains He never looks at the pedigree; he looks salt and the salt shaker contains pepper." at the willing heart. He takes ordinary "Oh," the waitress interrupted. "Sorry people, gives them gifts and talents that about that." She unscrewed the caps of no one else on earth has, and then asks them to be obedient to his will, using Today, St. Paul says, "God chose the those gifts. If they don't wish to be foolish of the world to shame the wise." obedient, no problem. That's free will. The waitress in that story probably had a God has no trouble finding more ordinary

they did. Can you imagine the looks on when you read that "We all are ordinary their faces?? She certainly shamed them. people." We truly are ordinary. It is God What St. Paul was trying to get across who makes us extraordinary. That's why

nothing to boast about. He reminds them A very dear friend of more than 40 that they aren't from nobility, that they years called me last week and asked don't have power, and that they don't about the boys. Then he added, "Oh, have wisdom. He knew this firsthand never mind. I know they're good. You're

Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Clara Ann Moran, (UHC), Sr. Theresa Metz (Wheeling Hospital), John Collins, Betty Reed, Virgil Gregory, Steve Colbourn, Rose Determan, Robert Fealy, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver's father), Rob Dodson, Larry Lowe, Shannon & George Kiro (Nick Kiro's sister and father), Shelly Kraus, Mary Ann Murray, Matt McCauley, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Jane Taylor, and Megan Westfall.
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- ♦ Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- ◆ All Military Personnel: Alan Hamilton

because he had lived in Corinth for a year always bragging about them in the and a half after he established a church bulletin." I laughed, but it was a wake-up call for me. I apologize for bragging

The Corinthians got a little out of because I know that, as St. Paul says, I

Those lessons in humility never stop

MULLADY SCHOLARSHIP **DEADLINE IS THIS WEEK!**

Applications are now being accepted for the Mullady Scholarship Award. This fund was started by Edwin and Mary Mullady to help Catholic students in Lewis County go to an accredited college. Applications are in the vestibule and can be emailed to you. Please contact the parish office to receive an application.

Applicants must be Lewis County residents and enrolled in college or graduate school (no high school students). Application deadline is February 1, 2017. Checks will be mailed to the student's address. Completed applications can be returned in the church collection basket or to the parish office. Funds will be distributed in February or March.

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

January – Soup

29 Sun: 10:30, Pancake breakfast, cafeteria DTS-6pm

February -

3-5

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Knights of Columbus retreat 10:30, GIFT, cafeteria 19 Sun: 10:30, Confirmation Class, Cafeteria 10:30 RCIC Class, cafeteria

(Pastoral Notes & Ramblings

brief note this week-actually more of an exhortation, really, on the need for all of us to take time L his weekend to consider the hundreds of thousands of people who marched on Washington this past Friday in support of the cause of our most basic of freedoms: Life. While I realize that the political aspect of issues surrounding abortion and euthanasia have often muddied the waters, as Catholics we are called to see past politics to recognize what are basic moral truths that should never be dragged into partisan politics.

Whether Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative, our political loyalties must cease when we are confronted with questions of very basic morality on which all humans should agree, namely whether the deliberate destruction of innocent human life is ever appropriate. The answer, quite simply, is No.

And before people start to excoriate me or write letters to the Bishop, I pose a few very direct questions: Does God seek to unite or divide? Does God seek to create or destroy? Does God revel in the harm of another or in their healing? The onslaught of ideological warfare that batters against the cause of Life is not of God, precisely because it seeks to oppose those very things that God does: create, heal, unite, console. He is the God of life, desiring that we might all have life, "and have it more abundantly.'

Regardless of politics, our failure as a society is a human failure that extends beyond the Pro-Life movement. For the moment at which we fail in any capacity to value each and every human life and make a preferential choice for one life, race, gender, etc., over another, we harm, divide, wound, and kill. And that is most assuredly not of God.



SoulCore classes will be Thursday, February 2 and February 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If school is cancelled or there is an early dismissal due to weather, the classes are also cancelled. Everyone is welcome to attend, men, women, and youth. Those under 18 will need a parent to sign a waiver. There is a freewill offering for the class, but not required to attend! Bring an exercise mat and light hand weights if you have them! Feel free to check out the website: www.soulcore.com for additional information, or contact Rachel at rachelfweber@yahoo.com!

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| fountain and much more! Eat ant, but there will not be take ear due to the large number of people served. per person (\$5 if you arrange ANCE to donate homemade ocolates for the event.) vance tickets available. eds benefit the Lewis County seum. For more info, contact ayre or Faye Bell at 304 269- e Glass Museum at 269-5006. | | Weston Veterinary Hospital Dr. Bill Moodispaw, DVM Sunset Acres-US 33 W 269-3288 JOHN E. LAW, CPA, A. C. 132 First St., Weston 269-3304 John E. Law- CPA, Betty Hill,-CPA, Tom Stark | Erie Insurance J.R. Dodson NORTH CENTRAL INSURANCE LLC 100 MARKET PLACE MALL SUITE 13 WESTON, WV 26452 Phone:(304) 269-5330 |
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Catholic Schools Week 2017

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.

Psalm 62:6

Sunday, January 29 - Mass Choir Friday, February 3 - Worthy will be singing and students will be participating in Mass beginning at 9:30 AM. A Pancake Breakfast will be served after the Mass in the school cafeteria. All are welcome!

Monday, January 30 - Faith Filled Knowledge "Rally" The students will have a Pep Rally in the gym learning about faith in action. We will also be writing thank you notes to alumni members thanking them for the sacrifice to make this school a success. All St. Patrick School Alumni are invited to mass at 8:15 am and a pep rally immediately after mass. Students may dress as a Bible character.

Wednesday, February 1 - Building The Body of Christ Students will write kind notes to each other for public sharing throughout the day.



Knights of Columbus In service to One,

In service to all. For all the latest news and activities of

your local council, go to: kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=1415

Monthly Meeting is the first Tuesday of the each month @ 7 pm.

Officers' Meeting (everyone is welcome!) is the last Tuesday of each month @ 7 pm. (01/31/17) Join us for service, fellowship, and spiritual growth!

Students in grades 4-7 will face the Parents in a game of basketball. All little league cheerleaders will be invited to wear their league uniforms to cheer their classmates on. PTO will provide popcorn for the game. Students may wear sports clothes.

Worship Together With Family Mass" Parents may join children to worship together in Mass. PTO will provide a chicken nugget lunch. Snack today will be green/ gold. In the afternoon, all grades will enjoy a movie. K - 2 will be allowed to bring a stuffed animal. Grades 3-7 will be having a Movie Theater Experience. Students will wear school uniforms bottoms and green St. Patrick t-shirt today.





We are collecting NEW socks for

the homeless. Socks for men, women, and children can be taken to the parish office or left in the sock box in the church. Socks will be distributed to shelters who work with homeless people.

The next regular monthly meeting will be Monday, February 20 in the parish meeting room. ALL Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join the Catholic Daughters. Find out more by going to catholicdaughters.org.

LAST CALL for participants in this year's Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat, Feb. 3-5 at Bishop Hodges Pas-

toral Center in Huttonsville. Spots are still available for anyone wishing to join. The retreat is open to current, past, and prospective Knights of Colum-

bus. Please contact Jim Gildein for more information: jim.gildein@kofc.org

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cessible and informative work to help catapult you into some awesome spiritual habits for 2017!

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat., 8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Saturday—January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church 5:00p Confessions 6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for People of the Parish RDGS: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Ps (Lk) 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday — January 29

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:45a Confessions 9:30a Mass for Catholic Schools Week RDGS: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a 11:45 Confessions 12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges, D. D. 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Monday — January 30

Monday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 8:15a Mass for †Rev. Matthias Bucheit RDGS: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday — January 31

Saint John Bosco, Priest 8:15a Mass for †Edwin and Mary Mullady RDGS: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday — February 1

Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 5:00p Confessions 5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena Mass for †Rev. Robert Sullivan 6:00p RDGS: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday — February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 8:15a Mass for †Rev. John Ralph RDGS: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Friday — February 3

Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr 8:15a Mass for †Clarence Weber by Larry and Sharon Droppleman RDGS: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday—February 4

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time 5:00p Confessions Anticipated Sunday Mass for Margaret Shea 6:00p by John and Jackie McLaughlin RDGS: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

This Week's Liturgical Calendar

Sunday — February 5

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:45a Confessions

- 9:30a Mass for
- RDGS: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
- Mt 5:13-16
- 11:45 Confessions
- 12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Mary Patricia Cain by the Bernardo Family 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Mass Intentions

Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions. Intentions are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

Weekly Attendance & Collection (01/15/2017)

| Saturday: | 115 |
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| Sunday: | 174 |
| Latin Mass: | 25 |
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| General: | \$2704 |
| Loan: | \$325 |
| School: | \$30 |
| Latin Mass: | \$296 |
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Upcoming Collections and Appeals Jan 28/29: Church in Latin America

Ministry Schedule for February 4 and 5, 2017

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017

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| Greeters: | Kelley Skinner |
| Servers: | Garrett and Zoe Skinner |
| Reader: | Brenda Riley |
| Offertory: | Moodispaw family |
| EMHC: | John and Diane Collins, Barb King |
| Cantor: | Donna Lake |
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Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017

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| Greeters: | Mary Ann Edwards and Mikey Linger |
| Servers: | Christian and Jacqueline Mullins |
| Reader: | Jim Mehr |
| Offertory: | Sheila West and family |
| EMHC: | Paul Derico, Marissa Aman, Betty Hill |
| Cantor: | Lisa Marlow |
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February Linens: Luanne Bowers

January & February Funeral Greeters: Gennette Casto, Barbara King

Kids' Corner Catechesis

How Did they Write The Old Tes- The annual February "Calendar Cash" tament If There Weren't Any Paper **Or Pencils?**

When the oldest books in the Bible were written, they didn't have typewriters, computers or printing presses. And there weren't any ballpoint pens, felt-tipped pens, or number-two pencils. But the people who lived back then did have other tools for writing. The paper they used Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased was different, too. The paper they first wrote the Old Testament on was probably either papyrus or parchment. Papyrus paper was made from a plant that grows in Bible lands. Parchment was made of animal skin. Either of these could be sewn into long pieces and rolled up into scrolls. Museums have some of these ancient scrolls. You may want to visit a museum and see one.

Key Verse

After the king burned the scroll, the Lord spoke to Jeremiah. He said, "Get another scroll. Write everything again just as you did before." (Jeremiah 36: 27-28)

Note to parents

These catechesis points are to help you in your role as the primary formators of your children in the Faith. Use them to help start discussions with your children that will help them to grow in a healthy understanding of the Faith and the Church.

> For more information, visit www.holyspiritinteractive.net

FINAL CALL FOR CALENDAR CASH TICKETS

fundraiser for the St. Patrick School PTO is under way. A winner will be chosen by random draw every day in February. If you win, your name will be put back in the bin so you are eligible for future drawings. The total prize money is \$3100 in cold, hard cash. The minimum amount you can win is \$75.

through the church and school offices or through any student or staff member of the school.

The Dead Theologians Society The Dead Theologians Society is a



Catholic apostolate for high schoolaged teens. "Through the Saints of yesterday, the Dead Theologians Society inspires the youth of today to become the saints of tomorrow."

The Next Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 29

at 6:00 p.m.

in the downstairs Parish **Meeting Room**

All high school teens from St. Patrick's and the surrounding parishes are invited and encouraged to attend.

> For more information, check out www.deadtheologianssociety.com



Sunday, February 12 St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston

This is an opportunity for ALL middle and high school students and teens preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to gather. Small parishes and large parishes will be represented. Participants will have fun, meet new friends, pray, learn, laugh and have the opportunity to grow in their faith. The day is high energy, just like the participants, with lots of music and movement.

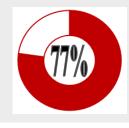
I'M IN! CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Goal: \$345,000.00

145 Pledges and gifts to Date: \$266,504.50

If you prefer not to make a pledge, please give through the diocese to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Since we have reached the 50% mark of that goal, all donations given will be returned 100% to our parish throughout the coming months.

"For it is in giving that we receive." - Francis of Assisi





icance but also physically.

that they address both in the same state- Faith, the Eucharistic Sacrifice itself. ment!) should be kept under lock "so that tabernacle was placed, giving us the com- Himself as our King and Savior. mon, traditional arrangement that was to walk all around it.

of the altar).

It is prescribed that an altar be cov- the sacred liturgy on the Christian people, Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 'Why are you fearful, O you of little faith? Then He arose and rebuked the wind and the sea, and there came a great calm" (Gospel). This is a picture of both the human and the Divine in Jesus and in His

ered by a frontal or antependium, a cloth it is necessary to see it performed in the that covers at least the front side of the full splendour of its architectural setting, altar, as well as at least a single white of the clergy in their vestments, of the cloth covering the *mensa*, or tabletop of music, the singing and the ritual, and not the altar (three cloths are traditionally to judge it merely from a curtailed and tion to highlight the royalty and sover-

used). The white cloths covering the top simplified presentment." ontinuing last week's discus- of the altar, the place of the Sacrifice of Beauty. Nobility. Splendor. The sion of the tabernacle veil, its the Mass, were usually made of linen and things of Heaven, prefigured on earth for significance, and its expected called to mind the linen burial shroud in our sake. That's certainly something to use within the Church, there is a which the body of Our Lord was wrapped aspire to. related issue: that of the covering of the after his crucifixion and death. The antealtar. For centuries, in most (but not all) pendium, on the other hand, constituted a churches, the tabernacle and altar were covering of honor for the "body" of the not only joined in their theological signif- altar, and was very rich in its ornamenta-Up until the 13th century, the Blessed eignty of Christ. These "robes of majes-Sacrament was commonly reserved on the ty," as Bishop J. F. Van der Stappen calls altar itself. The altar would be beneath a them in his work Sacra Liturgia, represent canopy supported by four columns, and a Christ as Priest and King, and are only curtain was raised between the columns stripped away on Holy Thursday. "His in order to completely obscure from view faithful, His costly garments, His discithe altar and the Blessed Sacrament. In ples, are all stripped from Him; and His fact, the action of the Mass was carried desolation is made all the more evident by out largely behind this curtain with the this complete annihilation of colour." Faithful unable to see or hear anything Moreover, the fully dressed altar draws (more on this at a later date). The Fourth further focus to its architectural signifi-Lateran Council (1215) mandated that the cance as the focal point of the church, the Eucharist and Sacred Chrism (interesting epicenter of the great Mystery of our

Church (symbolized by the dome of St. Finally, and on a more practical note, no audacious hand can reach them to do the antependium of the altar, with its Peter's at the right). Jesus, a tired Man, anything horrible or impious" (no. 20). At changing of color throughout the seasons fell off to sleep during "a great storm." that point, the tabernacle was kept either of the Liturgical Year serves as a visual Jesus, the tireless, wide-awake God, on the altar, as has been the maintained representation of the liturgical cycle, a "arose," as it were from the tomb of a tradition of the Churches of the East, or in tangible and prominent reminder to the close proximity to it. Eventually, many Faithful of how the celebrations of vari- dead sleep, to restore "a great calm." altars were joined to the wall in which the ous Masses pertain to the person of Christ Enemies of the Church are ever ready

to gloat over our human There seems to be prevalent habit "weakness" (Prayer, Secret), tossed about rather ubiquitous until the call of the Sec- these days of lessening the sensory effect ond Vatican Council that the altar should of the liturgy in the life of the Church, by the "waves" of human passion, by the be free-standing so that one might be able which I decry as lamentable and entirely "winds" of inhuman evil spirits. preventable. The call of the Second Vati-The Divine Presence is within our Despite their present separation, the can Council to rediscover the "noble simtabernacle and altar are linked most espe- plicity" of the Liturgy subordinates sim- baptized, absolved souls. Let us rise up cially by their centrality to the mystery of plicity to nobility, wherein we are lifted "from the facination of earthly the True Presence of Christ in the Church. out of the mundane into the unspeakable things" (Postcommunion). The former houses the Blessed Sacra- Beauty that is the House of God itself. - Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, ment, the Eucharistic species which is the Blessed Idelfonso Cardinal Schuster, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Archbishop of Milan in the early 20th Confraternity of the Precious Blood Jesus Christ. The latter is Christ Himself Century, wrote the following: "It is well in the Eucharistic Sacrifice (remember, in known that all the present texts of the the Mass, Christ is priest, victim, and al- Missal and of the Breviary have beautiful tar all at the same time!). For this reason, melodies attached to them. As no one, for it has been the custom of adorning the instance, would desire to judge of an altar in a similar manner to that of the opera simply by reading the libretto of the tabernacle (although tabernacles were a author, but would wish also to hear the later innovation, which actually suggests music and see the full effect of the mise tabernacles being adorned in the manner en scène, so, in order thoroughly to appreciate the sense of beauty and inspiration, the powerful influence produced by

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| Liturg | gical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week |
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| 1/30 | St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr |
| 1/31 | St. John Bosco, Confessor |
| 02/1 | St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop |
| | & Martyr |
| 02/2 | Purification of the Blessed |
| | Virgin Mary |
| 02/3 | St. Blaise, <i>Bishop & Martyr</i> |
| 02/4 | St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop & |
| | Confessor |