

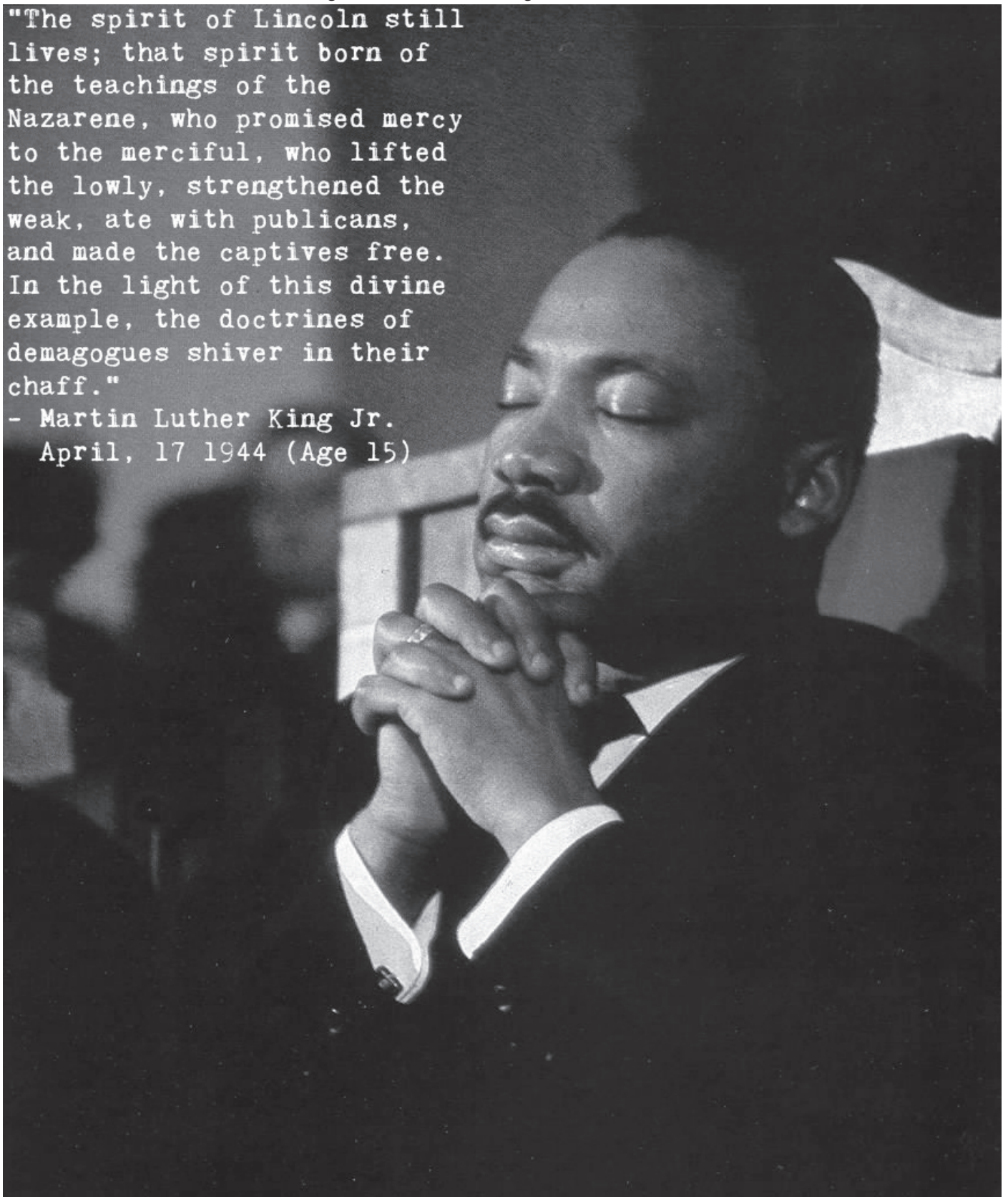
January 17, 2016

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, New York 13901

"The spirit of Lincoln still lives; that spirit born of the teachings of the Nazarene, who promised mercy to the merciful, who lifted the lowly, strengthened the weak, ate with publicans, and made the captives free. In the light of this divine example, the doctrines of demagogues shiver in their chaff."

- Martin Luther King Jr.
April, 17 1944 (Age 15)





Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. Lillian Veselka by the Youket Family

Sunday, January 17, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Emily Vavra by Helen Bolt

11:00 a.m. Amanda Rose Ciccone Kosalek by Tom & Kathy Contro

Monday, January 18

8:00 a.m. Nancy Bober by Dick & Doris Talbut

Tuesday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Lewandoski by St. Francis Special Sunshine Committee

Wednesday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Edith Knoll by Jim & Rose O'Neil

Thursday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Michael Bucko by Mary Ellen Meskell

Friday, January 22

NO MASS

Saturday, January 23, Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. 45th Anniv. Michael Pandich by Family

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. William Libous by Dave & Louise Martin

11:00 a.m. Craig Woodruff by John & Carol Broderick

Children's Liturgy

Dates Presiders

Jan 17th Shirley McCray & Marie Iobst

Jan 24th Ed & Kay Corcoran

Catherine's Cupboard

Thank you to the patrons of Country Editions for donating to Catherine's Cupboard.

Save the date

The Women's Commission will host the 2016 Women's Lenten Retreat Saturday, February 27, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Endicott, NY. Guest speaker is Sr. Brigid O'Mahoney. Mass, confession, breakfast, and more.

Parish Center Closed

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Morning Mass **will** be celebrated, as usual, in the chapel (in the Parish Center) at 8:00 a.m.

Last Weekend's Offering (01-10-15)

211 Regular Envelopes.....	\$7,915.00
Loose Collection.....	\$344.00
Electronic Donation.....	\$1,972.94
Total Collection.....	\$10,231.94

Thank you to everyone for their donations. They are greatly appreciated.

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation this weekend, January 17th, Martin Luther King Holiday

Faith Formation next week as usual for Grades K-9

First Eucharist Parent "Coaching" session will take place on Sunday, January 24th in the Parish Hall during the Faith Formation time frame.

Upcoming Bible Study for the Year of Mercy

St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Threshold Bible Study based on Divine Mercy. The bible study was written by Stephen J. Binz, who is also leading us in a Lenten Mission on the Year of Mercy. "When we study the Bible—both Old and New Testaments—we discover that God's most fundamental attribute is mercy. The God revealed in Scripture suffers with his creatures and has a heart for the poor and the lost. Again and again, God demonstrates faithful love for the world and calls people to a joyful and abundant life. In this Threshold Bible Study, Stephen J. Binz helps individuals and groups open the door to the heart of Scripture—the heart of Divine mercy."

The Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, February 9 and continue for six-weeks. There will be afternoon and evening sessions held at the parish center. If you would like to do the Bible Study on your own or have a group of individuals that would like to meet at another time, and you have a facilitator that can assist you please contact Fr. Tim or Maria Kirk to order the books for you.

Pope Francis on Racism

"The Church must fight all forms of racism, intolerance, and anti-Semitism. Racism today is the ultimate evil in the World. The problem of intolerance should be dealt with as a whole; every time a minority is persecuted and marginalized because of [their] religious beliefs or ethnicity. The good of the whole society is in danger. Let us join forces to promote a culture of encounter, respect, understanding and mutual forgiveness." (October 24, 2013)

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet is this Sunday, January 17th from 8:30—11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Prayer for an End to Racism
 Lord, Jesus Christ,
 Who reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman, and Jew who offered fresh sight to the blind and freedom to captives, help us to break down barriers in our community, enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society, and our World. Amen.

Birthright Organization
 Birthright is a volunteer organization dedicated to the mission that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born.
 For more information or if interested in volunteering, please call Diane Yajko at 724-3186.

- Items most needed:
- Receiving blankets, crib blankets, baby afghans
 - Onesies
 - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
 - Stretch suits / sleepers / kimonos
 - Sizes: 0-3 and 3-6 months
 - Newborn sweater sets
 - Maternity jeans or casual maternity pants
 - Sizes: Large and XL
 - Casual maternity tops
 - Sizes: Large and XL
 - Diapers
 - Sizes: 1 and 2

Hospital Visitations Reminder
 We try to visit the area hospitals during the week. If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital and would like us to visit you, please be sure that you give the name of our parish, St. Francis of Assisi and not only your religion at the time of admission. Also, we always appreciate a call to the Parish Center, 722-4388, when parishioners are in the hospital, are going to the nursing home or are confined at home.

Prayers . . .
 Please remember all of our parishioners who are in hospitals and nursing homes and our home-bound. Also, please pray for our deceased parishioners and loved ones, especially Richard Clendening.

The Wedding Feast of Cana Today
 Our land is indeed desolate: poisons float around in the air, toxins flow in our streams and lakes, and chemicals pollute the soil. The land is forsaken because of “the tensions and the tragedies of sin,” and forsaken, too, are many of the people who live on the land. Or, to put it in terms of today’s Gospel, the wine has run out, and the party seems to be over.

However, it does not have to be that way. The people can “be called ‘My Delight,’ and your land ‘Espoused’.” There is still choice wine left to be experienced. The party does not have to end. We can “sing to the Lord a new song.”

Two things will have to happen for things to change. The first is the action of the Lord. Jesus’ hour has come. We must turn to him, as Mary did, and have confidence in his power to effect change. The other thing that must take place is application of our gifts to the solution of the problems afflicting our land and the people living on it. “To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.”

We must all use our unique gifts and unite them in the action of Jesus at work in the world. This is “the way to peace in the world” that we pray for at the beginning of Mass. If we follow this way, “no more shall men call you ‘forsaken,’ or your land ‘desolate.’”

“The option for the poor embedded in the Gospel and the Church’s teaching makes us aware that the poor suffer most directly from environmental decline and have the least access to relief from their suffering. Indigenous people die with their forests and grasslands. Nature will truly enjoy its second spring only when humanity has compassion for its weakest members.”

(U.S. Bishops, *Renewing the Earth*, 1191:III, F)

Like us on Facebook!
 If you have not already, take this opportunity to like us on Facebook to receive updates on Parish information and some fun videos and pictures.



Catherine's Cupboard Volunteer Schedule

Transportation

Week of Jan 17th — Maria Giordano

Week of Jan 24th — Michelle Warner

Shelving (Mondays)

Jan 18th — C.&F. Woodruff & M. Ryder

Jan 25th — E.&K. Corcoran

Distribution

Jan 19 — D. Kellett & Team #1

Feb 2 — A.&S. Faughnan, J. Wyatt, M. Quinn, R.&P. Scales

30th Annual Knights for Life Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, January 24, 2016, noon to 5:00pm at Knights
of Columbus on Park Avenue

Sauce & Meatballs by Cortese Restaurant.

Adults: \$8.00; Children (under 12) \$4.00

Tickets also available at the door

Includes coffee, tea, milk, bread, spaghetti & meatballs,
desert

Takeout orders available (call 771-8303)

Benefit of local Right to Life Committee

World Marriage Day Celebration ...

will be held on **Sunday, February 7th, 2016**. If you
are celebrating your 25th, 50th, 60th or beyond, please
call the Parish Center (722-4388) so this milestone in
your lives can be recognized.

Le Moyne College C.Y.O. Scholarship

In cooperation with Le Moyne College, the CYO will
be conferring scholarships to prospective Le Moyne
students in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse who
have demonstrated leadership abilities and performed
outstanding service to their school, community and
parish. Information regarding these scholarships is
available by calling the CYO office at 584-7800 x431
or emailing cyo@ccbc.net.

Rosary Group

If you would like to join us in praying the rosary—we
continue to meet every Thursday in the Chapel at 1:30
p.m. All are welcome. Also, we will meet on the first
Sunday of each month in the front of the church at
10:00 a.m. Please join us.

Sponsor of the Week

This week, St Francis of Assisi thanks:

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for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and
hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with
us, whether you're a long-time resident or newly arrived in
the Parish. Please check the appropriate box and place in the
collection basket or return to the Parish Center. *We thank
God that you are with us.*

Name _____

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New Parishioner, send registration form

Change of address or phone number

Temporarily away. Stop envelopes

Pope Francis News This Week

Pope Francis insisted Monday that Europe has the
means to welcome refugees without compromising its
security or culture, saying the continent bears the
"moral responsibility" to care for others who have fled
their homes to seek a better life.

In a speech to the Holy See's diplomatic corps, Francis
lamented the distinction made between refugees fleeing
conflict and persecution and migrants escaping poverty,
saying both deserve international protection.

Human history has been marked by great waves of mi-
gration, he told the ambassadors from the 180 nations
that have diplomatic relations with the Holy See. Hu-
manity today must not let security fears replace the
principles of respecting the dignity of others, he said.

"Europe has the means to defend the centrality of the
human person and to find the right balance between its
twofold moral responsibility to protect the rights of its
citizens and to ensure assistance and acceptance to mi-
grants," Francis said.

He called for a frank and respectful dialogue to begin
among countries of migrants' origin, transit and recep-
tion "so that with greater boldness and creativity, new
and sustainable solutions can be sought."

In his speech, Francis acknowledged fears about secu-
rity in the wake of extremist attacks in Europe, Asia and
elsewhere. But he said those fears should not result in
Europe losing its values of solidarity and humanity.

"Human history is made up of countless migrations,
sometimes out of an awareness of the right to choose
freely, and often dictated by external circumstances," he
said. Citing Biblical accounts, Francis said today's mi-
grants are "possessed of the same determination which
Moses had to reach a land flowing with milk and
honey."

**St. Francis of Assisi Lectors,
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

JANUARY 23 & 24, 2016

4:00 p.m. Mass

Lector Joe Sardella
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Larry Koch
EM Host John Artman
EM Cup Marge Mangan
EM Cup Mary Ellen Meskell
EM Cup Peggy Munson
EM Cup Tony Mazza
Altar Server Mikayla Bucci
Altar Server Tyler Norton
Altar Server Elizabeth Wrighter

8:00 a.m. Mass

Lector Joe Carpenter
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Scott Iglar
EM Host Marie Iobst
EM Cup Donna Iglar
EM Cup Denise Baxter
EM Cup Steve Baxter
EM Cup K. or K. Mohney
Altar Server Andrew Rice
Altar Server Jonah Rice
Altar Server Braden Krisko

11:00 a.m. Mass

Lector Dave Bollinger
EM Host Dc. Steve
EM Host Shirleyann Casterlin
EM Host Karyn Church
EM Cup Steve Church
EM Cup Pat Clark
EM Cup David Hanzes
EM Cup Kerri Hamilton
Altar Server Anthony Frissora
Altar Server Brendan Heaney
Altar Server Zachary Carr

Question of the Week

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

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