

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time~ July 13, 2025*



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Please contact Joan Curtis at the  
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To inquire about scheduling your Wedding  
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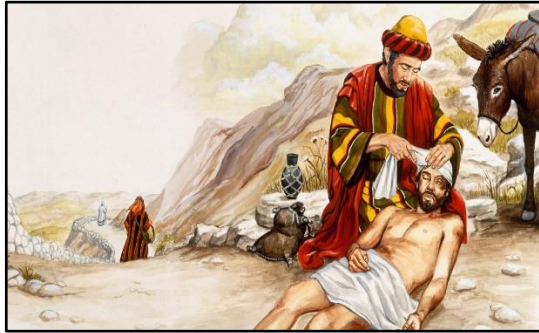
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Come let your heart be soothed and experience  
the peace and serenity of our Parish Holy Hour.  
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Church.  
~ **ALL ARE INVITED** ~

*Live*  
VERTICAL

## 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

7:30AM Carl Price, Sr.

9:30AM Rosina and Saverio Celia

11:30AM Henry F. W. Teti

**Monday, July 14, 2025**

8:00AM Olga Brawn

**Tuesday, July 15, 2025**

8:00AM Zita Halpin

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

8:00AM William O'Leary (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann)

**ADORATION (Following 8AM Mass through 7PM Holy Hour)**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025**

8:00AM Paul Braconnier (22<sup>nd</sup> Ann)

**Friday, July 18, 2025**

8:00AM Anna and John Rooney, Sr.

**Saturday, July 19, 2025**

8:00AM Joan Halpin

**3:00PM Confessions**

4:00PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

7:30AM Augustine Smolik

9:30AM Edith and Thomas Dappollone

11:30AM James P. Elko

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

*Especially Charles Coulter, Alfredo Procopio*

*May they rest in God's peace and may their families be comforted.*



### MEMORIAL FOR JULY

Bread and Wine~ Paul Braconnier

### THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the week of **July 13th**, the candle will burn in memory of **John T. Gill** as requested by **Anita Galligan**.



My Dear Parishioners,

Back in May, I received a phone call asking if St. Francis would host a priest from India who is studying in Rome. Of course, I said we would be happy to do that. Fr. Shynish Bosco arrived here in the USA for the very first time on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Bosco has become a good friend, and I made sure to take him to plenty of the local spots that we all enjoy—Longwood Gardens, South Philly, Amish Country and soon I'll take him down to the shore. I love hosting other priests and having them live here at our parish because I'm proud of our nation, our local community here in Springfield and St. Francis parish. Fr. Bosco is heading out at the end of July so I asked him if he would be open to having a second collection on the **weekend of July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. I appreciate your generosity. The nation of India has a population of close to 1.5 billion people but less than 5% are Christian, the rest are mostly Hindu or Muslim. Spreading the message of the Gospel is key. Fr. Bosco is from a diocese called Trivandrum and it's a community anchored by fisherfolk rooted in our Catholic faith. Trivandrum has 100 parishes and, at this moment, 12 of their priests and 3 of their seminarians are studying in Rome for higher education and they could certainly use our help. These men come from humble backgrounds and will literally move around the world to help further the cause of Christ and the message of our faith. I appreciate your help—any funds used will go directly to one of the 12 priests who are currently studying for their degrees.

In Christ,

*Rev. Matthew J. Tralies*

+ Fr. Matthew Tralies



Emily Belfie, Gerald Berry, Natalie Berry, Jack Braconnier, Sr., Jeannie Brattini, Kate Scattergood Briggs, Joe Calabrese, Patti Frost Cinko, Jack Coleman, Thomas DeVito, Thomas Doyle, Kathleen Fahey, Ann Farren, Evan Farrington, William Feindt, Dennis Fiore, Ron Fraatz, Kevin Fries, Kathy Fritz, John Gannon, Dolores Govannicci, Lauren Holden, Arthur LeTourneau, Ann Mahon, Brian Marandola, Joe Mastalski, Emily Meakim, Shealyn Mencil, Stephen Schol and Inger Sexton.

**For Our St. Francis of Assisi Parish Community**

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have **REMOVED** from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at [sfabulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:sfabulletin@hotmail.com) or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. **PLEASE NOTE: the names on the sick list will be removed after one month, unless otherwise requested.**

### Weekly Comparison Financial Report

7/8/2024

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$13,432.24

Electronic Giving ~ \$10,599.67

\$24,031.91

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7/6/2025

Sunday Envelopes ~ \$12,014.10

Electronic Giving ~ \$11,597.55

\$23,611.65

### CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

CCD



**Tuesday: 4:30-5:45PM ~ Grade 1**

**Tuesday: 6:45-8:00PM ~ Grade 3**

**Classroom Aides for Grades 4 and 5.**

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Family Catechesis



**Thursday: Once a month**

**September, October, November January, February,**

**March, April, May ~ 6:15-7:45PM:**

**Grade 4 and Grade 5**

**Classroom Aides for Grades 3 and 4**

### BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

Have you ever searched for a lost object only to discover that it was close by all the time? Or have you read about the life of a saint and thought that you could never achieve such holiness? Well, God established a covenant not only with the Israelites, but with each one of us. Holiness is not something unobtainable, but possible for us if we listen to God's voice and do his will. Will you take a few minutes to listen to God speaking to your heart?

**Colossians 1:15-20**

We often think of God the Father as the creator, but here Saint Paul gives us Christ Jesus as "the image of the invisible God," who is responsible for holding creation together. He alone is responsible for the reconciliation of all things through the sacrifice of His love. Do you see yourself as part of this great reconciliation? If so, how will you show your thanks?

**Luke 10:25-37**

We all would like to think that we would act like the Samaritan, not like the priest or the Levite in the story. Surely, we would not pass by on the "opposite side." But have you ever avoided eye contact with someone "different" from you when a smile and a nod would have been more neighborly? Or have you told someone you were too busy to talk when he or she needed someone to listen? Each encounter we have in life gives us a chance to show mercy. Who will be your neighbor this week?

### "JOIN OUR CYO BOARD"

The SFA CYO Board is currently seeking a few dedicated individuals to join the Board. We are looking for those that have experience in Registration, Fundraising, Service Projects, and organize a schedule for new Uniforms. These are all volunteer positions that offer a great opportunity to contribute your skills to a faith-based organization that supports youth sports and spiritual development. If you're interested or know someone who might be, please email ([info@sfabruins.org](mailto:info@sfabruins.org)) or reach out to one of the current board members. Thank you for considering being a part of something meaningful!

Brian Oakes | Advisor

St. Francis of Assisi CYO

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### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S CYO FALL SPORTS

St. Francis of Assisi CYO Fall Sports Registration Opened July 1, 2025! We're excited to kick off another great season of CYO sports! This fall, we're offering:

- Cheerleading:** Girls, Grades 1–8
- Cross Country:** Co-Ed, Grades K–8
- Flag Football:** Boys, Grades 1–4
- Football (Pads):** Boys, Grades 4–8
- Soccer:** Co-Ed, Grades 5–8
- Volleyball:** Girls, Grades 5–8

To register, please visit [www.sfabruins.org](http://www.sfabruins.org)

For questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Tom Rutledge, at [trutledge@sfabruins.org](mailto:trutledge@sfabruins.org)

### CALLING ALL FUTURE BRUIN FOOTBALL PLAYERS!



Are you interested in playing CYO football this fall? St. Francis of Assisi CYO invites boys in **Grades 1–4** to join our **Flag Football** team and boys in **Grades 4–8** for **Pads Football**. **Registration opens July 1st, 2025.**

For more information or questions, please contact:

**Chuck Bannon**, Varsity Head Coach

– [cvbannon@comcast.net](mailto:cvbannon@comcast.net)

**Tom Rutledge**, Athletic Director – [trutledge@sfabruins.org](mailto:trutledge@sfabruins.org)

***Let's go, Bruins!***

### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

If anyone is in need of assistance with utility bills, or other bills, or in need of food, or, if you know of someone who needs help, **call 610-212-4932** and someone from the St. Vincent will call you.



### RIDE FOR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

If you are in need of a ride to a doctor or test appointment, please call the Rectory 610-543-0848 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will call you back to coordinate a ride for you.





### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS FOR GOOD SHEPHERDCHURCH**

Good Shepherd Church will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a Mass at Good Shepherd Church of Divine Mercy parish, 6667 Chester Ave on **Saturday, July 26, 2025, at the 4PM Mass**. So far there are 6 former priests that will be helping celebrate the Mass. Please help spread the word! You can contact Debbie Hanna at 215-520-2097 if you have any questions about the Mass.

### **ANNUAL COURAGE/ENCOURAGE CONFERENCE**

**Thursday, July 31, 5pm to Sunday, August 3, 2pm.**

Courage is a group of Catholics who experience same-sex attractions and who are committed to helping one another to live chaste lives marked by prayer, fellowship and mutual support. Our members are guided by caring priest chaplains who offer reconciliation and direction for the spiritual life.

**Location:** Neumann University, Aston, PA. For more info/registration, visit: <https://couragec.org/conference2025/>

### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held **August 1 - 3, 2025** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (St Anastasia Parish)**

This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn: how the Bible is laid out logically, how to find your way around it, what the overall story and timeline of the Bible is, how to pray with scripture, why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on **Wednesdays: August 6, 13, 20, 10AM or 6:30PM**. Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed! There is no cost for these sessions!

Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale. St. Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door). Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available. To learn more/to sign up contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558

or [thaggerty@saintannies.org](mailto:thaggerty@saintannies.org)

### **10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE FRUITS OF THE FLAME OF LOVE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART**

**Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 6PM** at Saint Anastasia Church (3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, Pa 19073). Celebrant: Bishop Efren V. Esmilla. Adoration, St. Michael Chaplet, Flame of Love Rosary, Benediction followed by holy Mass at 7PM. Prayer to receive the FOL by Jill Metz, US National Dir. Candle Ceremony: Passing the FOL to the hearts of our teens from St. Anastasia and Philadelphia Cenacles. Questions: Youth contact: Tina #610-513-8731. FOL contact: Clare #610-355-7798.

## **FR. BILL ATKINSON PILGRIMAGE**



**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 25**

Registration at 3:00 PM

Prayer Service 3:30 PM

**AT ST. THOMAS OF**

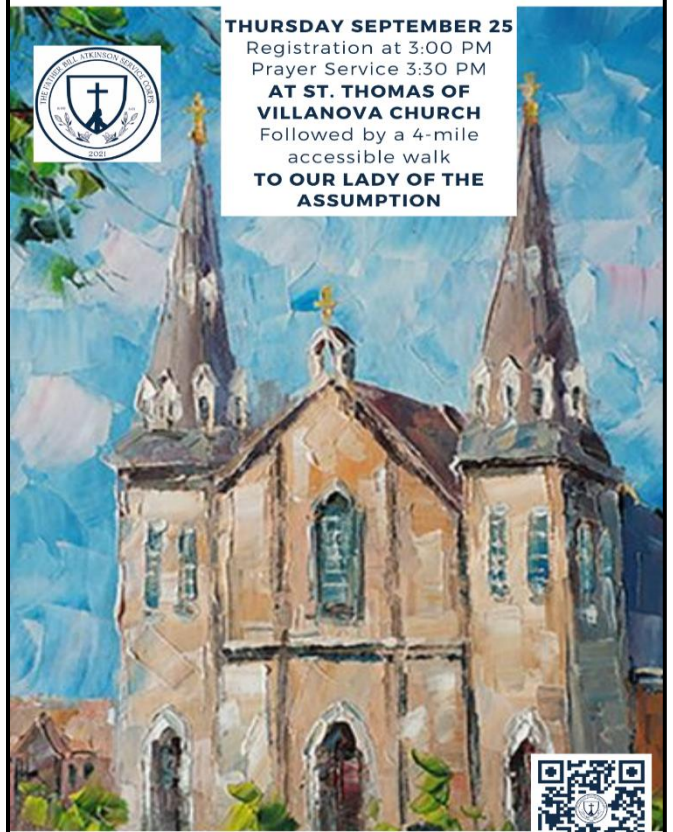
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### **OUR LADY OF PEACE WOMEN RETREAT:**

**Sept. 12-14<sup>th</sup>**. Come to Malvern Retreat House to renew and strengthen your relationship with our Lord. The theme will be "Eucharist: Food for the Journey". We will have Father Mike Davis, rector of Malvern Retreat House, as retreat director. Weekend check-in begins at 5:00 PM and ends after Mass on Sunday morning about 11:00 AM. Please consider the gift of this weekend retreat for yourself and other women in your lives. To register, call 610-644-0400 or go directly to [Our Lady Of Peace - 2025 - Malvern Retreat House](http://Our Lady Of Peace - 2025 - Malvern Retreat House). Other retreats are available at the calendar tab on the home page:

[www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

### **CRAFT SHOW COMING THIS FALL Saturday,**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am-3pm** at the Church of the Redeemer, 145 W. Springfield Road, Springfield, Pa. Vendors: \$30 for a spot/\$10 table rental. Spaces limited! Call early: Ruth 610-353-2730. Find one of a kind handmade treasures, home décor and enjoy tasty bites and beverages while you shop.

**MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN** Please join us for a **men's weekend retreat** at the **Malvern Retreat House** in Malvern, PA. There is a profound need to help men reclaim their identity by offering them an authentic experience of an encounter with God so that they can make Christ the center of their life journey again. **When: January 9-11, 2026.**

For more information, contact John Ovelman 410-365-4379 or [john.ovelman@whiting-turner.com](mailto:john.ovelman@whiting-turner.com) or visit

[www.malvernretreat.com](http://www.malvernretreat.com)

## 2025 Catholic Women's Conference

### *Women on Mission* The Feminine Genius in the New Apostolic Age



**Saturday, October 18**  
**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**  
Czestochowa Shrine  
Doylestown

#### **Keynotes:**

Mary Ann Wiesinger-Puig  
Sister Faustina Maria, S.V.

**Full details & registration:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)

### **ST. FRANCIS IN ACTION!!**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Springfield PA seeks to emulate our patron saint in service to others. We seek to encounter people in need through a variety of offerings that provide us with the opportunity to be Christ like and to meet Christ in those we serve.



#### **CARING FOR FRIENDS (CFF)**

Prepared meals for *Caring for Friends* should be dropped off at St. Francis of Assisi Rectory during NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. The Freezer is located in the Rectory basement (ENTER THROUGH BACK DOOR OF THE RECTORY). To Drop off on weekends or off hours contact Jill Hoffner or Cheryl Monkman. Meal tins are located in the SFA rectory (during regular business hours) and the vestibule of the church. If you are interested in this ministry or have any questions, please contact Cheryl Monkman (610)574-5541 or Jill Hoffner (610)733-1593.

#### **MARY MOTHER OF CAPTIVES**

A Support Group for those coping with a loved one in prison. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at St. Charles Borromeo Church Hall, 3422 Dennison Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa 19026. **Attendees remain confidential.** For more information, please call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

**Visit the Imprisoned. Become a Pen Pal...** In prison, sometimes the only contact with the outside world is in the form of letters. Pen Pal writers are needed to write to the poorest of the poor. For more info, call John or Sue at 610-259-3178 or email: [marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org](mailto:marymotherofcaptives@augustinian.org).

## GOD BLESS ALL WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY



"Deliver me  
from my enemies,  
O my God; protect me  
from those who  
rise up against me."  
Psalms 59:1

Michael Armellini	Cale Amador	John Michael Bartivic
Christopher Baxter	Colin Butler	Jonathan Butterfield
Davidson Cox	Thomas Cresta	Anthony DelVecchio
Timothy Drabyak	Mike Froeter	Owen Galligan
Kevin Geiger	Jon Hylton	Jacob Johnson
Aidan Jones	Matthew Jones	Matthew Kauffman
Connor Lyons	Dan Marchini	Timothy McCanns
Shawn McConaghy	Bill McDermott	Emma McDonald
James McDonald	Nicholas McDonald	Michael McGarvey
Francis McGrail	Daniel McLee	Nicholas Peranteau
Stephen Peranteau	Ronan Plummer	Peter Quinn
Katherine Reider	Patrick J. Ryan, Jr.	Joseph Spence
Chase Stewart	Jesse Stewart	Sean Sweeney
Skip Turner	Weston Hayes	

**Let us pray for those who SERVE and PROTECT...**

**Dear Heavenly Father, we lift our sailors, soldiers, marines, airmen, coast guard and families into Your loving care. Protect our Nation from all that is evil. Guide our way through these difficult times. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.**

### **SAINT FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB**

***There are no meetings in July and August. Our general meetings resume in September.***

**Casino Trips:** 8/13, 9/10 and 10/8. Cost is \$35 with return of \$15 in slot play. Bus leaves at 10am from the St. Kevin parking lot (200 W. Sproul Road). Park in spaces adjacent to the Springfield Country Club. **Call Joe Gowen at 610-739-8146.**

**Membership** to our Club is open to the entire community. Anyone who is 50 years of age or older may join the Club regardless of sex, religion, or race. For Membership info, call Cathy Randazzo at 610-328-0408 or 610-389-5225.

### **ST FRANCIS PARISH MEN'S GROUP**



Parish Men's Group meets every Saturday morning virtually from 6:45-8:00AM to share the desire to follow Jesus more closely by being better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons, and friends. All are welcome to join us! Please call in at 6:45AM at 646-558-8656 **Meeting ID:** 738 611 2876 **Passcode:** 111501.



**ALL ARE INVITED!!!** Come let your heart be soothed and experience the peace and serenity of our Parish Holy Hour on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Church. If you have questions or wish to volunteer and help reach out, please contact Rob Longo ([Rob@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Rob@LiveVertical.org)) or Luke LeTourneau ([Luke@LiveVertical.org](mailto:Luke@LiveVertical.org)) or call 610-986-6660. For more info, visit: [www.livevertical.org](http://www.livevertical.org)



### Our Lady, Queen of Peace Presidium Legion of Mary



Legion of Mary

The Saint Francis Chapter of the Legion of Mary (Our Lady, Queen of Peace Praesidium) invites you to become an active or auxiliary member of Mary's Legion. Active members attend a weekly meeting and commit to doing two hours of work each week for Mary and her Son. Auxiliary members pray the Legion prayers daily for the intentions of our Blessed Mother. **Our Legion meets on Monday afternoons at 1:30PM in the Rectory Chapel.** We invite you to join us to learn more about our work. For more information, call Gus McClay at 610 544-7223.



To Host the Pilgrim Queen Statue in your home for one week, (Sunday to Sunday), visit the Parish website at [sfaparish.org](http://sfaparish.org) and click on the link to **Sign Up** to reserve your week and Be Blessed by Our Lady and Our Lord. For more information, call Roseann Squitieri at 610-328-0635.



Join us as we pray the Novena of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **Wednesdays at 1:30PM** in the Church.

### WEEKLY DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Please join us Wednesday mornings immediately following the 8AM Mass in front of the Sacred Heart statue in Church for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

### HOLY ROSARY

Please consider joining us at 7:30am as we pray the Holy Rosary Weekdays and Saturdays before the 8:00am Mass.

**THE CALIX SOCIETY** "A.A. restores your health and keeps you from an early grave. Calix saves your soul and puts you on the road to heaven." - William J. Montroy, a founder of the Calix Society. Are you in a 12-step recovery program? Do you have family or friends in recovery? Tell them about The Calix Society! **We meet the last Saturday of every month at St. Francis of Assisi after the 4:00pm Mass in the Church Library/basement.** For more information about the Calix Society please visit [www.calixsociety.org](http://www.calixsociety.org). You can also contact Ken Johnston at 215-327-3236 or [ken@notsaintsyet.org](mailto:ken@notsaintsyet.org). For more info about our meeting at SFA: please contact Luke LeTourneau at 610-986-6660.

### HOPE IN CHRIST:

#### SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR ADDICTIONS

Seeking solace and spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many local parishes are offering ways to experience Christ's extended hand of love and mercy in your time of need. Find Catholic resources for addiction for you or your loved one at [www.archphila.org/hope](http://www.archphila.org/hope). Also available for support is Faith-based drug rehab website: [www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab](http://www.AddictionCenter.com/Treatment/Faith-Based-Drug-and-Alcohol-Rehab)

### BE ENCOURAGED: CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE

[www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support).

Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at [www.archphila.org/support](http://www.archphila.org/support)



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SCRIP sales are held in the gym from 9:30-11:00am every Sunday (except holidays). If you have any questions, please contact Deb Peterson or Amy Foran at [sfascrripsales@gmail.com](mailto:sfascrripsales@gmail.com) call 484-432-1472 or: <https://www.sfaschool.com/scrip/>

SFA CYO is the recipient of the United Way under the Honor Option Plan. Your donation supports our activities for the youth of our parish. If you wish to support the CYO, please indicate: **CYO/ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI/SPRINGFIELD #7046 SFA CYO**

### SFA School Rebuild

For Periodic Updates on the progress of the SFA School Rebuild, visit "Events & News" at [www.sfaschool.com](http://www.sfaschool.com).

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May you talk to God this summer and every day and  
In every situation.

Talking with God means...  
Praying words of praise for the beauty of creation,  
Saying prayers of thanks for friends and good times,  
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