

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 30, 2018

7:00AM Frank Krewson
8:30AM Julio Serviano
10:00AM Richard Skukas
11:30AM Jack Duffy (3rd Anniversary)

Monday, December 31, 2018

8:00AM Nicola Catrambone
5:00PM Chappie Casanova

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

8:00AM Mickey Russell
10:00AM Lucy Risoli

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

8:00AM Anna De Flavees

Thursday, January 3, 2019

8:00AM Octavio Risoli

Friday, January 4, 2019

8:00AM Giuseppe and Olga Dragonetti
9:30AM Deceased Member of SFA
Memorial Fund

Saturday, January 5, 2019

8:00AM Frank and Eleanor Lynch
4:00PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 6, 2019

7:00AM Joseph McGovern Hoegen
8:30AM Claudio Del Grosso
10:00AM Matthew LeTourneau (1st Anniversary)
11:30AM Sarah and Daniel Fahey



Our priests and deacons are grateful for your many expressions of faithfulness, generosity and thoughtfulness during this Christmas season. We thank everyone who contributes so much to our liturgical celebrations and your kindness to those who are in need during this holy season and throughout the year. A special thanks to all who so beautifully decorated our Church.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may we continue to grow in God's love and grace as the parish family of Saint Francis of Assisi!

In Christ's love,

Fr. Costa

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD Epiphany of Our Lord ~ January 6, 2019



Isaiah 60:1-6

Speaking to Jerusalem, Isaiah says "Your light has come" and "you shall be radiant at what you see." Our Light, Jesus, has indeed come. Are we radiant at what we see? Has the sparkle of Christmas already started to wear off? What can/should we do to keep the radiance alive?

Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6

Paul says that we, the Gentiles are "coheirs in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." Do I listen attentively to the gospel as it is proclaimed at Mass each week? Do I seek it out in reading Scripture on my own? What does it mean to be a coheir with Jesus?

Matthew 2:1-12

Herod heard that the expected Messiah had come as a baby in Bethlehem. He was troubled and then he was mobilized to get rid of this child. We know that this baby is Jesus Christ our Lord. We celebrated His arrival with great joy. Now what? What and how should we mobilize to spread His name and His message to many who have never heard it and to many others who may have forgotten it.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE

Thank you for your generous donations to the breakfast collection for the homeless men. Our next collection will be **January 5th & 6th**.



Please leave your donations of breakfast cereals, coffee, tea and personal bath items at the doors of the Church. Thank you for being so thoughtful and generous!

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE



This candle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. For the Week of **December 30th**, the candle will burn in Loving Memory of **Carol Ervin** as requested by her daughter, **Trisha Gray**.



MEMORIAL FOR JANUARY 2019

BREAD ~ John & Bernadine Neary
WINE ~ available

†REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED†

Especially, Edward Dunn

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



Home Sales: Monday-Thursday; 9AM-5PM

Debbie Peterson at fscripsales@gmail.com call 484-432-1472

Sunday hours: CCR (building behind Church): 9-11:15AM.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA--TELEVISION MASS

Sunday mornings at 5:30AM: WPVI—Channel 6

The Archdiocese thanks Channel 6 for its generosity in broadcasting the Television Mass.

ADORATION & RECTORY HOURS

Due to the holidays, there will be NO ADORATION on Monday, December 31st. Also, the Rectory will only be open on New Year's Eve until 12Noon. The Rectory will be closed on New Year's Day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Baby Michael Farley	7 y/o Lexi Cable	Baby Caroline Ferry
Shiloh Cronck		14 y/o Evan Farrington
Timothy Duke	Dominic Rosini	Gino Francisco
Meghan Rauchut	Diane Colgan	Marjorie Silli
Isabella Carullo	Emilee Serrano	Carrie Serrano
Mag Post	Robby Wonder	Bill Colgan
Pam Flood	Susan Marcantonio	James Fox
Rich Buckley	Doreen Grafstrom	Monique Carpenter
Peter Minnis	Marie Brown	Andrew Barna
Bridget McHugh	Anne McGlone	Jack Valvardi
Steven Little	John Harlow	Jackie McPeake
Anna Rokos	Richard Gildea	Bill Seavey
Daniel Fahey	John Conforti	Colleen Minnis
Bob Iatesta	Phyllis Dunn	Violet McGeever
Nicole Vela Small	Thomas Nolan	Terri DeSantis
Diana Nardello	Ryan Montgomery	Christopher Biddle
Alan Lauer	Robert Busch	Barry Hill
Kathy Fritz	MaryLou Dellipriscoli	Jim McDonnell
Kenneth M. Siebert	Jeannette Siebert	Shealyn Mencil
Rev. Mark Kunigonis	Cynthia Fries	Rita Murphy
Rita O'Donnell	Judy Devine	Dr. Bill Hushion
Frank Canavan	Doris O'Hara	Joy Van Berg
Cass Johnston Lavan	Beth McCarron	Mary Benedetti
William Teste	John Peters	Jon Grady
Jean Gallagher	Lauren McRae	Stephen Marchini
Kathleen Mullin	Ralph Feindt	Marty Meenan
Stephen Spence	Henry Gray	Laura Howarth

If you have someone you would like prayed for, OR have removed from prayer list, please email Joan Curtis at fabulletin@hotmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-543-0848. Thank you for your prayers.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Our conference of The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists the parish in performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Due to these difficult times, we have been unable to provide needed help to some clients in need. Donations to the St. Francis Conference would be appreciated. 100% of all donations have always been distributed to those in need; there are no middleman costs or overhead. We acknowledge donations over \$50.00 and we are a Section 501 © (3) charity. Vincentians practice the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy in helping those in need. Our assistance is given confidentially. We are always open to new members who have a desire to aid those in need. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in Conway Hall at 7:30PM.



GREENDROP CLOTHING PICKUP

Donate your gently used CLOTHING every 2nd and 4th Tuesday. GreenDrop Clothing pickup will be at the White Elephant from 9AM for an hour (sometimes longer). ONLY CLOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED. Collections benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT THRIFT SHOP NEWS:



The store will reopen on Saturday, January 5. Come start your New Year off with Great buys!! Donations can be accepted on Tuesdays & Saturdays from 9AM~12PM. Any questions, please call the

White Elephant at 610-543-8184. *Please do not leave items outside.*



Sponsored by St. Francis Fryers
Sunday, January 13, 2019

Blueberry, chocolate chip and plain buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, apple/orange juice, coffee/tea, and milk. (Free will donations accepted at the door). Tickets are available at the rectory during regular business hours. Please pick up tickets by January 11th. **TICKETS ARE LIMITED**

PARISH CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

Coordinated by the Three Parish Adult

Faith Formation Team



The Three Parish Book Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7pm (PLEASE NOTE: we will not meet on Wednesday, December 26. Our next meeting will be on January 2, 2019) in the Parish Center of Holy Cross Church. At each meeting, we not only discuss the selected book(s) but also offer suggestions of books we personally enjoyed. You need not have read the month's selection to attend. We would love to have you join us for refreshments and conversation!

DECEMBER: The Witness of Early Christian Women by Mike Aquilina.

JANUARY: The Twelve by Bernard Ruffin

For more information, please call Angie Hominy at 610- 328-1054.

God Bless All Who Serve Our Country



Davidson Cox ~ Skip Turner ~ Kevin Geiger ~ Jon Hylton
Connor Lyons ~ Michael McGarvey ~ Steven Ramoni
Mike Froeter ~ Daniel McLee ~ Bill McDermott ~ Dan Marchini
James McDonald ~ Timothy McCans ~ Patrick J. Ryan, Jr.
Sean Sweeney ~ Michael Jones ~ Peter Quinn ~ Joseph Spence
Mitch Devine ~ Rick Kern, Jr. ~ Cale Amador
Timothy Drabyak ~ Daniel McGonigal
James M. Ketler, Jr ~ Jonathan Butterfield
Jimmy Braconnier ~ Colin Butler ~ Liam Golden
Jake & John-Michael Bartivic ~ Nicholas & Stephen Peranteau
Anthony Del Vecchio ~ Shane Donnelly
Jesse and Chase Stewart ~ Shawn McConaghy

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

Dear Lord, bless our soldiers, protectors of our land. Servants called to battle when our country takes a stand. Please give them the strength and courage and hearts that will forgive. With peace and understanding in a world for all to live. Our country's prayers are with them, no matter where they roam. Please listen when they are lonely and return them safely home. Amen.

PRO-LIFE INFO...

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER PROGRAM

Third Month

Your spiritually adopted baby is quite active. Even though their mother cannot feel them yet, the baby kicks and flips around in their secure, watery world. Their eyes have closed so that the delicate eyeballs can finish developing. Their cartilage skeleton begins to change over to real bone. Your baby sucks their thumb, hiccups when they swallow the amniotic fluid, and can close their fingers around an object placed in their hand. Your baby's face is very expressive; they can squint, frown and smile! Your baby is now 3 inches long and can hear outside noises. Their favorite sound is their mother's voice.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PRAYER

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child whom I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

JOINT PARISH PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Pro-life Meeting on **Wednesday, January 9**, at 7 PM at St. Francis Parish. We will be meeting in the Library, in the Church basement. The entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome. For more information, please contact Regina Scheerer at 610-328-2463.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

"PRO-LIFE" LINES"

Crisis Pregnancy Resource hotline: 610-626-4006.

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion healing: 877-HOPE-4-ME
www.rachelsvineyard.org.

A Baby's Breath 24-hour hotline: 484-580-6436,
www.ababysbreath.org.

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: www.dcpchester.org.
Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME, www.mothershome.org .
Pro-Life Union of Delaware County: 610-789-LIFE,
www.prolifedelco.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE



St. Francis of Assisi Parish will again be sending a bus to the 46th Annual "March for Life" in Washington, DC on **Friday, January 18th**. For more information, or to

reserve a seat, please call Anita Galligan at (610)585-0142.

Pray for an end to abortion---all lives are precious.

ST. FRANCIS FAMILY ROSARY GROUP

Father Patrick Peyton is known for saying, "The family that prays together stays together." The St. Francis Family Rosary Group meets to bring families together for the purpose of prayer – to pray for families and youth, the parish, our priests, bishops, our Holy Father Pope Francis, the Universal Church and peace in the world as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Galligan at anitagalligan1@verizon.net or Beth McCarthy at mccarthy9022@aol.com

Family Rosary group meets at 7pm in the church. Families and individual parishioners of all ages are all welcome to join us!

WEEKLY MEN'S GROUP AT SFA

Weekly Men's Group meets here at St. Francis every **Saturday, 7-8AM** in "Conway Conference Room" (building behind Church). Experience the power of investing one hour a week with men who share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, grandfathers, leaders, followers, sons and friends. Free material is supplied. For more info, call Rob Longo 610.544.2103.

FLAME OF LOVE CENACLE at ST. FRANCIS

The parish Cenacle Group meets each **Monday at 1:30PM in the Church** for Adoration and the Rosary. Join us to pray for priests, the dying, the souls in purgatory and for our parish. All are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary praesidium, called Our Lady Queen of Peace, meets every **Thursday evening at 7:00PM**, in Conference Room 'A' of the Rectory basement. We welcome those interested in becoming members and auxiliary members. Members do two hours a week of good work for the parish; auxiliary members pray for the universal Church and the intentions of the Blessed Mother. Come and see what you can do for Our Lady.

BABYSITTING DURING MASS

Babysitting is available during the 8:30-10:00 Mass. Babysitting is now taking place in the *Pre-school room of St. Francis School*. Please enter by the gate to the little playground. Infants to age 4 years old are welcome. No registration is necessary.

THREE PARISH EVANGELIZATION TEAM

St. Francis ~ St. Kevin ~ Holy Cross

All Are Welcome

ARE YOU SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO BECOME CLOSER TO JESUS?

Listen to the experiences of your fellow parishioners, any time. Right here in our parish we have...

Eucharistic Adoration every Monday from 1 to 8 pm.

Marian activities including a Legion of Mary Praesidium and a Flame of Love Cenacle.

A Weekly Men's Group

Several weekly Bible Study groups

A Mom's Faith Sharing Group

A Family Rosary Group

Small Church Communities to study the Sunday gospels during Lent...

And more...

Coming up there will be the **Bishop Barron** presentation on the **Eucharist** ...and in the Spring...

Life in the Spirit (part II)

And, **formed.org**—online resources, **free** to all parishioners!

JUST LOOK AROUND AND LISTEN & PARTICIPATE

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

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50



The next meeting is January 10. We will be entertained by Jennifer and Danielle. Tickets for Hoagie Day (Feb. 28) will be on sale.

UPCOMING TRIPS:

Casino Trips: (1/21~Resorts)
(2/18~Resorts) (3/18~Resorts) Cost:
\$23 with a return of \$25 in slot play. Bus

leaves at 10AM. Call Bob Hodgson at 610-449-2956.

The casino trips leave from the Springfield Country Club (400 W. Sproul Rd.) Use the parking lot near the Ice Rink and park in spaces facing Sproul Rd.

March 31, 2019: "Late Nite Catechism" comedy show called Sister Rolls the Dice. The convent needs a new roof so Sister throws a Las Vegas Night. Cost is \$85 (includes bus, show at Church of Visitation, full course luncheon with 4 entrees at Tuscany Restaurant). Bus departs 9AM from Springfield Library (70 Powell Road) Boarding at 8:45AM. For more info or reservations, contact Maria Santone at 610-544-7664 or 610-745-0820.

For Rosaries: call Claire Doyle at 610-604-0160

For Membership: call Betty Pote at 610-544-7570

The club is non-denominational and all are welcome!

The Club wishes everyone

Good Health and A Happy New Year

ST. FRANCIS PLAYERS PRESENT "GUYS AND DOLLS!"



The St Francis Players are pleased to announce that our 2019 and 60th Annual SFP Production will be "Guys and Dolls". Performing this timeless classic is the perfect way to celebrate 60 years of entertaining Saint Francis of Assisi, Springfield, and the community at large. We hope you will join us on stage or come out and see the production. We will have six (6) performances held on 4/26, 4/27, 4/28 and 5/1, 5/2, and 5/3.

Signups and auditions for this year's show will be held on Sunday, January 6th at 7:00PM in Leonard Hall. Call backs will be the following evening on Monday, January 7th at 7:00PM. Auditions are necessary only for leading roles. It is strongly preferred that anyone interested in a leading role come prepared to sing a song from the show for their tryout. Anyone interested in chorus or production staff roles need only sign up. Children are not required to audition and need only sign up. We look forward to seeing you there!!! For more information regarding auditions and other special events regarding the Saint Francis Players, please visit our website at www.stfrancisplayers.org

what's happenin'!

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-66)
Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join to share common interests & dine together twice a month. Scheduled

event: **Mon., Dec. 31**, Our New Year's Eve Restaurant Event at 9pm, at Stephen's On State Restaurant, located at 105 W. State St., Media. More info call Barb (610) 896-6542.

COLLEGE AGE* RETREAT...January 4-6, 2019 at the Marianist Family Retreat Center at Cape May Point, NJ 08212. This retreat is designed to bring young people together of College age (17-22). So whether you are in college or working, come join us to renew your spiritual life, deepen your relationship with God and meet new friends. Cost: \$135/person, double occ. Register at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. *Some financial aid is available. *Current Year High School Seniors are welcomed.*

ATTENTION LADIES: Do you or any ladies you know need hair care at your home? I offer all services. Color, cut, perm or just a weekly blowout. I have been in the business over 25 years. I have all supplies for all your needs. I have been a lifetime Springfield resident. Don't hesitate to reach out! Call Stacey Godsey at 610-246-9441.

CAMILLA HALL...known by many as the "Powerhouse of Prayer", is a convent home for the sick and aging Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary located in Immaculata, PA. The Camilla sisters are ready, willing and able to respond to your requests for prayers and special intentions. Consider putting the **Powerhouse of Prayer** to work for you. Call 610-386-2000 to leave a message or email prayforme@camillahall.org.

COME AND SEE WEEKENDS A Come and See Weekend is a perfect opportunity for men who are considering a vocation to come to St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore the possibility of their own call to the priesthood. This is an ideal retreat for someone who is actively pursuing a call to the priesthood. It is also a great opportunity for a man who has been evangelized to explore the possibility of a call to the priesthood! The weekend includes reflections on the priesthood, vocation stories from seminarians, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Come and See Weekends are scheduled for high school men and post-high school men on separate weekends. To learn more, or to register for a particular weekend, visit www.heedthecall.org/comeandsee.com or contact the Vocation office at 610-667-5778.

<u>HIGH SCHOOL MEN</u>	<u>POST-HIGH SCHOOL MEN</u>
Jan. 26-27, 2019	Jan. 18-20, 2019
Feb. 16-17, 2019	Feb. 22-24, 2019
	Mar. 29-31, 2019

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS This year for the Called by Name program, parishes across the Archdiocese nominated men to consider the priesthood. We invite you to bring friends and family and join us for a Holy Hour for Vocations to be held at **1PM on Sunday, January 6, 2019**. The Holy Hour will be at St. Denis Parish, 2401 St. Denis Lane, Havertown, PA 19083. For more information, visit heedthecall.org/holyhour. Let us unite before the Blessed Sacrament and pray for fortitude, discernment, and attention to God's call for those men in seminary and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. "The love of God and neighbor, the greatest commandment, is expressed in, and the fruit of, Eucharistic worship." – **Pope St. John Paul II**

MOVIE WITH MEANING: "JULIE AND JULIA" will be featured at the IHM Conference Center, 401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa 19010 on **Wednesday, January 9, 10AM and 1PM (if necessary)**. Lunch is served at 12N for both groups. Stipend: \$15. Based on two true stories, "Julie and Julia" intertwines the lives of two women who are both at loose ends until they discover that with the right combination of passion, fearlessness and butter, anything is possible!

THE CALIX SOCIETY: Are you currently in a 12-Step Program? Would you like to be able to freely discuss how your Catholic Faith, Christ and His Sacraments nourish your recovery? If so, The Calix Society is for you! We welcome participants from other 12-Step Programs and those concerned with addiction. We meet on the **2nd Monday** of each month, at 6:15PM in the Adoration Chapel at Nativity B.V.M. Church, located at Monroe and Franklin Streets, Media, PA. We follow our Holy Hour with discussion from 7-8PM in the brick building. For more details, please contact Harry at 610-316-5560. All are welcome!

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE! The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the six post sessions that follow it. The next program begins on the weekend of **February 8-10** at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit our website: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230 or 1-215-766-3944. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

December 31 - 6:00pm to January 1 - 11:00am

Join us as we say farewell to 2018 and welcome 2019 in God's presence. We will begin at 6 pm with a feast, followed by a presentation, quiet time for personal prayer and Adoration. Mass will be celebrated at midnight followed by light refreshments. We will conclude the retreat with Morning Prayer and a New Year's Day brunch. Presenter: Rev. Bernard Farley. Registration and 6:00 PM Dinner. Cost: \$90.00 per person / \$155.00 couple / \$60.00 commuters. Please register online (www.straphaelcenter.org) or call St. Raphael Center at 610-642-5715.

WINTER DIRECTED RETREAT EXTENDED

January 25 - 4:00pm to February 1 - 11:00am OR

January 25 - 4:00pm to January 27 - 12:00pm

Spend a week or a weekend in silence and tranquility to listen more deeply to the quiet voice of God. Our spiritual directors on staff will accompany you throughout this time of retreat in the Ignatian spirit. Come away to be renewed and refreshed in the abundant love of God. Cost: Ranges from \$200-\$605 depending on length of time & choice of room. Registration: On-line at www.straphaelcenter.org or call St. Raphaela Center at 610-642-5715 by Friday, January 11, 2019

LILY'S GIFT... If a prenatal diagnosis is poor... you are not alone. There is help. Lily's Gift is a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal

diagnosis. Modeled and trained by BE NOT AFRAID, volunteers from Lily's Gift offer a free service of practical guidance and compassionate care focusing on meeting the needs of expectant parents as they seek to honor the life of their baby no matter how frail or how brief. For more info, visit www.LilysGift.org, or www.benotafraid.net. For support call Sr. Kathleen Schipani at 215.587.3530; or email LilysGiftLuke12.27@gmail.com.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

We salute the advertisers in our bulletin. This week we thank **WORLD CLASS COLLISION CENTER**
John DiGilio ~ Parishioner 610-521-4650
Please consider using our advertisers' services and tell them you saw their ad in our bulletin.

THE PRAYER NETWORK

Is the Lord calling you to ministry, but you don't drive or get out at night to participate?

Join our Prayer Network and become a Prayer Warrior. A PRAYER NETWORK is the work of a silent, unobtrusive group of people who offer to "stand in the breach" and intercede for the serious needs of fellow parishioners, their families and friends. Since *prayer is its only purpose*, a parish prayer network can become a spiritual community builder unlike any other Church group. There is NO ORGANIZATION to it. It requires NO MEETINGS, NO OFFICERS, and NO ACTIVITIES. The "prayers" who volunteer can choose whatever kind of prayer they are led to use, for as long as they feel the Lord desires them to do so. A telephone call comes, needs are expressed and a prayer (usually a Hail Mary and Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in You) are prayed with the caller. The recipient calls the next person on the line and repeats the process. A prayer or two may be said during the day for those intentions. Your prayer may be an ejaculation (My Jesus, Mercy), a rosary or whatever prayer you are most comfortable with. We would hope that the family would pray together for the intentions, thus exposing the children to praying for the needs of others. This is one small way we can "love one another" as Jesus has commanded us. No one should ever have to feel alone in their suffering or time of crisis. For more information or to volunteer, please call 610-328-0741 or 610-543-0728.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make my New Year a happy one... Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes.
Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path.
Not by taking hardship from me, but by taking all cowardice and fear from my heart as I meet hardships.
Not by granting me unbroken sunshine, but by keeping my face bright even in the shadows.
Not by making my life always pleasant, but by showing me where men and His cause need me most and by making me zealous to be there and to help ...
God, make my year a happy one. Amen.

