

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Timing is everything.

Jesus was waiting for a sign from the Spirit to begin His ministry. He went to a wedding at Cana with His disciples and His mother, who noticed that the young couple had run out of wine. She told Jesus about it. At first He said, "My time has not come." But she knew better. The time of need is the time to act. Jesus recognized in His mother's compassion the sign from the Spirit that it was time to begin His ministry, and got to work.

We may be tempted to hold back, to wait for better timing to begin our full Christian discipleship, but God's call will come when we see others in need. That's the time to begin.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Dave

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## CANDLE INTENTIONS

**B.V.M** – IMO Caroline Smith by Helen Hufnagle

**St. Joseph** – Parishioners of St. John's

**Tabernacle** – Parishioners of St. John's

**Sanctuary** All Sanctuary Candles

IMO Carol & Harry Nygren by Joseph Christ

**Guardian Angels**

1&2. Deceased Members of the Cook Family  
by Susan Cook

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## **Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

## **Weekday Mass Schedule (in chapel)**

Monday thru Friday - 9:00 a.m.

## **Cemetery Information**

George Smith 544-3294

Frances Mickey 544-6089

## **C.C.D.**

All children preparing to receive any sacrament must be in a Religious Education Program for two consecutive years immediately prior to receiving a sacrament. The child must also be a practicing Catholic

## **New Parishioners**

If you are interested in joining our parish family we invite you to do so by calling the Rectory 622-5470.

## **Sick Calls**

Please notify the parish office

**Bulletin Deadline** - Tuesday prior to publication

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday – January 18 – 9:00 a.m.**

**EDWARD WALASAVAGE**

(Staff & Residents of York Terrace)

**Tuesday – January 19 – 9:00 a.m.**

**CATHERINE SCHREPPPEL** (Barb Guttenplan)

**Wednesday – January 20 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ANDREW & MARY ROSENBERGER**

(Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger)

**Thursday – January 21 – 9:00 a.m.**

**ARMANDO PICCIONI** (John & Joyce Gerace)

**Friday – January 22 – 9:00 a.m.**

**WILLIAM BRUSO** (Staff&Residents of York Terrace)

**Saturday – January 23 – 5:00 p.m.**

**FRANCIS & MARY JANE QUINN** (Ellen Quinn)

**Sunday – January 24 – 8:15 a.m.**

**JOSEPHINE CAVANAUGH** (Hahner Family)

**Sunday – January 24 – 10:30 a.m.**

**JULIA BREININGER**

(Residents & Staff of York Terrace)

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK / DECEASED



We remember in prayer those who are ill. We commend to our Divine Lord all of our aged people and those residing in nursing homes.

Sick: *Tina Dixon, Margie Glunz, Carolyn Foster, Maryann Wychunas, Edward Wychunas, John Woznicki, Faye Cuchara, Scott Rhoades, Ben Roeder, Roxanne Tutko, James Gombola, Bill Zaharis, Mary Ellen Viduszynski, Mary Zambo.*

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## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday afternoon – 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:45 to 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 to 10:15 a.m.  
or by appointment

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

Please call the Rectory at least 6 months in advance

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

First Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Second Sunday during 10:30 a.m. Mass

Baptismal Preparation for Parents and Godparents **MUST** precede the Baptism.

Please contact Sister Maryanne for an appointment

## **CERTIFICATES OF ELIGIBILITY**

Certificates to act as sponsors, Godparents, etc. will only be issued to parishioners who are formally registered with the church and attend Mass on a regular basis.

## **Outreach Program**

Margaret Glunz 622-3067 / Rectory 622-5470

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How does your parish support married couples' commitment? How do you?

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### READINGS

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (January 16/17)

**Reading I:** Isaiah 61:1-5

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (January 23/24)

**Reading I:** Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

**Reading II:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:** Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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### Living the Word

*Jesus can transform the water of our lives into choice wine.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (January 16/17)

#### **Isaiah 62**

No more shall people call you "Forsaken, or your land "Desolate, "but you shall be called "My Delight, "and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you.

**Ps 96:** Sing to the LORD a new song;

**1 Corinthians 12:** We've been given gifts ... to use for the common good

**John 2:1-11:** He transformed water into choice wine

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.

It does not have to be that way, however. *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 the *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 to 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 peoples die with their forests and grasslands... Nature will truly enjoy its second spring only when humanity has compassion for its own weakest members."

...U.S. Bishops, *Renewing the Earth (1991) III, F*

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## What can we do to become a Community of Salt and Light?

Are you seeking to live the Gospel more faithfully and wondering how to do this? If so there is a meeting on Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in Longinus Hall at 7 p.m. Bob Olney from the Catholic social Agency will be here to talk to the parish council and all other interested parishioners about becoming a community of "Salt and Light."

If interested please call S. Maryanne at the Rectory 622-5470 ext. 5

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION

On **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, our third grade children will celebrate the Sacrament of Penance for the first time.

Please remember them and their families in your prayers as they learn to grow in acceptance of the great gift of God's forgiveness given to us in this important sacrament.

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## FIRST COMMUNION EVENT

Children who will be receiving First Holy Communion this year will have their First Communion Event, along with their parents, on **Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the School.**

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## R. C. I. A.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in deepening your own faith? Or do you know anyone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Please invite them to join us. Have them call St. John's Rectory, 622-5470, to register for the RCIA sessions. All are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions!

### RCIA Schedule

**January 21<sup>st</sup> at St. John's**

*Introduction to Catholic Moral Teaching* – Fr. Dave

**January 28<sup>th</sup> & February 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John's**

*Specific Topics in CMT* – Karen Powers & Bill Gianfagna

**February 11<sup>th</sup> at St. John's**

*Reconciliation & Lent* – Fr. Dave, S. Catherine

**February 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's**

*Eucharist, A Closer Look* – Fr. Adam

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## SCHEDULE

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**5:00 p.m. – Saturday – January 23rd**

**Reader:** Ray Petrilla

**Euch.Min.:** Dan & Hermine Murphy

**Servers:** Kate Kramer, Madeline Consugar,  
Christopher Wollyung

**Cantor:** Mary Bound

**8:15 a.m. – Sunday – January 24th**

**Reader:** Jennifer Daubert

**Euch.Min.:** Doris Eiler, Carol Forster, Mary Modesto

**Servers:** Brent Gauntlett, Emilie Baker, Michael Fetterolf

**Cantor:** Debbie Purcell

**10:30 a.m. – Sunday – January 24th**

**Reader:** Carol Lasco

**Euch.Min.:** Bill Schlitzer, Phil Markovich,

Gerry Schwartz

**Servers:** Emily & Sam Synnott, Kiefer Luckenbill

**Cantor:** Dave Derbes

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January

- 17 Hospitality Sunday after Masses – Longinus Hl.  
18 First Reconciliation – 7 p.m.  
21 Men's Fellowship – 7 p.m. – Rectory  
21 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room  
25 Parish Council Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Longinus Hall  
26 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room  
28 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room

### February

- 4 RCIA – 7 p.m. – at St. Pat's  
6 Mardi Gras – 6 to 9 p.m. – School Building  
7 First Communion Event – 9 a.m. – School  
9 Family Guild Mtg. – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room  
10 Catholic Women's Union Mtg. – 7 p.m. – LH  
11 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room  
17 Ash Wednesday  
18 RCIA – 7 p.m. at St. Michael's  
19 Lenten Fish Dinner 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.  
25 RCIA – 7 p.m. – Fellowship Room  
26 Lenten Fish Dinner 4 to 7 p.m. – Russell Bldg.

## YOUTH GROUP - GENESIS I

**Upcoming Meeting:** A planning meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** in the Fellowship Room. New and old members and volunteers are welcome. Please contact Rachael via e-mail at [rachael3764@yahoo.com](mailto:rachael3764@yahoo.com) or call 581-6109.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

... will take place in Longinus Hall after all Masses the weekend of **January 23/24.**

## DIOCESAN SPONSORED EVENTS

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**We the Living:** This support group is an eight-week program that includes prayer, sharing and discussion. Sessions will be held **Tuesdays beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing through March 9<sup>th</sup>** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For further information contact Beth Dague, Parish Nurse, at 610-867-8409 ext. 15.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

**Valentine Quiz:** Valentine's Day is just a few weeks away. Do you remember what you gave each other last year? A Marriage Encounter would be the perfect gift for married couples in love. The effects will last longer than anything you can buy. Register now for your Valentine's Day weekend ... February 12-14 ... in Bethlehem. Call 1-800-787-7679 or go online at [www.wvme-nepa.org](http://www.wvme-nepa.org) for information.

### FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

**Long Term Illness.** In your prayers this week, lift up to God all those of our parish who are experiencing long term or chronic illness. We also ask God's guidance and support for their families. May they all find peace and comfort of heart as they face their daily challenges.

### PRO-LIFE OFFICE

Do you seek healing from a past abortion experience either recent or many years ago? Call 1-866-3Rachel, the confidential Project Rachel Hotline, for information about compassionate post-abortion counseling and reconciliation and Rachel's Vineyard Retreats.

## *Have you ever wondered...*

How to comfort someone who is sick, or hurting because of a loss or trauma?

If so fill out the form below and return to the rectory or put in the collection basket

We want to gather a group of people interested in making prayer shawls.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

## FREE CAREGIVING SESSIONS

PinnacleHealth Homecare & Hospice is offering an ongoing opportunity to network with other caregivers, learn about area resources, and take a welcomed "break" from your daily care-giving role. The free sessions will be held on the **First Monday of every month** from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Lazy Dog Bistro Coffeehouse, 18 E. Sunbury St. in Minersville. If you would like more information, contact Lori Rossochacy at 628-2290 or 800-222-5236.

**Looking for a Christian Men's Group?  
Searching for a Group of Like-Minded Men?**

**Bridge Builders Men's Fellowship**

may be the group for you! Meetings begin at 7 p.m. and last approximately one hour followed by a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Please consider joining our group. As the song says, "Come just as you are".

**For more information call Bob Hahner 622-0223.**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> - 7 p.m.  
here at St. John's in the Rectory**

**WOMEN OF FAITH DAY**

All women are invited to join women of St. Maria Goretti Church for a special day of fellowship and spirituality on **January 30<sup>th</sup>**. DVDs of the *2009 Women of Faith Conference: A Grand New Day* will be viewed, and registrations taken for the 2010 Conference. The day will begin at 9a.m. with refreshments and end no later than 3p.m. Lunch will be served for a free-will donation. This day will be held at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 126 Angell Road, Cumberland (Rte 116). Please RSVP to Rita St.Pierre (725-6548), Elaine Hervieux (231-0048), or Peggy Conrad (508-965-8235), no later than January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ...** The Schuylkill County **Meals on Wheels** Program needs **YOU**. Please help the senior citizens in the Pottsville area remain in their homes by helping to prepare or delivering a hot, nutritious meal at noontime on Mondays, Wednesday, or Fridays. For more information please call: Meals on Wheels 570-624-3023 or 1-800-621-6325.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

St. John's 7th & 8th grade CCD students will continue throughout the year to collect food donations from our parishioners. This will be an ongoing service project. Please help us reach out to the needy in our area.

**Items Needed:**

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| Stuffing Mix         | Canned Fruit          |
| Broth                | Packaged Cookies      |
| Coffee/Tea (instant) | Jelly                 |
| Hot Chocolate        | Hot Cereal packages   |
| Apple Sauce          | Canned Sweet Potatoes |
| Peanut Butter        | Beef Stew             |
| Soups                | Spaghetti             |
| Spaghetti Sauce      | Macaroni & Cheese     |

Kindly place your donations in the baskets either at the rear or side entrance of church or donations can be brought to CCD. Thank you.

**HAITI DISASTER**

**Catholic Relief Service are Mobilized for Haiti Disaster <http://crs.org/>**

We cannot help but be moved by the disastrous earthquake in Haiti this past week. Our own CRS has mobilized an immediate major aid response to quake-ravaged Haiti and invites all concerned supporters to join them in the outreach.

Please keep the victims of this tragedy and all those who are in Haiti now to try to bring relief in your prayers. If you wish to make a donation use this link: **[http://donate.crs.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mg\\_emergency](http://donate.crs.org/site/PageServer?pagename=mg_emergency)**

If you prefer to donate to Catholic Relief Services by phone, please call **1-800-736-3467** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

You can also send in a donation via the mail. Mail your check to: Catholic Relief Services P.O. Box 17090 Baltimore, MD 21203-7090

**OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**REACH OUT and TOUCH SOMEONE**



Call Margie Glunz 622-3067  
Volunteers are needed!  
Call us if you need us.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**PRISONER VISITATION AND SUPPORT**

PVS is a volunteer visitation program for federal and military prisons in the United States with a primary focus on those prisoners who receive few or no visits from family and/or friends and, thus, have little or no outside contact. Visitors are urgently needed for the Federal Correctional Institution (Schuylkill) in Minersville. For further information, please contact Lena B. Prewitt, Visitor Recruitment Coordinator, Eastern U.S., at 205-345-3615 or 205-310-9493 or e-mail [Ltrewitt@netO.net](mailto:Ltrewitt@netO.net)

**CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS  
COLLECTION DRIVE**

More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and away from their families. **Cell Phones for Soldiers** has established Schlitzer Allen Pugh Funeral Home, 6th & W. Market Sts. as an official collection site and is asking Schuylkill County to support our brave troops by donating used cell phones at the funeral home. The goal is to provide every U.S. soldier with a way to call home for free. For more information, visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)



## MARDI GRAS

### "Come Together as a Family"

Mark your calendar for a relaxing, fun-filled evening by planning to attend St. John's ....

**Saturday, February 6th  
6 to 9 p.m. – School Building**

Everyone is welcome and we especially invite new parishioners. This is not a fund-raiser, it is a "mixer", a wonderful time for our new parishioners and present parishioners to meet.

Tickets will be available after all Masses or at the Rectory during the week. Tickets are **\$5.00 per person, \$15.00 per family**; Children under age 10 are free.



In the spirit of the evening, we invite everyone to "dress-up" in Mardi Gras attire. Prizes will be given to adults and children for the prettiest costumes, etc. You may contact **Rectory 622-5470** for further information.

### Next Mardi Gras Meeting

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m.**

**Fellowship Room**

### Help Needed

**We need help with set-up, take-down, also Food and Bar Stations, please call the Rectory.**

### Decorating

**Please help us decorate for Mardi Gras on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**

## LONGABERGER BASKET & POTTERY CALENDAR

The Family Guild will be sponsoring the Longaberger Calendar for March 2010. The members of the Guild would like to extend the opportunity to any parishioner to sponsor a basket or make a donation toward a basket. If you are interested, please call **Jen Daubert 622-8760** or the Rectory 622-5470.

### **CHURCH CLEAN-UP**

**When:** Thursday, January 21st

**Time:** approximately 1:00 p.m.

**What to Bring:** Rags, Mops, Buckets

We need to clean our church. Men and



women are needed. Can you help us out? If you can, please call the Rectory 622-5470 We always have fun and the job can be easy if we have sufficient people.

### **WELCOME VISITORS**

*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*

*If you are visiting our beautiful church, please know you are most welcome!*

*If you have questions about our parish, please see the designated parishioners at the exits or any parishioner.*

*If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the rectory 622-5470.*

### **ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS ...**

#### Theme Basket Auction

... hosted by All Saints Catholic School on **Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** from noon until 2 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center. Browse and Buy on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 6 p.m. All are welcome!

#### Post-Christmas Recycling Fundraiser

You can recycle your unwanted electronics and support Catholic education in your community! Donate your used cell phones, ink jets, laptops, i-pods, digital cameras, and digital video cameras. We will collect these items until Valentine's Day. You may drop these items at the school.

Don't forget! We collect cell phones and ink cartridges smaller than the palm of your hand all year long.

Thank you for your support! Call us for more information at 622-0106 or visit us at [www.AllSaintsCatholicSchool.net](http://www.AllSaintsCatholicSchool.net).

### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE ....**

If you or someone you know has been ill or in the hospital and unable to attend Mass, please call the Rectory and inform Father or Sister of your condition.

We don't always know if a person has been ill or hospitalized until after the fact! We are willing to visit and or make arrangements for Holy Communion once your condition is known.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and helping us be of service to you.



### **ARE YOU PLANNING A CHANGE ??**

If you are making a change in ... *address, parish affiliation, e-mail, or phone number*, please call the Rectory Office. We strive to keep our records up to date.

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## WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 10th: \$6,243.99; Imp.&Rep.: \$1,671.27

We thank our parishioners for their sacrificial giving

### ROSARY REPAIR SERVICE



When it's time to clear out the accumulated clutter from cabinets, drawers and chests, you might find a partial rosary with a missing crucifix or several beads that you could not part with because of the sentimental value.

These partial rosaries can be repaired successfully and returned to wholeness with little or almost no cost. If you have no sentimental attachment, please consider donating these partial/incomplete rosaries to the Missions, both foreign and domestic.

Thus far, I have repaired and reconstituted several hundred rosaries and forwarded them to the foreign Missions. You can place the rosary to be repaired in an envelope with my name on the outside and place it in the collection basket. If you would like it repaired and returned, please put your name and phone number on the envelope.

#### Rosaries / New & Repair Service

*For that special someone / Special Occasions:*

*Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation,*

*Wedding, First Communion, Confirmation,*

*or any occasion*

**Call Paul Gombola 622-4162**

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## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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  - ^ It Develops Good Community Relationships
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## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

January 2010

Carl Bartholomew	Mr.&Mrs. James Loeper
Harold Bartholomew	Marie Melinchok
Robert & Kathleen Berger	IMO Agnes & Felix Narog
IMO Edward Christ	IMO Carol Nygren
Joe Christ	Jeanne Rehnert
Rev. Donald Henry	IMO Eugene Rehnert
IMO M/M Herbert Henry	H. David Reiner
Joanne Hepler	Paul & Dorothy Rosenberger
IMO Marie Homrighausen	Mrs. Marcie Schnerring
IMO Sophia Kapsha	IMO Steve Sitkus
Francis & Grace King	IMO Vita Sitkus
IMO Rita Klitsch	IMO Margaret Zelinsky

**What is a Bulletin Booster??** Some of our newer parishioners have asked what it means to be a Bulletin Booster. We have a wonderful bulletin – it is timely and keeps us informed of what is going on within our parish family and its surroundings. Paper and supplies are needed on a weekly basis to continue this family tradition. So, if you'd like to donate toward the supplies. **\$1.00 and up ... you too can be a ... Bulletin Booster.**

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## SUGGESTION BOX

Our **Suggestion Box** is located in the back of church on the side of the confessional by the Ambry where the holy oils are kept. If you would like to make a suggestion about something, please feel free to write down your thoughts. Pencils and paper are in the basket at that location.



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## FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

... Janet Daubert

**Soy foods may reduce the risk of prostate cancer.** A review in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, which analyzed data from 14 studies, found that men who consumed soy regularly had a 26% reduced risk of prostate cancer, compared to those who ate little or none. However, the benefit was seen only with non fermented soy foods (tofu and soy milk); fermented ones (miso and natto) showed neither benefit nor risk (there has been some concern that fermented foods may increase cancer risk). The studies did not look at soy supplements, which are of questionable safety.

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