



Dear members of St. Patrick's / St. Stephen's,

We want to update you as our New Ministries has been developing since 2016. Our work with the Office of the Aging, N.Y. Connects and access to Independence.

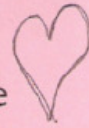
Through our discussions and social gatherings we became aware of people desire to remain in their homes but are challenged by their physical needs and the concern for others living alone and unable to drive for basic needs.

This information has caused us to act seeking "care givers" and people to assist with household chores.

Through grants and networking we are providing life-line units, technology education, bathroom safety issues and programs for mental health and alzheimers needs.

People are creative and do help themselves and others even through they live alone. We find people invite friends for an afternoon of puzzles, cards or crafts. We know that many have developed a phone ministry that keeps them united with their friends, churches,

and service groups. Some in making their needs known have found that people will assist to bring them to community dinners and social events.



We have seen people who have become aware of people living alone –

...Bring “take out” dinners to an elderly neighbor.

...Share grocery sales and provide some social time.

...Instead of donations to a food pantry, people take a basket of fresh fruits or vegetables.

...Some are helping seniors with e-mail and other computer challenges.

...Some are taking people for their medical or household needs.

Now that Spring is coming there are many chores to be done and seniors need help. Our focus will be to have community members aware of their neighbors so they can assist or find assistance for them.

Once again, we at New Ministries appreciate your support and are grateful that through you we can be “present” to others.

With gratitude,

*Sister Kathleen & Staff*

