

Mary's Hands Ministry is open to everyone who would like to do some of the simple things that will make someone else's day better. If you are interested in joining us or want more information about Mary's Hands Ministry, please contact Mary Jo Turner 814-577-5541.

“Mary’s Hands Ministry”

My name is Mary Jo Turner. I am a member of St. Agnes Parish and as some of you know I have two therapy dogs. They are certified through Love on a Leash and Canines for Christ. We visit all the local nursing facilities and have met some very interesting and wonderful people over the years. We have also witnessed some amazing things because of the interactions of the dogs and the handlers with the residents in these facilities. My dogs and I have been making special visits to the Catholic residents a few times a month at Mt. Laurel in Clearfield. I would like to expand this ministry and I’m hoping some of you may feel called to join me.

I would like to start by sending cards to the Catholic residents. Something this simple can mean so much to someone. We could send cards on a regular basis – weekly, monthly, special occasions. People just want to know they aren’t forgotten.

I would also like to include the Religious Education families in this project. This could be as simple as bringing in small gifts to be used as bingo prizes for the residents. Things like lotions, Chapstick, word puzzle books, crayons, coloring books mean so much to the residents and the staff and teach our children how to incorporate the works of mercy into their everyday lives.

There are so many things we could do as this ministry grows. Those who crochet and knit could be making prayer shawls and lap blankets for the residents. All these things are so appreciated not only by the residents but the staff too as it makes their jobs a bit easier.

As a side note I’d like to incorporate our shut ins into this ministry and as we help those at Mt. Laurel, bring in another nursing facility. We see and hear from the staff about the needs of so many.

Our main target group would be the Catholics in these facilities, however, there are times we find people who have no family or friends and as we grow, we will include them too.

If you would like more information and would like to be part of “Mary’s Hands” ministry, please contact me at 814-577-5541.



“Suffering is only intolerable when nobody cares. One continually sees that faith in God and his care is made infinitely easier by faith in someone who has shown kindness and sympathy.” - Cicely Saunders