

## PASTORAL CARE REPORT 2016

The Pastoral Care Committee involves many parishioners who feel called to assist those who are in need of support and encouragement either in the short or long term.

Short term support may include a visits at the hospital and follow up visits at a rehabilitation and physical therapy facilities; a nourishing and delicious meal delivered either on the day of discharge or soon afterwards depending upon the circumstances; a greeting card with good wishes and prayers from the St. James family, and a follow up phone call to check that all is as well as possible.

Longer term care includes regular visits to the parishioner either in their home or room; phone calls to keep them informed about the life of our church; cards sent by the DOK Silver Links group; encouragement to attend the healing service on Thursdays, when/if they can, and Home Communion once a month.

The prayers and squares group meet monthly to make quilts which are tied together with prayers from the parish and family community. The quilt is given to remind the recipient that prayers are being offered on their behalf and to help them remember that they are never alone.

It is difficult to count how many calls and how many visits have been made during the year, how many flowers from the altar have been taken out, how many miles travelled, but this vital and prayer covered ministry has been a blessing to many....with over 200 meals and 231 quilts given this year.

To God be the glory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elaine Estefan