

PASTORAL REPORT 2/10/19 [Mo. Jetty and Mo. Martha]

We continue to participate in the Clergy Council, as well as the Pastoral Team and to host those meetings at St. Junia when needed.

Jetty and Martha went to Belgium on 1/24/20 and Martha returned 2/09/20. Jetty will return the last week of March. We made sure that all the needed children's materials were prepared and made available before we left, and our very able teachers carried on as needed. Martha will continue whatever is needed in Jetty's absence.

In the last month, Jetty continues to work hard on the Liturgy preparation and to coordinate as needed to make changes that come to her attention, and working with clergy who are participating in the Masses. She continues this work even though she is currently in Belgium, where she has skyped with Deacon Tony regarding pastoral logistics and problems. She is available to skype for any needed meetings regarding Liturgy or other issues which are needed for her role as Co-Moderator for the Clergy Council. She is available to Facetime with anyone wanting her input on any issue.

Martha has done very little at Saint Matthew in this past month, due to the death of her friend, Virginia, on 1/17/20. She is responsible for helping Jennie, Virginia's 90-year-old housemate of 50 years, to get moved and re-situated in an assisted living facility, to break up housekeeping and prepare the house for sale, distribute personal possessions, handle the estate and financial issues, re-home their pets, and plan/participate in her Memorial Service being held on 2/15/20. Martha will still be occupied with these issues for a few weeks but she will attend all scheduled ministry meetings.

Martha is scheduled to give the homily three times during Lent and Easter and those preparations are already done. She will be experimenting with providing parishioners at the end of the Mass a hard copy of the homily with the scriptures. These could be distributed personally, or by mail, or digitally to housebound parishioners or others who would be interested in receiving them.