

# The Parish & School News

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A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE HAWAII CATHOLIC HERALD

## 1 PAHOA

### Sacred Heart Parish

The **Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities** visited our parish on March 1. **Sister Patricia Schofield** spoke to the congregation at the conclusion of each Mass about the “consecrated life.” Materials on the subject were made available to parishioners on the portico after Mass. Pictured are Sister Patricia and **Sister Jovita Augustin** visiting one of the **religious education classes**. (Reported by *Richard Robbins*)



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## 2 WAIMEA

### Annunciation of the Lord Parish

Pictured are parishioners praying the **Stations of the Cross** outside church led by various ministries each Friday evening in Lent, followed by meatless soup and bread in the hall. (Reported by *Mary Erickson*)



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## 3 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

**Fat Tuesday** was a parish family day. The **Youth and Young Adult Ministry** joined hands with the **Hospitality Ministry** to prepare for the Mardi Gras. They decorated the hall with colored lights, set the tables with red and green tablecloths and centerpieces of sparkling ciders adorned with carnival masks. The surprise treat came with the participation of the Portuguese community led by the **Irmandade de Nossa Senhora de Monte** (Brotherhood of Our Lady of the Mount) who presented an exhibit of their history and culture. On display were national and provincial flags of Portugal and Madeira, elegant costumes, a photo collage of the original settlers in Kalihi Valley and postcards from Portugal. Lavish servings of vinha d'alhos, Portuguese bean soup, sausage and malassadas were prepared in the parish kitchen by **Karen Correia-Lemana's cooking team**. With Portuguese music playing, comedienne **Mary Davis** led everyone to the swaying and dancing of the chamarita while lovely images of Our Lady of the Mount and Our Lady of Fatima, both originally from Portugal, hovered over us from the stage. Young and old parishioners of various ethnicities, as well as friends and youth groups from other parishes, joined in. Everybody wore New Orleans beads and emcee **Ropati Liua** donned a matador costume. All enjoyed the fun that inspired them to fill the church and receive blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday, beginning the Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. (Reported by *Father Edgar Brillantes*; photo by *Fran Kovaloff*)



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any and all contributions. If you have any suggestions, ideas or leads for the Feast, please contact Donna, 572-7652. The next Feast Meeting is March 19 at 6 p.m. It is important that all leaders attend. Mahalo for your support. (Reported by *Donna Pico*)

## 4 EWA BEACH

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

**Living the Eucharist**, a six-week parish Lenten renewal from **Paulist Evangelization Ministries** is underway at our parish. The program is designed to revitalize parish life and evangelization through transforming encounters with Christ. Based on the writings of **Pope Benedict XVI**, the program focuses on the Eucharist as a mystery to be believed, celebrated and lived. Each session ends with the **Lectio Divina** method of praying the Scripture by centering on the Sunday readings. The program is presented 7-8:30 p.m. every Monday night, Feb. 16 to March 23. The topics are: “**Why We Gather for Sunday Eucharist**,” with **Father Ed Barut**; “**Who’s at the Table**,” with **Derek Salis**;

“**What Happens at Sunday Mass**,” with **Landon Barayuga**; “**The Dynamic Role of the Holy Spirit**,” with **Deacon Raul Perez**; “**How Do I Respond**,” with **Julia Torres**; and “**What Changes**,” with **Deacon Eric Kim**. Father Ed’s Feb. 16 presentation concentrated on the Paschal Mystery as the reason for gathering at Sunday Mass. On Feb. 23, Derek Salis shared his faith journey through the Rite of Christian Initiation and how he came to the table of the Lord, resulting in his involvement in various parish ministries. Pictured is youth leader and catechist Landon Barayuga as he explained on March 2 the aspects of the word “remember,” highlighting the meaning of anamnesis in liturgy. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)

## KULIOUOU

### Holy Trinity Parish

Did you know that donations, both in **cut flowers and dollars** are accepted to help supply the flowers and seasonal supplies for the **environment committee**? Simply call the office to donate your cut flowers. If you have

no flowers in your yard and you may prefer to occasionally designate your donation toward the flower fund. Simply state so on your offering envelope or check. (From the parish bulletin)

## 5 PEARL CITY

### Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

After our **parish penance service** on March 2, our **Lenten parish mission** on March 3 and 4 was facilitated by **Father Jack Stoeger**, director of the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests in Los Angeles. There he provides spiritual direction to priests and gives retreats to priests, bishops and lay people. The theme for this year’s mission was “**Pope Francis’ Challenge to Live the Joy of the Gospel**.” Father Jack opened the mission with the song, “Christ Be Our Light,” followed by a reading from John 15:1-17 about “the vine and the branches.” Father Jack urged us to slow down and to moderate our life amidst technology. He said that becoming healthy and peaceful is not doing more, but doing less, and letting go more often. Take a Sabbath

rest to feel rejuvenated. In groups of four and five, we prayed the Scripture (Lectio Divina), reflecting on Psalm 23 and expressing the words and phrases that touched us the most. On the second evening, we received quotes from Pope Francis’ exhortation “**Evangelii Gaudium**” (“The Joy of the Gospel”) for our prayerful reflection. Father Jack said we are being called by Jesus to live from the inside out. Don’t let outside things overwhelm us, he said. We are called to bear witness to a constantly new way of living together in fidelity to the Gospel. (Reported by *Bernadette V. Cabe*; photo by *Rodel Eleccion*)

## 6 AIEA

### St. Elizabeth Parish

On Feb 7, we were privileged to be the host parish for the **Diocesan Stewardship Day Conference**. And indeed it was an event! What a wonderful sight to see so many faces from parishes throughout the state, including Hawaii, Molokai and Lanai. The interest and enthusiasm among the attendees as well as the warmth and friendliness of all was truly invigorating. It was as if we had literally become one big catholic parish with stewarding as the uniting force. Our heartfelt gratitude to **Bishop Larry Silva**, and the diocesan planning committee, the superb speakers, the stewardship team and volunteers from our parish, our pastor **Father Arnold** and **Father Joe**, but mostly to you, our island wide family in Christ, who made the day memorable in the life of our parish. (Reported by *Wendy Ford*)

## 7 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

**Father Leonard Ssempijja** blessed our **Mardi Gras** celebration Feb. 14 in our parish hall after 5 p.m. Mass and welcomed the guests. Parishioners **Al, Laura, Kalen, Lily and Sean Janneck**, who owns the restaurant **Milagros**, prepared a delicious dinner. Scrumptious desserts were brought by our own parishioner bakers. Meals were delivered to our sick and homebound by **Joan Opitz**, reminding our brothers and sisters in Christ that they are not forgotten. The youth provided a game of bingo that highlighted the evening. It was a good time of fellowship and fun for our church community. Pictured from left, **Joan Opitz, Vivian Odoshi, Christine Matheis** and **Connie Munoz**. (Reported by *Esther Yap*)

## 8 KAPOLEI

### St. Jude Parish

**Fish fry plate dinners**, 5-7 p.m. on Fridays during Lent will benefit the **Billy Ingalls Scholarship Fund** which helps college-bound parishioners. Pictured are the **Knights of Columbus** preparing to serve delicious fish fry dinners to hungry parishioners. The cost is \$8 a plate. The meal is followed by parish **Stations of the Cross** at 7 p.m. (Reported by *Caren Argenzia*)

HONOLULU

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**

Every Wednesday during Lent, **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** and prayer meditation has been scheduled after the noon Mass. We conclude with Benediction at 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6 p.m. Please sign-up for a **holy hour** with the Lord. The sign-up sheet is at the entrance of the church. (From the parish bulletin)



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**St. Michael Parish**

The new pastor, **Sacred Hearts Father Lusius Nimu**, writes in the parish bulletin: "On this occasion of my official installation as pastor of our parishes, I wish to offer a word of gratitude to all of you for the support and encouragement you have shown since we began this new endeavor this past January. Transitions or changes are not always easy for the priest or the people. I am grateful to Father Benny for his support and assistance in helping me with Masses on weekend and daily. I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful pastoral councils, finance committee, St. Michael School staff and volunteers I have the privilege of working with, making this transition a bit easier. There are many very faith-filled, hard working and gifted people in our parish communities and I am grateful for their dedication." (From the parish bulletin)



9 KIHEI

**St. Theresa Parish,**

Seventeen candidates for baptism from the parishes across Maui, along with their sponsors and family and friends, participated in the **Maui Vicariate Rite of Election** celebrated here during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Feb. 21. The catechumens listened to the Word of the Lord and were presented by the vicar forane **Msgr. Terrence Watanabe** to **Bishop Larry Silva**. They each came forward and inscribed their names in the Book of Elect. These 17 will enter the Catholic Church in full communion at the Easter Vigil at their respective parishes. Pictured is Bishop Silva with the elect after Mass before they all had dinner in the St. Theresa parish hall. (Reported by Anita Carrington; photo by Leroy Carrington)



their commitment." Also honored was our teacher **Mrs. Erika Ledesma** for promoting citizenship in her classroom, school and daily life. She won first place for the **Smart/Maher VFW National Citizen Education Teacher Award** (elementary school level) from the Fort Shafter Post and also statewide, receiving additional monetary and achievement awards at the state awards luncheon. The **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9086 of Torrington, Conn.**, also acknowledged Mrs. Ledesma, presenting her with their Citizen Teacher of the Year award. She now awaits word on how she has done on the national level. Congratulations to all of our outstanding school ohana for their accomplishments! Pictured in first row, from left, first place winner **Alyssa Kahiapo**; second place **Lyndsey Sasada**; third place **Teana Hubbard**; and fourth place **Sage Valdez**. In the second row, VFW State Commander **Fred Chang**; Mrs. Ledesma; VFW Post 10276 Commander **Robert Bretschneider**; VFW Senior Vice Commander **Calvin Sagara**; and previous VFW State and Post Commander **Stanley Y. Fernandez Sr.** (Re-

ported by Ginger Kamisugi)

11 HONOLULU

**Damien Memorial School**

Another first for Damien! Our first **Women's Encounter Retreat** at Camp Homelani in Mokuleia, the weekend of Feb. 20 - 23, provided students with a powerful opportunity to take time out of their busy lives and reflect on their relationships with themselves, others and, most importantly, God. Campus minister **Brent Limos '94** and counseling department chairman **Dexter Asuncion '00** continue to promote the presence of Jesus in our students' lives. The junior class group leaders **Chantelle Agag, Xena Diaz-Urquidi, Mahealani Kaukau, Jordan Marcello** and **Rhiannon Palmere** facilitated discussions among the 35 female candidates. Five female staff members participated in this awesome experience. **Kim Aguada '16** said, "This was a life changing experience. Not only were we part of the first Women's Encounter Retreat, but we are also able to say that we fortified our bond with God and each other during the three days."

(Reported Diane M. Lota; photo by Camp Homelani staff)

12 HONOLULU

**Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School**

Our **second graders** started cultivating their business skills by taking a learning trip to **Kahala Mall** to discover how small businesses operate. At each store the students visited, they observed how the shop was set up and recorded details about the goods and services provided. The students also interviewed the shop owners and managers about the intricacies of running a small business. This month, the second graders will apply what they learned when they open their own shop and sell their products or services to other Lower School students and teachers. The proceeds raised from these shop sales will be donated to a student-selected charity. Pictured: **Maya Choi** and **Katherine Nacapuy** compile data at **Sees Candies**. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

13 EWA BEACH

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help School**

Our **Math Counts Team** participated in the **Hawaii State Chapter Math Counts 2015 Competition** at the Kamehameha Schools Middle School Campus Feb. 7. The students have been preparing for the competition since September, meeting twice a week after school. They explored math through different applications. They constructed polyhedral objects, created math board games, coordinated class Jeopardy and developed a "problem of the day" for classmates referencing mobile apps played like Minecraft, Clash of Clans, and activities like swimming, volleyball and karate. By exploring math, the team of 10 students from grades six, seven and eight were given the opportunity to shine. This was their first Math Counts Competition. We congratulate the participants and the parents who took time out of their busy schedule to support their children in a program that required time outside of school hours. We also applaud the team and its coach **Crystal Ka'aikala** for being recognized with the **Best New School Award**. Pictured from left, **Roy Naira, Brian Lu, Crystal Ka'aikala, Jaydon Patoc** and **Micah Ponce**. (Reported by Crystal I. Ka'aikala; photo by Jeremiah Lacar)

14 HONOLULU

**Sacred Hearts Academy High School**

Our **juniors** spent Feb. 13 volunteering at the loi at **Papahana Kuaola**, a 70-acre parcel at the base of the Koolau Mountains in Kaneohe as part of their service-learning project. Everyone, including teachers and parents, pitched in to weed, clean, move and rebuild the newly cleared landscape. The group also formed long assembly lines to move heavy buckets of fresh mulch and rocks over a flowing stream and then down and up mountainous terrain. Advisor **Lurline Choy** said, "the work was physically challenging, but the experience was invaluable and a memory to be cherished by all participating." The students also learned valuable lessons about sustainability and the need to take care of the environment. Pictured are **Colby Rosado, Jessica Hanashiro** and **Zoe-Ann Yamamoto** pulling up invasive weeds. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

15 KAILUA

**St. Anthony School**

Our school enjoyed a traditional **Chinese lion dance** to welcome in the Chinese New Year. Pictured are the 3 and 4 year olds having their own exciting celebration feeding the lion good-luck tokens. (Reported by Patricia Barros)

16 HONOLULU

**St. Anthony School**

It was a field trip that will forever be remembered! On Feb. 25, our ohana went on a **whale-watching cruise** aboard the **Atlantis Cruise ship**. Our students, from **pre-school to eighth grade, faculty, staff and family members** enjoyed the great view of the ocean and the single whale that passed their

way! Thank you to the staff and crew of Atlantis Cruise. (Reported by Tess Reyes)

**KAILUA**

**St. John Vianney School**

Our **entire student body** had a special treat Feb. 26 when a chamber ensemble from the **Hawaii Symphony Orchestra** performed for them! The ensemble — a violinist, French horn and bassoon player — spoke to the students about their instruments. The students were enchanted! Many thanks to **Ms. Arbaugh** for arranging their visit! ... In celebration of **“Read Across America Day”** and what would have been Dr. Seuss’s 111th birthday, our school held a “Dr. Seuss Pajama Day!” On March 2, students brought Dr. Seuss books to share, wore appropriate pajamas and spent the first period reading the books together. ... The **Windward Knights of Columbus Council 6307** will have a Friday Fish Fry, 5-7:30 p.m., March 13, in the parish hall to raise money for students in financial need at St. John Vianney and St. Anthony Schools, and for women trying to escape the bonds of prostitution (via Ho’ola Na Pua). Dinner includes fried fish, hush puppies, cole slaw, fruit and French fries. Adults: \$13; seniors \$12; children 5-11, \$9; children 4 and under free. (Reported by Earl Walker)



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

**17 KAPAA**

**St. Catherine School**

Studying God’s wonderful and amazing creatures, our **fourth grade class** under the direction of **Ms. Michelle Reilly** researched **humpback whales**, and wrote a report using their Chrome books. Their whale project culminated with a Feb. 19 whale-watching trip on a Zodiac, generously donated by **Captain Andy’s Sailing Adventures**. Ms. Reilly and the crew were impressed by the accuracy of the students’ responses to her questions, causing one of the crew to ask, “You’re not really 9 years old, are you?” ... Other amazing things are going on in fourth grade. Connecting science and Hawaiian studies, the students have been researching and writing about endemic birds of the Hawaiian Islands, while learning why animal and plant species go extinct. On Feb. 24, they hosted a presentation by the **Assistance League of Hawaii** entitled “Op-

eration Wildlife.” Students were allowed to see and touch 100 pounds of extinct animal pelts, bones, teeth, skeletons and eggs, including even the skin of an elephant ear! They were enlightened and shocked to learn that Hawaii is the endangered species capital, not just of the United States, but of the entire world. Perhaps in the future, these stewards of God’s creation will be able to find a solution to this situation. (Reported by Pat Doherty and Sean K. Teixeira)

**18 KALIHI**

**St. John the Baptist School**

As part of their Lenten journey, **our sixth and fifth grade class** got together to cook a delicious traditional Lebanese dish

as part of the **Catholic Relief Service Operation Rice Bowl** program. They learned about the country and reflected on the story of the week. (Reported by Ainona Petelo)

**19 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Early Learning Center**

We were touched by an angel. **Sister Fay Pele** of the **Daughters of St. Paul**, who run the **Pauline Book and Media Center** in Honolulu, visited our parish for a renewal weekend. She blessed our parish and school with a spirit of humility and sharing. On Feb. 20 she joined the Early Learning Center Ohana for a successful **book fair**, bringing books, CDs, DVDs, Bibles and religious articles to families, stu-

dents and staff. On Feb. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, she presented the **Theology of the Body Lenten retreat**, as seen in the photo. It was well attended and a reflective way to prepare for the Lenten journey. On Sunday, Feb. 22, she offered reading material and media for purchase after each Mass. Thank you Sister Fay Pele and all who made your visit possible. It brought enlightenment to our community. (Reported by Helen Souza)

**20 HONOLULU**

**St. Patrick School**

At our last open house for the 2015-2016 school year, March 1, **faculty and staff members** came to support the effort to recruit new students. Members

of the **student government** also shared their experiences on how the school has shaped them to be who they are today. For **Ms. Michiko Deutscher**, the 8B grade homeroom teacher and language arts and Japanese teacher, she feels “at home yet the environment is always serious and intense. St. Patrick School never allows anyone to play around. I can focus on what I teach and my students can receive the best education and my undivided attention.” Pictured, from left, are **Sinalei Wagner** (eighth grade volunteer), **Richelle Kikilo** (seventh grade student government representative), **Christina Dang** (eighth grade historian), **Yuna Becerra** (eighth grade president), **Sara Kim** (eighth grade vice president), **Colby Lane** (eighth grade executive officer) and **Kandyce Woods** (eighth grade secretary). (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)

**21 HONOLULU**

**St. Theresa School**

Our school has created a **raised garden** with a focus on sustainability, community service and project-based learning. The garden includes 26 raised garden beds created from reclaimed heat-treated pallets with the amazing support of our **students and families**. Participating students and classes planted and maintained a variety of vegetable plants that we have been caring for and harvesting from. The **Garden Club** responsible for the construction effort is lead by **Christmas Wilson** and **Lauren Ramirez** and offers a rich experience to more than 50 members in grades first through eighth. As of March 1, our students’ dedication and care has led to the donation of more than 60 lbs of fresh, organic produce to charities like **Aloha Harvest** and **Family Promise**. Pictured are two Garden Club members **Luana Lindsey** and **Ember-Joy Gueverra**. (Reported by Christmas Wilson)

**22 WAIPAHU**

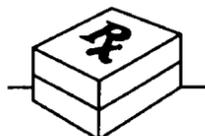
**St. Joseph School**

On Feb. 21, **the students** put on their gloves and went out to beautify **Waipahu District Park**. Students and their families as well as **faculty and staff** came out to do community service. What a great way to start the Lenten season! (Reported by Keala Kia)

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