

1 WAHIAWA**Our Lady of Sorrows Parish**

Parishioners and parish staff gathered with our pastor **Sacred Hearts Father Richard McNally** for the ringing of the bells to welcome **Pope Francis** to the United States. The group gathered after the bell ringing for fellowship and to view the live streaming of the Holy Father's arrival in Washington, D.C. (Reported by Janice Vannatta; photo by Valerie Dascal-Tago)

**2 PAHOA****Sacred Heart Parish**

As we begin to focus on the true meaning of stewardship in our parish, there is one individual who exemplifies the true message. On Sept. 3, 2010, I wrote about an outstanding youth, **Lealoha (Lea) Bernardo**. I'm proud to report another outstanding youth, **Jeryl John Bernardo**, Lealoha's younger brother. Everyone calls him Jay Jay. He is the son of proud parents, **Jimmy and Erlinda Bernardo**. Since a young age, J.J. has always been involved in parish ministry. As a young altar server he could barely reach the altar. He now is an outstanding keyboard player with a passion for spiritual music. J.J. plays at the 5 p.m., 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses and any other when called on. He is 15 years old and attends Pahoa Intermediate High School. Academically, he is a consistent 4.0 student. As a sophomore, he is president of the student government. This young man won the Future Farmers Association Big Island high school competition, represented Hawaii Island on the state level in Maui and won first place. He will now represent Hawaii in Kentucky this month. Last summer, he attended the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. It was an awesome experience. J.J. truly is an amazing youth who believes that nothing is impossible with God. He balances his spiritual functions, school work, daily home chores and assistance with the family papaya farm. This also speaks of the wonderful guidance his parents have shown their children. It is an honor and a privilege to have an amazing young man such as J.J. in our parish and community. May his future be fruitful and blessed. Stewardship is living a life of gratitude, recognizing the gifts God has given and being grateful for them. (Reported by Steve Torres)

**WAILUALA****St. Michael Parish**

Please join the **2015 America Needs Fatima Crusade**. As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join in praying for our nation on Oct. 10. **Public Square Rallies** will be taking place at various locations throughout the world. Our church will be participating starting at 12 noon in the church parking lot. Refreshments will be served. (From the parish bulletin)

3 PUNAHOU-MANOA**Sacred Heart and St. Pius X Parishes**

Parishioners of the **Manoa-Punahou Catholic Community** (Sacred Heart and St. Pius X) joined the **Hawaii Food Bank Hunger Walk** surpassing their \$10,000 goal

for the eighth year, reaching more than \$12,000 from generous contributions. Mahalo to everyone who gave and walked for parishes outreach ministry! Pictured is **Knights of Columbus** financial secretary **Mike Owen** giving a \$5,000 check to **Willa Papandrew**, outreach ministries director, with **Deacon Ron Nelson** (left) and trustee **Clyde Chun**. (Reported by Lynn Murata)

4 EWA BEACH**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

Our parish raised \$5,003 during **Hawaii Food Bank's Hunger Walk** Sept. 19. A huge percentage of the amount came from the efforts of our parish administrator **Father Ed Barut Jr.** and parochial vicar **Father Bong Agoo**, who not only walked with parishioners but also challenged each other as to who could raise the most money. Parishioners responded generously by sponsoring our two priests. The picture, taken after the walk, shows Father Ed on the left and Father Bong on the right. Some members of our **Social Ministry** also walked with the priests. Hawaii Food Bank will

match the money we raised to allow our parish to shop at the Food Bank for our monthly food distribution at the parish and at **Westloch Home for the Elderly**, as well as for people in need on other days as well. (Reported by Julia Torres)

5 KALIHI VALLEY**Our Lady of the Mount Parish**

As a result of the **Ministry Fair and Recruitment Drive** during the **145th parish anniversary celebration** last August, parishioners joined various ministries and organizations. Liturgical ministry applicants were trained and at Mass on Sept. 27, five parishioners were commissioned as **extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion** and one of them also as Lector. Echoing the words of Moses in the first reading, "Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!" Our pastor posed the challenge to the congregation: "Would that all of you were ministers of the Eucharist or of the Word, or music, or altar server, of outreach or choir members, etc.! How wonderful to have parishioners who let the Spirit they received in Baptism empower them

to be priest, prophet and king like the Lord Jesus Christ through their faithful stewardship and commitment to serve. They truly make a difference in our faith community. Pictured are the new ministers with the pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes**. From left, **Rewina Engichy, Mitchell Baron, Avelino Felicitas, Jaime Cabuslay and Evangelina Bacani**. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Jane Baron)

KULIOUOU**Holy Trinity Parish**

Our **Adult Faith Formation Committee** organized a **pet blessing** to celebrate the **Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi**, known for his love of animals. **Father John** blessed pets on Oct. 4. (From the parish bulletin)

HONOLULU**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish**

Starting in October, the first and third Sunday of the month has been designated as **Faith Formation Family Masses**. Implementing a **children's choir** is in the planning stage and it is our goal to transition the Family Masses to students'

full participation in key ministries. Also, starting in October, all Sunday Masses will be celebrated with both species, bread and wine. (From the parish bulletin)

6 HAIKU**St. Rita Parish**

Kamalei Omalza served her first Mass an altar server on Sept. 20. Kamalei received her sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion last year and was willing with joy to serve at the altar. Her grandmother **Barbara Kaholokula** is a lector and read the first reading from the Book of Wisdom. Kamalei's baby brother was baptized that morning as well. It was a beautiful Mass and a blessing to witness generations serving the Lord and the welcoming in Baptism of **Baby Kaholokula-Omalza**. Pictured are **Father Leonard Ssempijja, Deacon Stan Franco, Kamalei Omalza, Aguida Olaitiman and Miko Olaitiman**. (Reported by Esther Yap)

7 KEKAHA**St. Theresa Parish**

We've been blessed, once again! Twice this year, in fact! We've had the opportunity of having **Capuchin Franciscan Father Robert Udulutsch** visit from Wisconsin while our previous pastor **Father Arnel Soriano, M.S.**, and our current parish administrator **Father Emerson "Boyet" Delos Reyes** traveled to the Philippines to visit family and friends. Father Bob's beautiful way of communicating the Gospel message enlightens us all, including the **students of St. Theresa School**, as he helps us better understand God's message of love and forgiveness. On Oct. 11, we will have an "Aloha, Father Bob" potluck to send him off to **Holy Cross Parish** to fill in for Father Tony beginning Oct. 16. Father Bob, you are welcome here in our parish anytime! May God continue to bless you, always, in your travels! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)

8 ENCHANTED LAKE**St. John Vianney Parish**

Bishop Larry Silva will install **Father Peter Miti** as our new pastor on Oct. 31 during the 5 p.m. Mass. A reception will follow. Father Miti, one of 10 children, is from Zambia. Growing up, he saw all around him poverty, disease and a deteriorating quality of life. He wanted to help. He joined the Passionists Order in neighboring Botswana in 1995 and worked there with AIDS patients. Miti counseled the dying, preparing them for death and for the security of their children. Circumstances led him to Hawaii where he completed his formation for the priesthood for the Diocese of Honolulu. Bishop Larry Silva ordained Peter a priest on June 8, 2007. He has served as associate pastor for our parish and as pastor of other churches in Hawaii. On July 1 he was assigned the sixth pastor of our parish. (Reported by Earl Walker)

9 MAKAWAO**St. Joseph Parish**

St. Joseph Early Learning Center staff attended their annual retreat at St. James Church in Ulu-palakua on Sept. 18. **Father Moises Andrada** of Kula celebrated the Mass and the guest speakers were **Mr. and Mrs. Barero**. It was a day filled with inspiration and

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fellowship. (Reported by Donna Pico; photo by Helen Souza)

10 MAKAKILO
St. Jude Parish

On Aug. 29, the **Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs** or OCFCC celebrated its **60th Annual Charity and Scholarship Awards Event** at **St. Michael Parish** in Waialua. **Caren Sue Argeniza** was honored to represent the **St. Jude FCC** as Princess of the Virtue Prudence. Our parish was also proud to have seven youth awarded with education scholarships: **Jenny Anacan, Nicholas Huff, Michel Pascual, Patrick Pascual, Emolynne Rivera, Eduardo Zabanal Jr. and Lorelei Zabanal**. Pictured, standing from left, are **Mrs. Penascosas, Martin Anacan, Marilou Anacan, Tessie Duey, Tommie Tibayan; Jesse Navarette, Richard Argeniza, Judy Datzman** (OCFCC president), **Elizabeth Recamara** (St. Jude FCC president), **Ray Datzman, Pacita Rabe, Pat Duker**. Seated are **Suzette Rivera, Princess of Prudence Caren Sue, Jenny Rose Anacan and Charlie Recamara**. (Reported by Caren Argeniza)



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11 AIRPORT AREA
Holy Family Parish

Our parish grotto marked the final destination of a 13-mile long **Cross-walk** sponsored by the **West Honolulu Vicariate Youth and Young Adult Ministries** on Sept. 26. A contingent of faith-filled participants carried the cross and prayed a decade of the rosary at eight parishes along the designated route. The pilgrim-like journey began with an early morning start from **Blessed Sacrament Church** and included stops at the **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace, Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa, Our Lady of the Mount, St. Anthony, Kalihi, St. John the Baptist, St. Philomena and Holy Family**. Water and snacks were provided at each parish location and an opportunity for community fellowship at Holy Family concluded the participants invigorating and inspiring procession. (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Merlene Jose)



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MANOA
Saint Francis School

Come to the **Ninth Island in Manoa** casino night and silent auction in the school's Almeida Student Center, 6-10 p.m., Oct. 17. Tickets are \$50 for dinner and entertainment. Proceeds benefit our **tuition assistance program** and our sister school in Kenya. Grand prize is a trip for two to Las Vegas. Tickets available at www.stfrancis-oahu.org (Reported by Jeff Melland)

12 HONOLULU
Holy Family Catholic Academy

Our **Marching Band and Marching Hula Dancers** participated in the **Aloha Festival's 69th annual Floral Parade** in Waikiki on Sept. 26. The three-and-a-half mile route from Ala Moana Park to Queen Kapiolani Park is a yearly celebration of aloha and Hawaiian culture. The parade spotlights the Aloha Festival's Royal Court, beautiful princesses on horses and their attendants representing each island, lovely floral floats, dignitaries, military units, the Royal Hawaiian Band and island school bands, large and small. Our school provided fanfare as the youngest middle school band on Oahu to be featured in the festivities. The gran-



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deur of the parade event was quite a thrill for our fifth-eighth grade participants. (Reported by Christina Malins; photo by Valerie Lee)

13 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy High School

Senior **Phoebe Kirk** is in the running for a national athletics scholarship. She is one of nine state finalists for the **Positive Coaching Alliance Triple Impact Competitor Scholarship**. This \$2,000 scholarship for college expenses is awarded to high school student-athletes who display excellence in making oneself better, making one's teammates better and making the game better. Last year, Kirk was the state champion in the 800-meter race and also competed in the State Cross Country Championships. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

14 HONOLULU
Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **junior high VEX IQ team** competed at the world's first **VEX IQ Event, Aloha VEX Qualifier**, Sept. 5 at **Island Pacific Academy**. The Lancer robotics team of seventh grader **Hunter Kim** and

eighth grader **Auli'i Ludington** won the **Programming Skills Champion Award** earning the top world ranking. At this event, four Lancer teams tested their skills against 13 other teams from across the state. **Peter Park** coaches the team. The **VEX IQ Challenge**, presented by the **Robotics Education and Competition Foundation**, is a new STEM program for elementary and middle school students (ages 8-14). Students, with guidance from teachers and mentors, build a robot using the VEX IQ robotics platform to solve an engineering challenge in the form of a game. VEX IQ Challenge teams work together scoring points in teamwork matches, and also display their robot's skills individually in driver controlled and autonomous skills challenges. In addition to building robots, the VEX IQ Challenge encourages students to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics with a STEM-themed research project. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

15 PEARL CITY
Our Lady of Good Counsel School

At the Sept. 17 school Mass, **students, faculty and staff** recognized **Father Moses Ake-**

bule who had celebrated his 53rd birthday a few days earlier. Born in the city of Bolgatanga, Ghana, he has seven sisters, with the youngest being nine years old. Father Moses' made his first trip to America in 2000 for post-graduate studies in Boston. Before then, his seminary formation was at the St. Victors Major Seminary in Tamale, northern Ghana, where he was ordained a priest in 1990. Father Moses, who speaks English and three of his native Ghanaian dialects, has been in Hawaii since July 3; he certainly feels welcomed by the members of our school's community. Pictured is Father Moses with a few of his birthday leis and gifts. Happy birthday! (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

16 HONOLULU
Maryknoll School

The 16 students in the **aeronautics and engineering class** recently visited Pearl Harbor's Pacific Aviation Museum on Ford Island. The first few weeks of the school year were spent analyzing the evolution of aircraft from ancient Greece to World War II. The museum tour began with a brief history of the events that took place at Pearl Harbor. The hangars held WWII planes from the United States, Russia, and

Japan. Student **Matt Takane** said the field trip was a great opportunity to learn an in-depth history of WWII airplanes, especially the Japanese Zero. **Michael Kobayashi** added, "Because I am taking an aeronautics class, I understand how the planes work." In the flight simulation laboratory, the young scientists experienced the difficult task of manipulating a vehicle that moves up and down, in addition to left-right and forward-backward. They practiced maneuvering and landing skills under various environmental conditions. Student **Albert Zhi** said the field trip was fun, especially the flight simulation, and "it gave me a lot of knowledge in aviation history, navigation and aviation technology." The Aeronautics and Engineering class is the beginning of Maryknoll's new **MxScholars program** to be offered next year for tenacious minds interested in the STEM and aerospace sciences. Mahalo to **Mr. Eugene Guillian, 1st Lt. Tommy Redona and Mr. Ian Richard** for the success of this experience! Said **Kyle Uyehara**, "I thought it was a great and amazing educational experience for all of us." (Reported by Laura Essenberg)

17 EWA BEACH
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Grandparents Day was celebrated as a school family on Sept. 16. The festivities started with Mass celebrated by **Father Edmundo Barut Jr.**, followed by picture taking with grandparents, and class performances. Each grade sung and danced to tunes like, "Count on Me," "Never Alone," "Thinking Out Loud," "Happy Together," and "Never Gonna Give You Up." After the performances, student families and their grandparents were gifted with delicious fruit/vegetable platters, finger foods, and bottled water. We are truly blessed when God created grandparents. Our lives are blessed with their loving and caring ways from the start. We love and thank you grandparents! Pictured are some of our 250 grandparents. (Reported by Crystal Ka'aikala; photo by Kaha'e Maikai-Iakopo)

18 HONOLULU
Damien Memorial School

Congratulations to two outstanding seniors who were recently awarded national academic honors based on the results of their 2014 PSAT tests. **Melissa Malia Gozun** is a **National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist** and ranks No. 3 in the senior class with a cumulative GPA of 4.3452. She is enrolled in a vigorous academic program that includes four advanced placement and two honors level classes. Melissa is an active participant in numerous school organizations including Pacific Asian Affairs, Key Club, Robotics Team, Music Ministry and the Forensics Club. She has held leadership positions in the National Honor Society for three years and is the current president. She volunteers at the Queen's Medical Center and St. John the Apostle Church and served as a summer intern at the UH Cancer Research Center. ... **Patrick Seamus Moloney** was named a **National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholar**. He is a member of our robotics and rocketry teams and inducted in our National Honor Society. He has a cumulative GPA of 4.3295 and is currently enrolled in AP calculus, AP biology, AP English language, AP statistics, AP physics and government honors. Patrick is "anchor man" of our Morning Announcement Team and volunteers at Prince of Peace Church. (Reported by Diane M. Lota)

19 KANEHOHE

St. Ann's Model School

We celebrated **Heritage Week** Sept. 14-18 to help our students appreciate the rich history of our parish and school, their role in carrying on their kupuna's legacy, and the contributions of the **Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**. Founded in 1841, our parish and school looks forward to celebrating our 175th anniversary in 2016. The week was full of fun activities and educational experiences. On Monday, students learned about the beginnings of St. Ann Church. **Father Ed Popish** gave a history of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts in Hawaii. On Wednesday, we honored our kupuna by inviting them to share the day with their moo-puna. We had Mass, a reception and entertainment by Kaneohe's senior citizens group, **Na Kupuna O Koolau**. We also launched the new school year with bubbles, champagne poppers and confetti bombs. **Mr. Robert Noguchi** flew a performance kite to signify the great heights we hope to reach in the new year. On Thursday, the school walked to St. Ann Cemetery in the middle of the Windward Mall parking lot. The students learned about the people buried there. They found the gravesites of the only priest buried there and the serviceman who perished at the bombing of Pearl Harbor. On Friday, **Mrs. Daphne Kauhane**, the parish director of education, gave a presentation of the school's history with pictures of old buildings and the old school carnival. Our **student council** also had fun activities, like matching factoids with teachers. It was amusing watching them guess which teacher loves otters! Art teacher **Mrs. Rachael Androski** had several projects, including charcoal renderings of the St. Ann statue. Following the theme for the school year, "Building One Body in Christ," she had students, faculty and staff draw self-portraits which she used to create "bricks" to build a church. The church is on display in the Food Court. During Heritage Week, the students felt great pride learning about our past, living in the present and looking forward to a bright future! Pictured is third grader **Justin Cheong** welcoming his grandparents, **Man Hing and Zhuo Ying Cheong** to Kupuna Day. (Reported by Kuulei Halemano; photo by Julie O'Conner)



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20 HONOLULU

Star of the Sea School

On Sept. 25 proved to be an **eventful day**, so eventful it caught the attention of the local TV news crew and newspaper. In celebration of **Pope Francis'** visit to the United States, our school honored the pontiff in several ways. At noon, the students watched and participated in the live telecast of Pope Francis' Mass from Madison Square Garden in New York City. Afterward, students and their families gathered with their pets for a **pet blessing** in honor of **St. Francis of Assisi**. Among the many pets were turtles, guinea pigs, dogs, birds, fish, lizards and more. And, finally, the students ended their annual **Go 4 the Goal** fundraiser earning nearly \$1,500 for the **Pediatric Cancer Center at Kapiolani Children's Hospital**. (Reported by Roselyn Vicente McMahon)

21 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Early Learning Center Staff, alumni, students and families joined hundreds at the an-

nual **Alzheimer's Memory Walk** on Sept. 19. The team enjoyed raising money, awareness, as well as fellowship for a good cause. Several of the staff and alumni had family members affected by the disease and walked in their memory. We pray and hope one day the cure will be found. (Reported by Helen Souza)

21 KAILUA

St. John Vianney School

The holidays are coming! Our **fourth graders** are once again selling beautiful trees to earn funds for their **Big Island trip**. Order forms are available in the office and online at sjvkailua.org. The supply is very limited this year, so orders should be placed soon! You won't find fresher trees anywhere on the island! This year's trees are from

Holiday Tree Farms, Oregon. Cost of trees: 7-8 foot Douglas fir \$82, 6-7 foot Douglas fir \$75, 7-8 Noble \$97, 6-7 Noble \$88. Delivery Date: Nov. 28, 8-11a.m. ... The school **Travel Club**, with the **eighth grade class**, will be selling beautiful poinsettia plants — 6-inch pot, \$9; 8-inch pot, \$15 — which must be ordered by Oct. 22. Pick up is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 5 in the parish hall. Order forms are in the school office. The profits will help defray some of the cost for the Travel Club's trip to England and France, and for some eighth grade school activities. Pictured are September's effective communicators: early learning center-3 **Kiamalu Kahahawai**; early learning center-4 **Selah Tom**; kindergarten-A **Sydney Fenske**; kindergarten-B **Maddox Marquez**;

grade 1 **Gabriel Brooks**; grade 2 **Max Shinno**; grade 3 **Stone Kanoa**; grade 4 **Isabella Carrico**; grade 5 **Danielle Query-Hagedorn**; grade 6 **Claire Cronin**; grade 7 **Conner O'Sullivan**; grade 8 **Micah Shikada**. (Reported by Earl Walker)

23 WAIPAHU
St. Joseph School

On Sept. 12, our school participated in the **Matson Ka Ipu Aina** program. About **44 students and their families** helped to clean up Neal Blaisdell Park. There were 110 students from every grade level that intended to complete service hours, but due to bad weather many were not able to come. Pictured are some students from the **pre-K class**. (Reported by Keala Kia)

24 KEKAHA

St. Theresa School

Here are two beautiful people sharing their God-given gifts. **Franciscan Sister Valerie Lemansky** assists **Franciscan Sister Janet Rose** in grades one and two as a classroom aide four times a week. Sister Valerie works with students who ask for help on various subjects. She listens to them read and shares her knowledge and wisdom. Sister Valerie, pictured left, was principal here from 1992 (Hurricane Iniki) through 1998 and saw the construction of the new school. **Beverly Johnston** is a retired public school teacher and one of our parish matriarchs, still involved in many parish ministries and committees. She teaches religion to the third and fourth graders twice a week, helping them prepare for Confirmation under the new "Proper Order of Sacraments." In the photo, she is helping children prepare for the all school Mass as lectors and servers. We thank these two hard-working, dedicated women who, even in retirement, share their gifts from God ... stewardship in action! God bless you both! (Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)



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25 HONOLULU

St. Theresa School

We celebrated the feast of **St. Theresa of the Child Jesus**, also known as the Little Flower, on Oct. 1. The faculty, staff, parish and students honored her little ways by having a school Spirit Week. Pictured are eighth graders with roses in front of her statue. In front are **Angeline Agag, Jerrell Dumbrigue-Tolentino, Kervyn Tabios**. In the middle, **Jozette Barrios, Bao (Ngan) Nguyen, Chloe Kaahanui**. In back, **Mickayla Baniaga, Darryl Wakinekona-Meyer**. Spirit Week consisted of Thankful Thursday, STS Pride Day, and Make a Difference Monday, Twisted Tuesday and Rosary Wednesday. Thankful Thursday began with a feast day Mass. Students wore their school colors on Pride Day, and participating in different service projects on Make a Difference Monday. Twisted Tuesday involved doing various roles backwards. To conclude the week honoring St. Theresa the student body participated in a school-wide rosary. (Reported by Preston Pires)

26 HONOLULU

St. Anthony School

After a few years of planning, preparation and hard work, our school opened its **preschool doors** to the community in 2014. Providing quality Catholic education to 3-4 year old children is the school's goal. Teacher **Ailene Grace Bagaorian**, was a first grade, special education and preschool teacher from the Philippines. She loves being around children and enjoys teaching them. Pictured with her are **Lathan Anthony Dumlao, Allyza Madamba, Liliana Hunter, Ryalyne Pasion, Hannah Claire Taylor, Zyrus Drayzob Portela** and **Shyra Rose Tabalba** at our preschool. (Reported by Tess Reyes)

27 HONOLULU

Star of the Sea Early Learning Center

Each year we celebrate **grandparents** with a luncheon in their honor. Pictured are **Sadie Le Gros** and her grandma and **Levi Malais** and his grandparents celebrating with us. (Reported by Jill Hirata)