

the parish news

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1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Our parish has been abundantly blessed by our **Boy Scout Troop 326**. On March 11, as a part of an Eagle Scout project by **Maxwell Spencer**, the troop cleaned all of the stairs leading to the church, painted the front of the stairs bright yellow and applied non-slip tape on each step for the safety of our parishioners. On April 8, the Scouts again volunteered to help us prepare for Holy Week by cleaning all of the windows at the church, wiped down all of the chairs and straightened out the rows. They also cleaned the windows and screens of our pastoral center and scrubbed the walls and tables. The Boy Scouts work here is very much appreciated by all! (Reported by Lisa Saito)



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2 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

The **Valentine party** on Feb. 19 was well-attended, not only by married couples but by widows, widowers and supportive parishioners together with their children. In celebration of Valentine's Day and in appreciation of all couples who are loving husbands and wives as well as caring parents, the parish sponsored the event for the first time under the lead of the combined forces of the **Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, Family Fun Ministry** and the **Ilocano and Visayan Ethnic Ministries**. It was our way of carrying out one of the priority pastoral programs in the diocese — "Strengthening of Marriage and Family Life." The hall was festooned with balloons, red hearts and cupid arts through the lead of **Ropati Liua** and **Fran Kovaloff**. The sound system and karaoke were provided by **KC Virgil Cabico** and **DJ Lambert Castillo**. Young and old couples alike and everyone took to the dance floor under the gleaming strobe lights. The rich and festive dinner was prepared and served by **James Rodrigues Jr., Margaret Telles** and our parish leaders. Many supporters also brought potluck dishes. Fabulous prizes were given away during the raffle managed by **Linda Puzon** and **Trini Agamao**. The highlights of the event were the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of all couples by pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes**. It was capped by the selection of the Valentine king and queen, **Al and Mary Villanueva**, the longest married couple of the night, 57 years, and still very much in love. Their lovely colorful sashes were placed by **Atty. Marc Ulep** and **Dr. Clem Ceria-Ulep**. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff)



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with their child memories from their own First Communion Mass; 3) presentation on the parallel between the dinner table at home and Eucharistic table in church by **Mela Kim**, a catechist for First Communion, and **Julia Torres**, director of religious education. After the presentation, parent and child were asked to reflect on their meal-time practice at home and what, if any, would they improve on. Shown is parent **Melvin Sabuco** sharing his First Communion experience with daughter **Rhyllie**, adding that it is now her turn to receive the gift of the Eucharist. First Communion Mass will be celebrated May 6 at 5 p.m. (Reported by Julia Torres)

4 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

Psalm 19, verse 14, states: "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." These words truly exemplify **Deacon Fred's** assignment at our parish. Deacon Fred and his wife **Lina** were truly an inspiration to the Immaculate Conception community. Whether it was Deacon Fred's fabulous sermons, his wife's reading of the Word and catechetical teaching of our keiki, or their loving fellowship after each Mass. Of course, Deacon Fred and Lina will be missed, but we only

can wish them the best and continue to pray for them as they continue their ministry at **St. Elizabeth Church** in Aiea. Please remember, as our pastor **Father Nick** repeats during each Mass celebration, "God is good ... all the time. All the time ... God is good." As we bid a fond aloha to Fred and Lina, we can also celebrate as we welcome **Deacon Avaletalia "Ava" Hunkin** and his wife **Amy** to our parish family! (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)

KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

The pastor, **Capuchin Franciscan Father Mike Dalton**, has published in the parish bulletin a **special phone number** to contact him in case of an emergency outside of ordinary parish business hours. Father Mike will visit a parishioner if requested by an immediate family member, the bulletin said. The announcement also noted that there are Catholic priests designated for hospital ministry available on call at the major downtown hospitals for emergency anointing. (From the parish bulletin)

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

The parish bulletin recently published a thank you for **food donations and volunteer help** from parishioners to the parish's **Catholic Care Project** which delivers food to

our homebound kupuna and families who are experiencing hunger. But more help is needed, in particular for volunteers to deliver to the homebound in April. Contact the parish office if you are interested. Those who need food can call the parish helpline 385-PRAY, or our parish office at 941-0675. All information we receive remains confidential. (From the parish bulletin)

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

The parish school is accepting **summer school registration for pre-school through grade eight**. It is also accepting students not enrolled at St. Michael School. The school is also accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year. Any child who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31 is eligible to attend kindergarten. Please call 637-7772 ext. 200 or email us at stmichaelhi@hawaii.rr.com. Or visit our website at www.stmichaelschoolhi.com. (From the parish bulletin)

5 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

Partnering with the diocesan **Office for Social Ministry, Hoa Aina O Makaha** offers an amazing retreat, which **Via Veritas Young Adult Ministry** was able to experience March 17-18. Based on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'," this

retreat allowed our young adults to connect with God at a humbler level — by caring for creation. In the short time, retreatants participated in Mass, cared for the farm and spent time in prayer and reflection. Via Veritas rooted our growing friendship with Hoa Aina with the retreat highlight: planting 10 new plumeria trees at the farm. We'd like to thank **St. Elizabeth's Stewardship Apostolate** for their generous donation of four wall-mounted fans to Hoa Aina's kitchen, which we installed on Saturday afternoon, before harvesting and departing for home. Our next service day at Hoa Aina is April 29; we welcome all young adults, ages 19-39, to join us. Contact Corry at 699-9083 for more information. (Reported by Corry Lopez)

6 WAIMEA

Annunciation of the Lord Parish

The **Confirmation I and II classes** at our parish held a prayer service outdoors, using a large tree stump near the rectory as their altar. (Reported by Lisa Winborne)

7 WAILUKU

St. Anthony Parish

We had our **RCIA sponsor night** on Thursday, March 23. Pictured are our candidates, sponsors and RCIA coordinator **Chiree Souza**. (Reported by Serina Souza)

8 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

Every first Saturday of the month, the **Sacred Hearts group** is scheduled to clean the church. After the major renovation of the church, with the flooring changed from carpet to tiles, gone are all the vacuum cleaners, replaced with brooms and mops. The group begins the day sweeping the whole church at 5:30 a.m. before the Mass starts followed by the First Saturday Devotion. Nine ever faithful members were on hand April 1, in front of the altar with their new mop sets and cleaning gadgets. They were **Fe Rodillas, Gloria Tabieros, Veronica Ribao, Teresita Gaoiran, Audrey Ines, Helen Ayson, Fely Bocoboc, Isabel Paet** and **Rosalina Luna**. They usually provide their own coffee and pastries with fellowship before the big job of cleaning the house of God. Thanks a lot, ladies! (Reported by Fe Rodillas)

9 WAIHEE

St. Ann Parish

PSP — Play, Sing and Pray with Jesus was a fun day for catechism students at our parish on Feb. 26. The children participated in games, crafts and prayer throughout the day. They were able to create Resurrection Gardens depicting Calvary and Jesus' tomb surrounded by succulents and moss. These were a hit with parishioners that they asked if they were for sale. Donations were accepted and the money received will be included in the catechism program's **Rice Bowl** contribution. The children also carried a cross from church to the outside lawn so they too could experience the weight of the cross and what Jesus experienced. They closed the day with Rosary. Thank you to the religious education teachers for putting it together. (Reported by Frances Asuncion; photo by Brandy Cajudo)

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10 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

Under the direction of catechist **Stanley Benedicto**, some of the students in grade five and six enacted the **Living Stations of the Cross** on April 1 for the religious ed students, parents and friends. Mahalo to **Lina Lacuesta, Lana Vargas, Edwin Campos** and **Genera Buza-Campos** for their assistance! Some parents had happy tears! (Reported by *Caren Argenzia*)



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Sacred Heart Parish

Every Friday of Lent, different ministries were assigned to read a short story before each station and provide a light meal after the stations where we could fellowship and share a meal. **Father Eli** made 14 wooden crosses for outdoor stations. When weather permitted, stations were held outdoors. ... At the **Chrism Mass** at St. Joseph in Hilo, receiving the blessed oils for our parish from **Bishop Larry** were **Deacon Tom Adams** and **Evie Adams, Sally Castillo, Leo Guitang, Father Eli, the Realista family** and **Paz Rivera**. The Realista family presented the oils to our parish at the Holy Thursday Mass. ... Our **Lenten Reconciliation Service** was on the Thursday before Holy Week with priests from the West Hawaii Vicariate helping. ... Holy Week brought more changes, more participation. Besides their participation in the celebrations, ministries prepared and decorated our church for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Our pre-k/ kindergarten religious education class, with teacher **Hope Keawe** and helper **Naomi Keawe Hauanio**, created an Easter wreath depicting Jesus' journey from the Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem to being crucified to being raised on the third day. Mahalo Naomi for helping draw the pictures for our children. Pictured, from left, are **Jasmine Cambra, Katelyne Millet, Francheska Francisco** and **Bea Millet**. ... Under the leadership of **Father Eli** working with the pastoral council, a pilot program called **"Marriage Alive and Thrive"** has been introduced and embraced in our parish. The three-month trial started in March and continues to May. The program has been well attended. ... A big salamat po goes out to all the ministries and parishioners who graciously accepted and participated in any activities of our parish. May we continue to be blessed with **Father Eli** for many many more years. (Reported by *Lee Rivera*; photo by *Hope Keawe*)

11 KIHEI

St. Theresa Parish

Forty-five parish **middle schoolers** from seven of Maui's Catholic parishes united as one team on March 18 to actualize the superhero-themed gathering. It was a day to promote spiritual development in the electrifying backdrop of the topic, "Super Heroes in God's League of Justice." The day was quickly conquered with a variety of actions including praise, worship and specialized instruction from guest speaker **Dallas Carter**. Catholic teens then engaged in a scavenger hunt as well as arts and crafts. The day of fellowship ended with Holy Mass. The event impressed upon these young heroes that they were created in the image and likeness of God and were each endowed with specialized talents and skills with the sacred responsibility of sharing their faith and helping others. Mission accomplished! (Reported by *Angela Bonilla*)



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St. Rita Parish

What a beautiful **Palm Sunday** at our parish! The parishioners gathered outside the church for the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem, followed by the Palm Sunday procession. Parishioners carried blessed palm branches entering the church singing of the Lord's entrance. Pictured with **Father Chacko Muthoottil** are altar servers, from left, **Miko Olaitiman, Joshua Fernandez, Kamalei Omalza, Aguida Olaitiman**; lectors **Godwin Pu, George Ulicny, Barbara Kaholokula**; and minister of Communion **Connie Munoz**. (Reported by *Esther Yap*)



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13 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

The **health ministry** at our parish invited guest speaker **Michelle Cantillo, RN**, advance care planning coordinator from **Hawaii Pacific Health** to provide information on Advance Care Planning and Directives and POLST to the parishioners. The information provided helped those in attendance to be better informed about having the necessary paperwork stating their



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desires for medical care in the event of serious illness. (Reported by *Janice Vannatta*; photo by *Father Ajith Kumar Antony Dass, ss.cc.*)

14 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Filipino Catholic Club

The **Filipino Catholic Club** spearheaded the preparation of palm crosses and olive branches distributed to parishioners and blessed on Palm Sunday. The palm and olive branches will be displayed at their houses as a reminder of the day Jesus entered Jerusalem before he

was crucified in fulfillment of God's will as stated in Scripture. The blessed palm and olive branches will be burned for ashes on next year's Ash Wednesday. (Reported by *Pacita Baron*)

15 KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

The March 30 **Chrism Mass** at St. Raphael Church in Koloa was very well attended by parishioners from all parishes on Kauai. **Bishop Larry Silva** blessed the Holy Oils that were received by each parish's representatives. **Archie and Lisa**

Achuara received the blessed oils from Bishop Larry on behalf of our parish. The Holy Oils were then received by **Father Boyet** at a Mass on Wednesday of Holy Week that included an anointing and healing service. Fellowship was enjoyed by all and we thank **Father Arlan Intal** and the parishioners of **St. Raphael Parish** for hosting this year's Chrism Mass. Pictured are priests, deacons and deacon candidates of the Kauai vicariate with Bishop Silva. (Reported by *Chantal A. Duarte*)

17 WAIANA E

Sacred Heart Parish

On April 2, **Father Santiago Bong Agoo Jr.** celebrated his 31st anniversary of priesthood. There was a gathering at the parish hall, with ono food, of course. The common sentiment is you look too young to have been a priest for 31 years already. Happy anniversary, Father Bong! And may you and us, be blessed with many more. Pictured are celebrants, enjoying the party. Father Bong is wearing the lei. (Reported by *Sebastian Lopez*)



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