

# the parish news

## 1 LAHAINA

### Maria Lanakila Parish

Our parish religious education program is alive and rocking! We are a part of Group I of parishes in our diocese transitioning the Sacraments of Initiation to the Original Order. On Jan. 24, we met with parents and godparents/sponsors so they could learn more about the transitioning process. **Tonata Lolesio** and **Father Joseph Pathiyi** spoke in simple and beautiful words to explain the importance of the role of parents and sponsors in their child's religious formation and shown the diocesan video on the Original Order. As part of the parish's pastoral plan, it was stressed to parishioners, parents and sponsors the value of having a spiritual family atmosphere in society today. We anticipate seven children from our religious education program to be fully initiated on the Great Vigil of Easter and 120-plus children, youth and RCIA candidates will be receiving First Communion and/or Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. (Reported by *Mary Rosenthal*)



## 2 KALIHI VALLEY

### Our Lady of the Mount Parish

On Jan. 14, the **Visayan Catholic Community** led the celebration of the **Feast of Santo Nino** at our church. The celebration started with the Holy Mass at 3 p.m., presided by **Father Edgar Brillantes** and concelebrated by **Father Adrian Gervacio**, **Father Francis Sanchez** and **Father Danny Laeda**. People from numerous parishes brought their cherished Santo Nino images to Mass for a special blessing. The Mass was followed by a colorful, festive traditional procession enlivened by a band and street dancing with the images of the Child-Jesus swaying to the rhythm of the lively music. The event was capped by a gala dinner and program. We appreciate the Visayan Community, headed by **Cleto Patoc**, for its devotion and dedication in perpetuating a cherished religious tradition. We join them in celebrating and praying for the continued blessing of Santo Nino upon our parish and every family, especially our children. (Reported by *Fran Kovaloff*)



## 3 KEAAU

### Holy Rosary Mission

This past Advent, our parish had a **Fullness of the Faith Contest**, which asked parishioners, ages 2-100, questions about their faith. Each week the bulletin published questions to be answered that Sunday before leaving church. The following week the answers were given and new questions printed. Children and adults loved it. Some adults said they could remember learning these questions, but totally forgot the answers. It was a refresher course for sure. As soon as the bulletin was received, people flipped to the back to check out the questions and answers and to see who got last week's answers correct. On Dec 31, prizes were handed out. The winners are, kneeling, **Adam Perry**; row 2, **Mia Shimasaki**, **Jourdyn Morimoto**, **Pua Bentosino**, **Jacob Perry**; row 3, **Joan Galante**, **Sophia Perry**, **Malia Lawcock**; row 4, **Irene Johnsen**, **Mark Statler**. Missing are **Craig Carvalho**, **Kaelum Lumanlum**, **Hano Mar**. (Reported by *Linda Johnsen*)



## 4 HAWI

### Sacred Heart Parish

Pictured are four ladies who traveled with us on the bus sharing some of the many different Santo Nino statutes. **Viva Senor Santo Nino**. Big Mahalo **Father Eli** for introducing our parish and the Big Island to the celebration of Santo Nino, Baby Jesus. The 2018 Hawaii Island-wide feast of Senor Santo Nino was held Jan. 20 at St. Joseph Gym in Hilo. At 6 a.m. about 28 parishioners boarded a school bus for a two-hour ride to join in the festivities. The day began with a faith formation talk on "Santo Nino and the Challenge

of New Evangelization" by **Blessed Sacrament Father Apolinario Ty**. Santo Nino Mass was then celebrated, followed by the Sinulog (dancing in procession carrying a statue of Baby Jesus in honor of him). A delicious Filipino plate lunch was then served. A program of dances and songs by the Big Island parishes followed. The beautiful day ended with our parish getting back on the bus for the two-hour ride back to Kohala. (Reported by *Lee Rivera*)

## 5 WAHIAWA

### Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

A group from our parish concluded

a beautiful night at the **March for Life** Jan. 22 at the State Capitol by posing for a photo outside their bus. Joining the parishioners at the capitol was **Father Gonzales** from Washington, D.C. The Knights of Columbus Council 6302 sponsored transportation for this annual event. (Reported by *Terence Guzman*)

## 6 KANEHOE

### St. Ann Parish

**Sacred Hearts Father Richard McNally**, left, was installed as our new pastor by **Bishop Larry Silva** on Jan. 28 at the 5 p.m. Mass. Also pictured is **Sacred Heart Father**

**Edward Popish**. (Reported by *Dona Clamucha*)

## 7 HAIKU

### St. Rita Parish

On Jan. 13, the sixth annual **Maui March for Life** started after the ballistic missile threat inbound to Hawaii was cancelled. When the alert came through, the walkers waited at **Christ the King Church**, Kahului, and contacted their family and loved ones. When the all-clear came through, the walkers were shuttled to the start location on Kaahumanu Avenue where they picked up pro-life signs and marched back to Christ the King. The morning guest speakers were **Joseph M. Scheidler**, a pro-life activist from Chicago, and **Joy Wright** from the **Malama Pregnancy Center**. The event ended with the Rosary for Life Service. Thanks to the **Knights of Columbus** for sponsoring the annual march and **Kuulei Cagason** for organizing the event. (Reported by *Esther Yap*)

## WAIALUA

### St. Michael Parish

**Celebration of Love**, the parish's benefit dinner, 6-9 p.m., on Feb. 17 at St. Damien Hall, promises to be an exciting evening for the young and the young at heart. Come and enjoy the good food, good music, dancing, entertainment and fellowship as we celebrate the greatest gift of all — our love. Proceeds will help restore the flooring of the parish church. Tickets are \$50 each and are on sale after Masses. For more information, call the rectory office at 637-4040, opt. 0. (From the parish bulletin)

## 8 KAPAA

### St. Catherine Parish

Less than one hour after the Jan. 13 false missile alert, our parish long-planned **Healing Mass** was celebrated. The organizers were **Bronwyn Farias**, **Father Norlito Concepcion**, pastor **Father Antonio Rapozo**, seminarian **Dario Rinaldi**, **Stephen Villanueva**, **Terri Mansfield**. (Reported by *Terri Donovan Mansfield*)

## 9 ENCHANTED LAKE

### St. John Vianney Parish

Our **8th Annual Breakfast with the Bishop** on Jan. 28 was tremendously successful. More than 350 people came and enjoyed a delicious all-you-could-eat breakfast buffet, which included a pancake station hosted by celebrities **Doug Chin**, **Mihana Sousa**, **Sweetie Pacarro**, **Frank De Lima**, **chef Chai Chaowasaree**, **Shawn Ching**, **Brandi Higa** and **Beulah Koale**. Guests were personally greeted by **Bishop Larry Silva**, pastor **Father Peter Miti** and principal **Caryn DeMello**, as well as Miss Hawaii **Katheryn Teruya** and St. Louis quarterback **Chevan Cordeiro**, pictured with the bishop and pastor. Bishop Larry thanked attendees for supporting our school, which not only educates but develops leaders who will serve as Jesus taught us. Our talented students provided outstanding entertainment with music, hula and song, including two numbers from our upcoming musical, "The Little Mermaid." Thanks to our **school chefs**, to our **teachers**, **PTSH members**, the **Ladies Sodality**, **Knights of Columbus**, **parents and volunteers** for helping with the breakfast

and converting the parish hall into a beautiful dining room. Proceeds will fund our **Welcome Grant Program**, which gives Catholic parents the opportunity to choose St. John Vianney School. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*

**10 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Parish**

Nineteen parish couples and two priests took part in Hawaii's first **Parish Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. (These retreats are not normally organized for a single parish.) It was a wonderful weekend filled with love. Special thanks to the Hawaii Worldwide Marriage Encounter team, headed by **Jose and Mary-Elizabeth Alvior, Lee and Tanya Barbero, Fred and Donna Ventura, and Father Marvin Samiano**. **Father Jaime Pastor** made this happen when he also attended a weekend in November in Honolulu. Father Jaime wanted to strengthen the family and what better place to start it, with married couples of our parish! Thank you teams and thank you Father Jaime. *(Reported by Patrick Constantino; photo by Jacob Metz)*



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**11 KAILUA**

**St. Anthony Parish**

Every Sunday, before and after our three morning Masses, you can find our **mobile office** up and running. An initiative started by parish administrator **Father Exsequel Tuyor**, it is now entering its third year and has become part of the fabric of our parish. A handful of volunteers at our mobile office readily help fellow parishioners with Mass intentions, new parishioner registration forms, or to simply help address questions about the many ministries and upcoming activities. As an extension of our parish office, the mobile office is another way to be of service to the larger parish ohana. All are welcome to stop by and visit our mobile office the next time you visit our parish. Pictured are **Kathleen Dudevoir** (volunteer), **Lucy Poueu** (parish office business manager) and **Jane Augsten** (volunteer) helping parishioner **Rita Speitel** who stopped by the mobile office after the 6:30 a.m. Mass on Jan. 28. *(Reported by Solinuu Topalian)*



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paved and rutted gravel roadways, subject to landslides, rock falls, stream overflow and washouts. Our April 2017 Mass was cancelled at the last minute when the roads were washed out by heavy rains on both the "Hana-side" and the "Kula-side." Again, we are very appreciative of Father Arwin's efforts to come to our remote and isolated location to celebrate Mass where many of us have our family roots. *(Reported by Marvy Marciel Gibbs)*

**13 KULIOUOU**

**Holy Trinity Parish**

The parish **stewardship committee** had a special New Year's gift for each parish family — a calendar unique to Holy Trinity Church as each month displayed pictures of events, ministries and our parish ohana in action. Under the guidance of our pastor **Father Mike Dalton**, the committee reviewed over 600 photos taken by parishioners. With the help of two young ladies, **Charlotte and Claudia Tang**, who volunteered to bring this concept to a reality through their graphic design talents, we produced a calendar that is truly a work of art. We are grateful to the print shop at **Oahu Community Correctional Center** which did a beautiful job printing and collating. We are blessed by many acts of stewardship in our church and this was another example of ministries serving each other for the glory of God. *(Reported by Charlotte White)*

**14 WAHIAWA**

**Our Lady of Sorrows Filipino Catholic Club**

On Jan. 21, at our first meeting of the year, **Our Lady of Sorrows Filipino Catholic Club** confirmed its goals to perpetuate the Catholic faith, support the mission and activities of the parish, the broader Filipino Catholic Club organization and the Diocese of Honolulu. We uphold our spiritual life in accordance to God's law and the Bible. Education is vital to the hearts of Filipinos, so we support high school, college and seminary students with annual scholarships. The club's officers and committee chairpersons also confirmed their commitment to the constitution and by-laws. We were very grateful to **Father Anil Gonzales** from India for sparing his precious time, cheerful smile and much needed guidance. Pictured are **Mr. and Mrs. Alambatin, Domingo Rubio, Gil Lanuevo, Jackie**

**Montano, Pacita Baron, Father Gonzales, Jovita and Primo Ungos, Frida Pacleb, Den Ferido** and 4-year old **Jordan Santos**. *(Reported by Pacita Baron)*

**15 KEKAHA**

**St. Theresa Parish**

The parish **Filipino Catholic Club's officers** were inducted by parish administrator **Father Emerson "Boyet" Delos Reyes**, on Jan. 21, coinciding with our monthly parish FCC

Mass. Inducted were **Edita Dullaga**, president; **Nelly Capino**, vice president; **Krystie Ramos**, secretary; **Dolly Tambio**, treasurer; **Darlene Muraoka**, auditor. Committee chairs and co-chairs are **Perlita Mararagan and Ella Udarbe**, membership and organization; **Teresita Antonio and Mila Acosta**, information and education; **Estelita Manglinong and Mini Ancheta**, outreach; **Consolacion Pigao**, renewal; **Glenda Luz Tagatac and Francesca Galinato**, ways and means; **Sonita Dela**

**Cruz and Lilia Carcueva**, aloha and hospitality; **Dan Abadilla**, constitution and by-laws. The advisors are **Gerry Mararagan, Mildred Olores and Zenaida Bayudan**. The spiritual advisor is **Father Delos Reyes**. We especially thank all of these wonderful people for giving of their time, talent and treasure to our parish, community and the Kauai Vicariate throughout the year! *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte; photo by Nelly Capino)*

**12 KAUPU**

**St. Joseph Mission**

On Dec. 31, the fifth Sunday of that month, **Father Arwin Romulo Y. Rebolledo**, our parish administrator, celebrated Mass at **St. Joseph Mission** in Kaupo, the most remote Catholic Church on Maui, for visitors from Wailuku, Kula, Makawao, Kihei, as well as from California and Massachusetts! Our Mass schedule is published in the Sunday bulletins of other Maui Catholic Churches as well as in the religion section of **The Maui News**. (In October, a lady from Makawao came to Mass because her sister in Alaska told her about the Mass announcement she had seen in the online edition of The Maui News!) Our Mass schedule remains as follows: Whenever there is a fifth Sunday in any given month (usually twice a year), Mass is celebrated at noon, followed by fellowship and a pot-luck meal, after which the faithful begin their long journey home, usually with the promise of "see you next time." We are ever so grateful of Father Arwin's dedication to accommodate this Mass amid his busy holiday schedule. Father Arwin also celebrates Mass at **St. Peter Mission** at Puuiki and **St. Paul Mission** in Kipahulu, thus giving him the responsibility of three missions in addition to St. Mary Church in Hana. Additionally, driving 18 miles (one way), conditions can be quite hazardous. Part of the journey is on un-

Centering Prayer Retreat

All are welcome to join in this silent retreat 23-25 February 2018 at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Kalihi. There will be an introductory workshop for newcomers as well as renewal teachings to deepen the practice of Centering Prayer, a method of silent prayer developed by Father Thomas Keating and others in the Christian tradition. Call Jean at (628) 400-2644 or get more information at

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