

the parish news

1 KAILUA

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

"Faith, hope, love ... the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13: 13) On the evening of Feb. 17 in the parish hall, our parish held a **Valentine's dinner**, honoring the gift of love shared between couples, shared among family and friends, and experienced in our relationship with God. Our three priests, **Father Exsequel Tuyor, Father Joseph "Bong" Diaz and Father Marlon Belmonte** served and cleared the tables as a demonstration of their love for our parish ohana. They also blessed married couples, those who are engaged, single individuals, widows and widowers. The event was surrounded by beautiful decorations put together by **Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Gimang, Mr. and Mrs. Raffy Lascuna, Boy Nacion, Lisa Ramantin, Dr. Eva Washburn-Repollo, and the Josepinos**. Organized by extraordinary minister **Kim Matheny** and faith formation coordinator **Maxine Pollock**, parishioners came together for a catered dinner and listened to beautiful live music by **Celina & T.J. Tuano**. By night's end, parishioners were reminded of just how precious God's gift of love is and the importance of celebrating and honoring it every chance we get. Pictured are **Kim Matheny, Father Exsequel Tuyor and Elissa Pickard**. Behind them are **Gene and Maxine Pollock**. Seated in blue is **Simone Flair**. Standing in red is **Cathy Brossier**. At the forefront on the right are **Gary and Colette Higgins**. The remaining parishioners, too many to name, all came together for a wonderful fellowship experience. (Reported by *Solinuu Topalian*)



group in discussion and reflection on "Where is God When I Need Him Most." Other AFF Team members are **Father Ed Popish, Deacon Billy Whitfield, Trudy Rawlins, Sue Slavish, Carmen Kiyabu and Carla Simao** assisted with small group discussions. (Reported by *Carla Simao*)

WAIALUA

St. Michael Parish

The parish **Health Ministry** hosted a Sunday full of healthful activities, presentations and screenings. On March 4, the day started with low impact exercise and included a disaster planning presentation by the **City and County's Department of Management** covering tsunamis, floods, hazmat, and nuclear threats and a presentation on dementia and Alzheimer's disease. **Vision Hawaii** offered free vision screening for keiki and adults, reading glasses for adults and sunglasses for keiki. The day also had screening for blood pressure and diabetes and presentations of first aid and CPR. (From the parish bulletin)

ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney Parish

During Lent, our parish is conducting **Stations of the Cross** every Friday. The goal of this devotion is to pray and meditate on each of the events that Jesus experienced on the way to his cross. Please come and join us on Friday evenings at 7 p.m. ... **Potluck and family games** follow the 5 p.m. Mass every first Saturday of the month. These events are sponsored by our **Youth and Young Adult Committee** along with the parish school PTSH (Parent Teacher Student Hui). On March 3 the theme for our family night was **Shamrock Potluck**. Families were invited to bring a dish to share. Children who attended enjoyed decorating cookies with various toppings. The event was held in the parish lounge and on the parish lanai. Our next Family Night on April 7 will be a **movie night**. All are invited. ... Our parish **Lenten Reconciliation Service** is March 21 at 7 p.m. For more information, please call the parish office at 262-8317. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

2 HAWI

Sacred Heart Parish

Busy, busy, busy. The month started with **Father Eli** doing the **blessing of throats** on Feb. 3, Feast of St. Blase, patron of throats. On Feb. 11, **World Marriage Day**, many married couples of our parish and beyond were blessed with the opportunity to renew their marriage vows at each of the weekend Masses. An awesome **Aloha Sunday Breakfast** (mahalo **Hospitality Ministry**) followed in St. Damien Hall. Upon entering the hall, the **religious education classes** were already enjoying **Mardi Gras** games and activities provided by our awesome **Religious Education Team** led by **Evie Adams**. And at another corner, our youth were fundraising to purchase Bibles and rosaries. A big mahalo to everyone who donated and bought from the youth. It was a huge success. ... After all the excitement of that Sunday, Ash Wednesday was here. Wow! Lots of people at both morning and evening Masses. Feb. 16, first Friday of Lent, weather permitting, we had our **Way**

of the Cross at the outside stations. Different ministries are assigned to do the short story before each station and provide a light supper of soup, bread and salad. And to end the month, we now have our **Youth Mass** on the third Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Mass. Big shout out to **Mel Yanos, John and Hope Keawe** for sharing their time and talents with our youth. Mahalo Father Eli for being an inspiration to our parish. (Reported by *Lee Rivera*; photo by *Angela Costa Emeliano*)

3 KULIOUOU

Holy Trinity Parish

The **Mardi Gras Celebration** at our parish was another example of **Stew-**

ardship in action. The evening began with Mass followed by the burning of last year's Palm Sunday palms that parishioners returned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. **Deacon Steve Kula**, never one to miss a bonfire, handled the burning of the palms. **Father Mike** presided and parishioners offered prayers for a meaningful Lent. Then came time to party and enjoy fellowship. New Orleans music started and all waving white hankies marched into the gym where the festivities began. Ladies were presented with chocolate roses and all donned beads, masks and party favors. The potluck fare covered seven tables. Prizes were in abundance and a **King and Queen** were also crowned for being the longest married couple.

The highlight of the evening was live jazz music by renowned musician **Mike Lewis**, head of the jazz music department at the **University of Hawaii**. He had the crowd up and dancing to "When the Saints Come Marching In." The evening was another example of a church that prays together, plays together, cares for one other, and practices Stewardship. (Reported by *Charlotte White*)

4 KANEOHE

St. Ann Parish

The parish **Adult Faith Formation Team** presented a Lenten reflection session based on the movie "The Shack." **Alika Sheldon** guided the

5 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our parish will fully initiate **eight elect** at this year's **Easter Vigil**. They are **Max Atuatasi**, second grade; **Sam Atuatasi**, fourth grade; **Conner Chinen**, fourth grade; **Aureana Kawatomari**, third grade; **Kahae Maikai-Iakopo**, adult; **Frank Mabrey Jr.**, adult; **Jonah Tuiteleleapaga**, eighth grade; and **Joseph Tuiteleleapaga**, eight grade. Pictured is **Sam Atuatasi** signing the Book of Elect at this year's **Rite of Election** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. Max, Sam, Aureana, Jonah and Joseph

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are all students at our parish school while Kahae is a third grade teacher at our school. The children are very excited about their coming baptism. It is almost unbelievable to them that they are going in the water. They have questions such as: Is the baptismal font big enough for them? What are they going to wear? When do they wear white? We will also receive **Adrian Cabarloc, Romie Rosa and wife Brenda** into full communion of the Catholic Church, also at the Easter Vigil. (Reported by Julia Torres)

6 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

The initial month of newly ordained **Deacon Andres "Bambi" Emayo Jr.** has been a busy one, including the burning of last year's Palm Sunday fronds before the 9:45 a.m. Mass. Our congratulations, though belated, to Deacon Bambi, his wife **Clarissa**, children and grandchildren on his ordination as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Honolulu to serve at Holy Cross Parish. We pray that God, our most Holy Father, bless and guide Deacon Bambi as he fulfills his ministry. Thank you to **La Salette Missionary Father Fred Iminga** who helped our parish while Father Tony was away these past few weeks. Our parish is very appreciative and most grateful for your presence and ministry. ... Season four of **Arise, Together with Christ** has begun. We pray that those who participate in the Arise faith formation experience a meaningful Lenten season in preparation for a glorious Easter. Mahalo to **Sister Maureen of Renew International** for being our mentor and trainer as we continue to implement each season. ... The following are upcoming Lenten events and the Holy Triduum Masses schedule. The **Christ Mass** will be on March 13 at 7 p.m. at **St. Catherine Parish**. Our parish **Lenten Penance Service** was March 1. If you were unable to attend, please make plans to go to a service at another parish. All Penance services began at 7 p.m. Immaculate Conception, Lihue, March 5; St. Catherine, Kapaa, March 7; and St. Raphael, Koloa, March 8. Please be aware that the Holy Cross Church Mass schedule has a change on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Pictured: With his wife **Clarissa Emayo** looking on, Deacon Bambi Emayo leads the service of the burning of palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. (Reported by Judy Cabanting)

7 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

On Feb. 10, our **Vocation Ministry** hosted a **Rosary Night** for the parishioners. Guest speakers were invited and all received a candle. (Reported by Caren Argenzia; photo by Ravenna M.)

8 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

We started our **Lenten journey** after Ash Wednesday, by doing the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday evening at 6 a.m. The stations at our parish are done **outdoors**, weather permitting. Many visitors enjoy coming here to do the



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Stations of the Cross outdoors because they do not have the opportunity of an outdoor stations. We are blessed. (Story by Lillian Vierra)

MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the parish now offers a weekly **Healing Prayer Time**. This is a time set aside to bring restoration and wholeness to anyone in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit. **Imago Christi (in the**

Image of Christ) is an international healing ministry, offered every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. in the church. You are invited to come and pray for healing with us. Group prayer and specific individual healing sessions are available to all. (From the parish bulletin)

9 KIHEI

St. Theresa Parish

The **Rite of Election** for the **Maui Vicariate** was held during the 5:30

p.m. Mass on the first Sunday of Lent, Feb. 17. The celebrant was **Bishop Larry Silva**. During this celebration, the bishop asked the godparents if the candidates are sufficiently prepared to receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil and asked the assembly if they are ready to support these catechumens and include them in prayer. After positive responses from both, the bishop invited each one to enter their name in the Book of Elect. The 23 elect pictured here with the Bishop are: **Liane Endo**

from Christ the King in Kahului, **Enoka Balinbin, Timothy Gonsalves, Devyn Gruber, Christopher Hernandez, Kainoa Keanini, Kamalei Keanini, Christopher Mallari, Kaybree Vasquez, Christopher Moran, Abraham Hernandez** and **Anella Pitts** from Maria Lanakila in Lahaina, **John Kawai** from Our Lady Queen of Angels in Kula, **Pearl Akina, Carlamarrie Bermanis, Anfraneesha Inoke, Max McGrath, Brighten Tantisira, Estin Tantisira** and **Cameron Tuhako** from St. Anthony, in Wailuku, **Ladd Uyeoka** from St. Joseph in Makawao and **Patrick and Roberta Kean** from St. Theresa in Kihei. Bishop Larry declared them to be members of the elect and said a prayer over them asking God to guide them and strengthen them in their vocation. After Mass there were photo opportunities with the bishop and everyone went down to Stawasz Hall for dinner where family and friends were able to continue to encourage the elect and congratulate them for their diligence on their spiritual journey. (Story by Anita Carrington; photo by Candie Pinault)

10 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On Feb. 10 we celebrated **Mardi Gras "Hawaiian Style"** in our parish hall. Our pastor **Father Chacko Muthoottil** welcomed all who came and blessed the food and event. The dinner was amazing, Kalua pig with cabbage, chicken long rice, lomi salmon, rice, sweet potato, ceasar's salad, haupia, kulolo and a potato pineapple curry (vegetarian) were on the dinner menu. Pictured are the generous cooks, from left, **Kamalei Omalza, Theresa Honokaupu, Harriett Tau-A, Kwai-Sing Tau-A, Connie Munoz** and **Barbara Kaholokula**. After dinner the youth hosted a game of Bingo. Joining us for this fun event was **Father Sylvester Kerketta** (St. Anthony) **Father Jaime Jose** and **Father Drexel Ramos** (St. Joseph). It was an evening of good food, good fun and good fellowship! (Reported by Esther Yap)

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

The **parish bulletin calendar** is a busy place with listings of Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and **movie nights** on Sundays and Fridays. The Sunday evening movies follow the 6 p.m. Mass with a supper of soup and bread. Among the movies scheduled for viewing are **"Bella," "Amazing Grace,"** and for Palm Sunday, **"The Passion of the Christ."** (From the parish bulletin)

11 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

On Feb. 17, our parishioners attended the annual **Stewardship Day** at the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa in Kalihi. The day began with Mass celebrated by **Bishop Larry Silva** and followed by sessions on stewardship. Pictured from left, top row, **Brandon Elefante, Patrick Downes, Msgr. Gary Secor, Jared Zick**. Bottom row, **Lina Carahasen** and **Waioli Shannon**. (Reported by Brandon Elefante)

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