

the parish news

1 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

Our parish celebrated **102 years** on June 13. Leading up to the event was a novena and nine days of fun-filled festivities from June 4 to 12, with the theme "Growing in Faith, Hope and Love." Parish ministries and organizations led the novena prayers and activities, such as **Movie Night, Praise and Worship, Senior Night, Game Night with the Youth and Young Adult, Zumba, Taize Prayer, General Cleaning and an elderly visit at Maluhia**. One highlighted activity was **Ohana Day**, when families enjoyed food, entertainment, games and prizes. The celebration ended June 13, on the Feast Day of St. Anthony. The evening Mass, celebrated by **Msgr. Gary Secor**, was followed by an appreciation dinner. Members of parish ministries and organizations were recognized for their outstanding service at the parish. St. Anthony, pray for us! (Reported by Leeza Agpaoa)

2 HAWI

Sacred Heart Parish

Appreciating **Father Eli**. Blessed are we at Sacred Heart. **Bishop Larry Silva** sent Father Eli to our parish after a few years of priests staying a year and leaving. Little did we know at that time what Father Eli had in store for us. **Spiritually** (celebrating and decorating our church in ways we never did before). **Sustainability** (You have to come here to see the papaya trees lining our driveway — 60-plus, the squash, the pumpkin, the banana and more) and **updating repairs on buildings, complete renovation of our rectory and soon to come roofing and repairs to St. Damien Hall**. People are fast to complain about trivial things, but slow to appreciate who Bishop Larry sent us. **Claude Carvalho** took the bull by the horns and called a meeting to plan a get-together to honor Father in celebration of 34 years serving as a priest and his 67th birthday. About 50 parishioners journeyed with Father Eli to the buffet at the Marriott. (Everybody paid their own meals plus chipped in to pay for Father and his guest.) We cannot thank Father Eli enough for all he continues to do for our parish. Mahalo Bishop Larry for sending him to us and may he spend many more years leading his flock at our parish. (Reported by Lee Rivera)

3 AIEA

St. Elizabeth Parish

Sister Ruth Zonunthari and her **Good Samaritan troops** were busy bees on July 6 as they gathered to host the annual **Summer Festival** for the guests of our community who just need a little extra help and enjoyment from time to time. Sister arranged games, door prizes, assorted take-away gifts and food aplenty. We feasted on noodles, sliced beef, ribs, chicken, curry, salads, fruits and an overabundance of desserts and ice cream. There were many happy faces among our 50 guests and an almost equal number of ministry members as they mingled. Our parish is truly blessed to have Sister Ruth. She recognized the needs of many in our neighboring communities when she first arrived six years ago and, Voila!, the Good Samaritan ministry was born. Sister's foresight coupled with the ongoing generosity of our parishioners and volunteers to provide for others every week is truly inspiring. Stewardship and evangelization are holding hands at St. Elizabeth. And tell me, have you ever seen a happier bunch of volunteers? (Reported by Wendy Ford)

4 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

On June 2, about 200 parishioners, friends and family gathered to celebrate the first sacerdotal anniversary of our parochial vicar, **Father Alfred Omar Guerrero**. Our pastor, **Father Pascual Abaya IV**, did the opening prayer, ex-



pressing the parish's gratitude for the work and exuberance of his partner-in-ministry. The entertainment included hula by **Celia Pereira, Julia Cabatu Arlene Aranita, Carmela Limatoc** and **Geri Roylo Aranaydo**. The We Got Talent contest winner **Monica Velasco** sang two songs. The **Serenaders of Our Lady of Manaoag** did a beautiful personalized medley of songs for Father Alfred. While they sang their last song, Father Alfred danced with some of his family in a display of appreciation and love. **Kalo Maiava** presented monetary gifts from the **Samoan Choir**. Of course, food was in abundance, including a whole lechon. We are blessed with so many generous parishioners and Father Alfred's family as well, who provided this amazing feast. **Rose Daguio** was the host of the game, "How Well Do You Know Father Alfred?" Contestants were Father Pascual, seminarian in residence **Ace Tui**, and deacons **Tom Miyashiro** and **Ray Lamb**. We learned a lot about Father Alfred and discovered that Father Pascual really does know Father Alfred

(see photo). The **Young Adults Ministry** sang and played ukulele. **Sage Valdez** and another did a hip-hop dance. The **Young Adults Ministry** sang "The Twelve Months of Fatherhood" to the tune of the "Twelve Days of Christmas." This was followed by a special song for Father Alfred, to the tune of the Father Damien song sung by our daily Mass **Sunshine Choir**. It was a loving tribute to Father Alfred's local ways. One verse said, "He teaches with patience, speaks with bounces and gestures, he'll try anything different for parishioners to learn." The **Young Adults** performance including hip-hop dancing. Father Alfred thanked everyone who was involved in his party. Happy anniversary, Father Alfred! We wish you many more years of blessings as a priest and disciple of the Lord. (Reported by Naomi Amuro)

5 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

May 20 was First Communion Sunday. Three youths from the **EDGE** and

LifeTeen programs joined 21 other First Communicants receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. They are **Cooper Adversario, Shantelle Alayvilla, Dayton Albano, Blake Antonio, Jayvier Butay, Leici-Mae Camara, Taelor Camelo, Tiernie Marie Clagett, Blaze Travis Cruz, Joe-Ranthonny Helgen, Waileia Ibbs, Kyle Johnson, Kahena Lindsey, Eden Moises, Kobe Perpose, Alliah Punzalan, Jaela Cano Ragsac, Keycee Saniatan, Shaun Santella, Jordan Simao-Raposas, Luke Stein, Rhian Cassidy Trinidad, Jayred Tumbaga** and **Jemeica Tumbaga**. ... Congratulations to all **2018 graduates** of high schools, colleges and post-secondary schooling and training! The Baccalaurean Mass was celebrated on May 27. May you all be successful in your choice of endeavors. God Bless! ... The **confrimandi**, confirmed in June, have benefitted from two years of participation in LifeTeen. **Melinda Santella** is the lead presenter for the LifeTeen sessions. **Allison Carveiro**, director of religious education

at St. Raphael, is the lead catechist. The confrimandi from Holy Cross Parish are **Fred Adella, Wendell Batangan, Caitlyn Garcia, D'Andra Helgen, Michaela Pimental, Jordan Simao-Raposas, Jonah Stein, Selma Tausend and Jemeica Tumbaga**. ... Parishioners had a mahalo party for **La Salette Father Antonio Abuan** June 9. We thank the La Salette Missionaries Community for sending Father Tony to be our pastor for the past three years. During this time our parish has become more prayerful and has made available formation opportunities not just to grow in our faith, but also in leadership, ministerial faith and training, and parish organization. Father Tony's leadership encouraged parishioners to be actively faithful and spiritual participants, not just reactive participants. Father Tony's new assignment is in the Diocese of San Bernardino in California. Holy Cross parishioners welcomed our new pastor **La Salette Father Danny Galang** on July 1. Aloha and welcome! Pictured is Confirmation, May 20, 2017, from left, **Father Antonio Abuan, Jemei Delos Reyes, Tansy Simao, Camryn Joy Garcia, Bishop Larry Silva**. (Reported by Judy Cabating)

6 EWA

Immaculate Conception Parish

The following **Knights of Columbus** officers for **Council 6734** were installed on June 30 for the Columbian Year 2018-2019. Chaplain: **Father Nick Brown**; Grand Knight: **Rolando "RJ" Juanillo**; Deputy Grand Knight: **Glenn Mendoza**; Chancellor: **Constantino Montero**; Recorder: **Thomas Crown**; Treasurer: **Joel Dumot Sr.**; Advocate: **Consolito Pabalinas**; Warden: **Diosdado Calapiz**; Inside Guard: **Phillip Unpingco**; Outside Guard: **Ivenelee Cunanan**; Trustee for 1 year: **John Ignacio**; Trustee for 2 Years: **Antonio Comboy**; Trustee for 3 Years: **Magno Transfiguracion Jr.**; Lecturer: **Deacon Jonathan R. Ocampo**; Financial Secretary: **William Castillo**. Also in attendance were State Deputy **Mike Madix**, District Deputy **Alex Ty** (installing officer), District Warden **Eugene Saccalan**, Honor Guard with Corps Commander **Melvin Cervantes**, and Membership Chairman **Cicero Seisdedos**. May the Holy Spirit be with these new officers of Council 6734 through all of their endeavors. (Reported by Normand HJ Robert)

7 NANAKULI

St. Rita Parish

On June 30, our parish celebrated its **90th year**. After much work by many volunteers, and many donations by parishioners, the **celebration** turned out to be a great success. The celebration was also a reminder to all that St. Rita needs a new church, hall and offices built. The buildings that exist now are not going to last much longer. The attendees enjoyed the show, food and each other. ... Every year, **Knights of Columbus Council 11485** has a Fish Fry during Lent, and most of the funds collected go toward a scholarship for a deserving student. This year the recipient of the award was **Tony Cabral**, pictured. We wish him well with his future studies. (Reported by Sebastian Lopez)

8 KAPAA

St. Catherine Parish

Our parish hosted a **Healing Mass** on June 9 at 9 a.m. **Father Anthony Rapozo** celebrated assisted by **Father Norlito Concepcion**. Anointing with oil was offered, and after Mass the attendees were invited to come to the altar for personal healing prayers provided by **Terri Mansfield** and **Brenda Viado**. Afterward some of our healing team shared brunch at nearby Olympic Cafe. Pictured are **George, Brenda, Father Anthony, Stephen, Father Norlito, Al, Terri**. Our next Healing Mass is Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. (Reported by Terri Donovan Mansfield)

9 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

In preparation for the parish's **50th Jubilee Anniversary** in June 2019, four committees mirroring the four pillars of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan for 2016-2020 were established to provide a year of celebration leading up to the Jubilee. The first quarter, July through September, is being led by the committee for **Leadership Development of Clergy and Laity**. A number of ministries provided booth's showcasing their work before and after every weekend Mass. Every parish ministry will have an opportunity to recruit more help in the coming months. Pictured with **Father Ed Barut** is a group of **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for the Saturday evening Mass. The committee made a video to show at the end of each Mass to encourage parishioners to volunteer their God-given time, talent and treasure. The video ends by showing the seven committee members quoting Matthew 5:37: "Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No." Jesus wants you!" as they point toward the parishioners and the camera then pans up to Jesus on the cross. The first quarter celebration will culminate on the evening of Sept. 2 with a leadership development talk by **Msgr. Gary Secor**, followed by a movie night, refreshments and door prizes. It's our prayer that many more parishioners will be inspired to say YES to Jesus and become part of our church leadership. *(Reported by Derek Salis; photo by Joe Hernandez)*



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EDITOR'S CHOICE

10 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Ladd Ueoka was initiated into the Catholic Church on June 23! Welcome Ladd into our Catholic family! Pictured are **Father Jaime, Deacon Pat and St. Joseph Family!** *(Reported by Patrick Constantino)*



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11 MILILANI

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

Our parish **Health Ministry Health and Wellness Fair** took place on May 19. Mahalo to our guest speaker on elderly fall prevention, **Dr. Marel Vea**, surgeon at **Pali Momi Medical Center**. Thanks also to 10 health vendors, our parish health team and the parishioners who made this event a success. *(Reported by Elaine Gibson)*

ENCHANTED LAKE

St. John Vianney Parish

Our parish celebrated the **Feast Day of St. John Vianney** at all Masses on the weekend of Aug. 4-5. After the 8 a.m. Mass on Saturday, the parish held its monthly **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. That evening after the 5 p.m. Mass, the **Youth and Young Adults** committee sponsored a **Family Feast Day pot luck dinner** in the parish lounge. That same weekend, the **Parish Faith Formation Committee** launched a theme for the year: the Mass. The purpose of the theme is to add insight and understanding to our celebration of the sacred liturgy and to explain the meaning and history of what we do each Sunday. A bulletin insert outlined the topics to be reviewed over the next 12 months, including how the Mass is based on Scripture, the history of the Mass, the four parts of the Mass, how to ignite love for the Mass among nominal and former Catholics and, finally, how to explain the Mass to non-Catholics. Our goal is to ignite a deeper devotion of the Mass for everyone in our parish which will call us to service and a closer walk with Jesus Christ. As St. John Vianney himself said, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." *(Reported by Earl Walker)*



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thank him for his commitment to the people he has served! His final ministering was at St. Michael Church Aug. 4-5. A potluck reception was held Aug. 4 in Damien Hall after the 5 p.m. Mass. *(From the parish bulletin)*

12 WAIMANALO

St. George Parish

On June 8, **eight couples** had their marriages blessed and convalidated during evening Mass. **Father Raymund Ellorin** performed each ceremony for the happy couples. *(Reported by Vicky DeSilva)*

HONOLULU

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

The **Young Adult Ministry** meets Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m., for those for whom English is a second language to practice English conversation. It meets on Thursdays, 5-6 p.m. for Bible study. And it meets on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for a couple of hours of church cleaning. The ministry also helps out at the **Kakaako Family Shelter** and assists human trafficking

victims, plus other projects. Check out www.facebook.com/YoungAdultsMinistry.Honolulu. *(From the parish bulletin)*

13 KIHAE

St. Theresa Parish

A special Mass was celebrated here on the Feast of Pentecost, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. when **92 young men and women** received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion and one gentleman, **Kelani Pong Pison**, was received into full communion with the church. In keeping with the "proper order" initiative in our Diocese of Honolulu, five priests administered the sacraments. Our pastor, **Msgr. Terry Watanabe** was the celebrant. The concelebrants were **Father Gary Colton, Father Jim Orsini, Father Rich Perrosi and Father John Hatcher** who delivered the homily. Father John impressed upon these 92 that as they received the Holy Spirit, their faith is strengthened and they are ready to take an active role in their parish. As a visual representation of the joy in each one's

heart, balloons appeared after communion and were presented to those who received sacraments. They reflected on the journey that brought them to this day and the reward for their diligence and perseverance. A reception followed in the courtyard. Those who received sacraments also received gifts of Holy Water to remind them of their baptism, a rosary and a pendant of the Holy Trinity. *(Reported by Anita Carrington; photo by Candie Pinault)*

14 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

The weekend of July 27-28 our parish was blessed with two visiting priests, **Father Shaji Thomas and Father Paul Muthoottil** (brother of our parish priest **Father Chacko**). Father Shaji and Father Paul are members of the India province of the **Sons of Immaculate Conception Congregation**. This was Father Shaji (from India) and Father Paul's (from Australia) first visit to Maui. They were greeted with flower leis and a warm welcome from our parishioners. It was a

blessing for St. Rita to have three priests celebrating Mass. Pictured are **Father Paul, Kamalei Omalza, Father Chacko, Diane Nifong, Father Shaji Robert Robello and Barbara Kaholokula**. *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

15 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Four college graduates and six high school graduates were acknowledged at our parish's **Baccalaureate Mass** on July 1. *(Reported by Rossana "Rani" Laurel)*

16 MAKAKILO

St. Jude Parish

St. Jude's Vocation Ministry Team honored **Mother Mary** with the rosary prayer and lighted candles upon the cross. *(Reported by Hannah Lima)*

17 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

On July 8, at **Immaculate Conception Church**, Lihue, among the 19 Confirmation ages 15-16 years old receiving confirmation from Bishop Larry Silva, our parish welcomed four to our parish family. Pictured from left are **Macy Melchor, Father Arlan Intal-MS, Candice Muua, Bishop Larry Silva, Anjelique Calzado and Alyssa Kaneshiro**. *(Reported by Lillian Vierra)*

KEKAHA

St. Theresa Parish

One of the goals of our **Parish Pastoral Plan** was to have an **annual parish picnic**. We had one many, many years ago, so this year's event is our first "revived" annual picnic. It is our goal to bring our parishioners together to enjoy one another's company, celebrating with good food, games and lots of fun-filled activities. Our picnic was held Aug. 5 on our parish school grounds, before this article went to print. So this is what was planned. Our menu included a steak-fry, grilled marinated chicken, hot dogs, and potluck side dishes. A **Summer Dessert Contest** had first, second and third cash prizes, plus a gift certificate for "most delicious" ... which means we had to eat the entries to judge them! A watermelon eating contest was also on the agenda, along with Savage Bingo, Bean Bag Clown Toss, Pin the Collar on Father Boyet, along with relay games, such as a coffee bag race, kid's tug of war, water cup race, get a slipper relay, water balloon volleyball and water balloon toss. Also planned was a friendly Battle of the Choirs with a perpetual trophy prize. This picnic was a great way to transition our keiki from summer vacation to school mode, as St. Theresa School opened Aug. 1 and our public schools started on Aug. 7. Our thanks to our planning committee and to everyone who attended. See you next year! ... On a sad, yet happy note, we extend our loving condolences to the **Capuchin Friars** on the passing of our beloved friend **Capuchin Franciscan Father Bob Udulutsch** who passed away on July 23 in Wisconsin. May eternal rest be granted to him, O Lord. *(Reported by Chantal A. Duarte)*

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Holy Trinity Parish

The parish is offering **At Home with the Word**, a guide to a deeper understanding of the Sunday Scriptures, providing the readings for this liturgical year, insights from Scripture scholars and action steps. Those who would like a copy of the 2019 book are asked to fill out an order form printed in the bulletin and submit it with an \$8 payment. *(From the parish bulletin)*

18 WAIPAHU

St. Joseph Parish

On Friday evening, July 27, **Father Eric Castro** led the **Holy Hour for Vocations**, beginning with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by silent adoration, the holy rosary and concluding with benediction. This Holy Hour for Vocations is held every last Friday of the month 6-7 p.m. Pictured, from left, are **Dave Sebastian, La Salette Father Eric Castro and Grace Galapon**. *(Reported by Mary Cachuela)*