

The Parish & School News

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1 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish

Church services are being held in the **Pastoral Center** while our church is undergoing renovations for about six weeks. **Father Pascual** asks parishioners for their cooperation and patience during this time. Thank you to all volunteers who helped move and set up items in the Pastoral Center. (Reported by Bernadette Cabe; photo by Elaine Okamoto)



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presented this fair. (From the parish bulletin)

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Sts. Peter and Paul Parish

Parish outreach coordinator **Geri O'Leary** offers a mahalo to the **thoughtful couple** behind a generous gift of \$5,000 made via a charitable foundation. This donation is greatly appreciated as outreach may need to use it to rent a vehicle each week to go to the Hawaii Food Bank since the old outreach truck has never been replaced. (From the parish bulletin)

2 KALIHI VALLEY

Our Lady of the Mount Parish

On April 12, **Divine Mercy Sunday**, our pastor **Father Edgar Brillantes** (front center) celebrated the 35th anniversary of his priestly ordination. He was joined by two seminary co-graduates, **Father Gus Acob** (left) and **Father Tito Bonoan** (right), who serve in the dioceses of Oakland, Calif., and Laoag, Philippines, respectively. Five other priests joined in concelebrating the Mass. The congregation included faithful from other parishes and the neighbor Islands. Father Edgar humbly asked us to bless and pray for all priests so they may continue to serve and love the Lord and his church with the heart of the Divine Mercy. The Mass was followed by a luau and Polynesian entertainment. The event helped us realize all the more the value of the gift of the priesthood and the importance of our priests. May this **Year of Consecrated Life** bear more vocations to the sacred orders and religious life and renew in all the baptized our consecration. (Reported by Fran Kovaloff; photo by Jun Cortez)



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Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

After a beautiful **Easter morning service**, the celebration continued in our parish's spacious backyard as **kamaaina and guests** joined for a day of food and fellowship. Pictured are keiki waiting patiently to begin the annual **Easter egg hunt** hosted by the **youth**. Finding a golden ticket meant a special prize for a lucky few. (Reported by Mary Jean S. Bega)

7 PUNAHOU

Sacred Heart Parish

Donations of Easter candy, plastic eggs, plush animals and toiletries by our parish and **St. Pius X Parish** in Manoa were assembled by our **outreach ministry** into beautiful **Easter baskets** for poor children and homeless families in Waianae. **Sister Bea Tom** at **Our Lady of Keaau** was delighted to receive 30 baskets and 500 filled Easter eggs. The outreach ministry also made 50 baskets and 600 eggs for the **keiki egg hunt** and seniors at the **St. Francis Intergenerational Center** in Ewa Village. With the generous contributions of parishioners and a carload of goodies, they even had enough to make five baskets for new mothers in the **Mary Jane Program**. Pictured are outreach ministry members at St. Pius X with baskets filled with love. (Reported by Lynn Murata)



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3 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

The **Triduum** was celebrated somewhat differently from previous years. On Holy Thursday, **Father Ed** washed the feet of **12 parishioners** who represented parish ministries. Pictured is **Deacon Eric Kim** assisting Father Ed. Educators from the parish school presented the three oils. At the Good Friday Service, the **pastoral council** individually venerated the cross followed by a very reverent communal veneration with Father Ed presenting the cross as the assembly knelt in silence. The service was followed by individual veneration until 10 p.m. Meanwhile, the Easter Vigil saw newly ordained Eric Kim serving as a deacon and **Deacon Ron Paglinawan** probably missing the Easter Vigil for the first time here since his ordination in the early 2000s. (Reported by Julia Torres)

Roy Miranda, eighth grader **Kylie Amber Buere**, and 11th grader **Brandon James Paguio Ramiscal**. Thank you, **Sister Angela Laurenzo, CSJ**, for your work and dedication to the **religious education** and **RCIA programs** and as head of the **evangelization commission**. Exult hosts of heaven! Rejoice! Thank you to our celebrants, pastor **Father Adondee Arellano, MS**, associate priest **Father Joseph Pilotin, MS**, visiting **Father Edison Pamintuan, MS** and deacons **Ken Bissen Jr.** and **Cornelio Pulido**. "Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won for us new life and resurrection power. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love for us and your great victory over sin and death." (Reported by Audie Pascual)

PAHOA

Sacred Heart Parish

The **Legion of Mary** hosted the **monthly rosary** at the church **rose garden** on Sunday, April 19 at 11:30 a.m. Everyone was

invited. ... Congratulations to **Steve and Shirley Torres** who are celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary this week. ... **First Holy Communion** has been scheduled for the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Mother's Day according to religious education coordinator **Maila Naiga**. (Reported by Richard Robbins)

5 PAUOA VALLEY

Blessed Sacrament Parish

On March 27, **Bishop Larry Silva** dedicated our parish's new high altar, assisted by **Father Lillard**, and blessed a relic of **St. Maria Goretti** within the altar, which is used for the **Latin Mass**. ... Our parish had a beautiful **Divine Mercy celebration** at the 7 a.m. Mass April 12. The six-foot Divine Mercy image led the procession and was placed near the Easter candle. Next to the image was a picture of **St. Maria Faustina** and her first class relic. **Father Steve Nguyen** gave a beautiful homily on Jesus' greeting of peace to his disciples. He said our world is not at peace because of discrimination and challenged us not to judge others because of race, creed, religion or

even personalities. Instead he reminded parishioners of God's merciful love and forgiveness. After Mass, the chaplet of Divine Mercy was sung, lead by music director **Leka Leaeno**. Father Steve then blessed us with the relic of St. Maria Faustina. All are invited to the weekly Novena Mass at 6:30 p.m. Confession is available before Mass and there is Eucharistic adoration at 5:30 p.m. Many thanks to **Henrietta Tam** who prepared the Song of India wreath for the Divine Mercy image and **Madeline De Costa** for helping decorate the image. Thank you to all who met daily to pray the nine-day novena at 3 p.m. Kudos to all who helped make the celebration a success! Pictured, from left, **Elizabeth Lum, Audrey Young, Lei Kondo** and **Father Steve**. (Reported by Rick Fucini and Lei Kondo)

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Holy Trinity Parish

Our parish sponsored a **health fair** for all parishioners, neighbors and Family Promise visitors, April 18, 3-5 p.m. and April 19, noon-2 p.m. The **Chaminade University nursing students**

8 KALIHI KAI

St. Anthony Parish

For the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 2, followed by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the parish school staff created a beautiful **altar of repose** at the school cafeteria. Principal **Sister Victoria Lavente, SPC**, headed the group with the help of **Vivien Ruth Pilar, Profita Espiritu** and **Mario Maneja**. For the adoration's first holy hour, 8:30-9:30 p.m., **Audrey Ines** led a group of members of seven organizations and parishioners in prayers, meditations and Bible readings. For the next hour, **Beth Pisbe** led a group of members of six organizations and parishioners. For the final holy hour, **Mary Gonzaga** led members of six organizations, the priests, religious and parishioners. This was followed by quiet time with the Lord and closing the adoration from 11:45 p.m. to midnight. Thanks be to God! Pictured is Sister Victoria leading one of the prayers. (Reported by Fe Rodillas)

9 MILILANI

St. John Apostle and Evangelist Parish

Parishioners participated Feb. 19-March 29 in the spring campaign of **40 Days for Life**, an international community outreach, fasting and prayer vigil effort to end abortion. For several years, a small group has signed up for an hour each Monday morning to go to a King Street site for peaceful prayer and outreach. Members of other parishes sometimes join in. Pictured are parishioners from St. John and **St. Elizabeth, Aiea**. The organization, which has more than 650,000 participants worldwide, claims that more than 10,000 lives have been saved thanks to the presence of the many prayer warriors. Abortion facilities have closed as a result of the prayer vigils in front of clinics. According to the Vatican Secretariat of State, **Pope Francis** greatly appreciates the dedicated work of 40 Days for Life and assures his prayerful support. Details about the Honolulu program can be found at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/honolulu/> Every year more people hear God's call to participate in this ministry. The next campaign will begin around September. Perhaps you will hear a call to join this important effort to change the culture of death to a culture which again promotes life. Are you listening? (Reported by Mary Smart)



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St. Elizabeth Parish

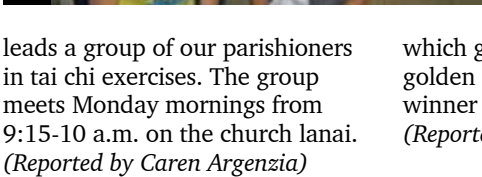
Our pastor highlighted the importance of **Divine Mercy Sunday**, April 12, to bring a greater awareness of this special feast. Through the Sunday bulletin, our parish website and his homiletic message, **Father Arnold** promised a "very special Easter Gift" for those who attended the services, which began at 2:30 p.m. with the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confession. These two sacraments were the special gifts. At 3 p.m. **Cindy Pataray's** lovely prayerful voice and piano accompaniment led the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Many who came did not know what to expect, but left refreshed and spiritually cleansed. Thank you Father Arnold, **Father Joe** and **Deacon Kin** for giving us this gift from God, his divine mercy, his total forgiveness and his everlasting love. Amen! (Reported by Wendy Ford)



10 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

The **RCIA** and **RCIC participants**, the newly-formed members of our church community, are pictured with our beloved pastor **Father Geronimo Eric Castro** and seminarian **Dario Renaldi** who may be our priest in the future. From left are **Kaimana Cannella (Peter)**, **Kealani Allen (Sebastian)**, **Eric Takahashi (Augustine)**, **Wyatt Perry (John Bosco)**, **David Wilson (Michael the Archangel)**, **Arnedo Wilson (Zita)**, **Tricia Simpson (Frances of Assisi)**. We welcome you home at long last and Easter peace be yours always! (Reported by Chris Ah Puck)



12 KOLOA

St. Raphael Parish

Youth ministry was very busy on Easter Sunday. They stuffed hundreds of plastic Easter eggs with prizes, hid them and orchestrated huge **Easter egg hunts** for three age divisions after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. It was no easy task! They did an amazing job! Afterward, **Deacon Tom Contrades** sent them on an adventure of their own to find a golden egg with a special prize! They had to look up a specific Bible verse,

which gave a clue leading to the golden egg. Congratulations to winner **Brianna Kaneshiro!** (Reported by Shelly Gerardo)

13 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On March 21 and 22, we were blessed with a visit from **Sister Malia Dominica Wong**, **Sister Benedicta Ha** and **Sister Georgina Delgado**, pictured. They came sharing the good news of the **Year of Consecrated Life**. Sister Malia joined our guitarist **Wayne Freitas** playing her flute through the Mass. Sister Malia invited us to remember our consecration and renew ourselves in the Gospel. We are "anointed and appointed," she said, as she



merision as the congregation sang and applauded their new brother and sisters in Christ. The newly-received were given leis and balloons as they celebrated their new status in the church, which means they no longer will be dismissed after the Liturgy of the Word. Sponsors, family and friends then gathered in the hall for a reception. (Reported by Anita Carrington; photo by Leroy Carrington)

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St. Michael Parish

The **parish food pantry** needs reusable bags for clients. Some clients require two reusable bags since the amount of canned goods are given according to family size. Also needed are on-going donations of hygiene items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, etc.) Please drop off these items during food pantry hours or at the church rectory office. (From the parish bulletin)

15 PEARL CITY

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

In preparation for Mother's Day, **second graders** are busy creating bracelets with beads made from colorful magazine pages which have been carefully cut, rolled, glued and sealed in a waterproofing and bonding material. They are truly works of love. The bracelet is only one of the gifts the children will be presenting to their mothers on May 8 at a celebration in the classroom. The yearly tribute — which includes a skit to the moms, reading of poems written by the students and a presentation of gifts made by the children — has been going on for many years. When it ends, there is not a dry eye in the crowd. Second grade teacher **Miss Chantelle Enos** says that the children are looking forward to showing just how special their mothers are. Last year, Miss Enos added a day for the fathers to be recognized as well. Because Father's Day falls in the summer, the event is held on or near March 19, Feast Day of Saint Joseph. Pictured making their creations of love, from left, **Joseph, Mason** and **Janine**. (Reported by Ginger Kamisugi)

16 HONOLULU

Sacred Hearts Academy Lower School

Our **fourth to sixth grade girls** welcomed 350 students from eight other schools to our campus for the annual **Nene Award Ceremony** on April 9. During the ceremony, the students hung out via Google with author **Tom Angleberger**, who penned the 2014 Nene Award-winning book, "The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda." In honor of Angleberger's focus on **Yoda**, an iconic character from the Star Wars universe, a cast of **Stormtroopers, a Tusken Raider** and even **Darth Vader** surprised student emcees **Emma Kauhane** and **Prudence Eddy** on-stage to assist with the awards presentation. This year, the Academy's winners included sixth graders **Carolei Edra** (who also served as Yoda) in the persuasive digital media category; **Kelly Thieu** for her interpretive essay; and **Emma Kauhane** in the interpretive digital media category. Earning honorable mentions for their persuasive poster designs

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were sixth graders **Ayla Haki-kawa, Annika Lindberg** and **Rachel Huang**. Darth Vader had the honor of announcing the 2015 Nene Award winning book "Wonder" by **R.J. Palacio**. The Nene Awards are sponsored and supported by the Hawaii Association of School Librarians, the Hawaii Library Association, the State Department of Education, the Hawaii State Public Library System, Perma-Bound Books, Scholastic Book Fairs and Follett Library Resources. Visit www.nene.k12.hi.us for more information about the Nene Awards. (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

17 HONOLULU Sacred Hearts Academy High School

The members of our **Lancer robotics team** were thrilled to get assistance at the **FIRST Hawaii Regional Robotics Competition** on March 27 and 28 from Academy alumnae. Mahalo to graduates, from left, **Lynse Chock** (Cal-Poly, bio-medical engineering), **Lindsey Sanborn** (University of Hawaii, mechanical engineering), **Dominique Dold** (Santa Clara University, mechanical engineering), **Angela Wong** (Cal-Poly, aerospace engineering), and **Lauren Loualhati** (University of Hawaii, chemistry). (Reported by Hayley Matson-Mathes)

18 EWA BEACH Our Lady of Perpetual Help School

Our school is always willing to provide students every opportunity to share and grow in their talents. Sixth-grader **Mikayla Ponce**, mentored by her science teacher **Miss Crystal Kaai-kala**, participated at the March 23-24 **Hawaii Science and Engineering Fair**. Her entry, "Anti-Bacterial Properties of Garlic versus Anti-Bacterial Gel" very much impressed four judges who interviewed her. Mikayla said the experience strengthened her self-confidence and improved the communication skills she will need as a nominee to the **Junior National Young Leaders Conference** in Washington this summer. Mikayla is the daughter of **Fred and Michele Ponce**, the latter an alumna at our school. (Reported by Remedios Cabrera; photo by Michele Ponce)

19 KAILUA St. Anthony School

A student and two friends keep a watchful eye out for our preschoolers as they arrive in the morning, as witnessed by teacher **Katie Wayman**. Students had a great spring break and began the fourth semester with exuberance. ... Holy Thursday had the **fifth graders** share a **Living Stations of the Cross** with their fellow students, a wonderful way to begin the Triduum and our way to Easter Sunday. ... **May Day** preparations are underway and students are working hard toward a great show with a great theme, "Honoring Our Kupuna." (Reported by Patricia Barros)

20 WAILUKU St. Anthony Junior-Senior High School

Congratulations to freshman **Erin Guerrero**, graduating senior **Joseph Joey Cardoza** and religion teacher **Kathleen DeLima**,



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this year's winners of our school's **Spirit of Aloha Award!** As a school ohana in the Marianist spirit, we try to live the qualities of aloha, which are also characteristics of Mary, the mother of Jesus. The two students and Ms. DeLima were chosen for demonstrating and modeling the spirit of aloha on our campus and throughout the Maui community. Pictured, from left, are Erin, DeLima and Joseph. (Reported by Teri Tavares and Claudine San Nicolas)

21 KAPAA St. Catherine School

On March 25, the parish celebrated the 100th birthday of former pastor **Father Patrick Coyle!** Using messaging technology, Father Coyle, who is presently in San Francisco, joined the many parishioners gathered in Coyle Hall (named after him). One of the highlights was our music teacher **Mr. Sean Texeira** singing a duet with Father Coyle of "Danny Boy," his favorite song. The evening was a joyful coming together of the parish and school talking

story, listening to live Hawaiian music, and sharing good food. Our school was blessed to have had Father Coyle as a pastor and we thank him for the many wonderful years he served our community. ... We're also rockin' here with our **School Rock Band** under the direction of **Mr. Mark Gregory**, assisted by Texeira. At least seven students, grades fifth through eighth, participate as vocalists or by playing the drums, bass, electric guitar and keyboard. Their repertoire includes classics like "Lean On Me" and "Let It Be." Our rock band will perform as special guests at the school's May 15 Spring Show. (Reported by Pat Doherty and Sean K. Texeira)

22 MAKAWAO St. Joseph Early Learning Center

The students took a field trip to the other side of the island to Lahaina to see **Uncle Wayne and the Howling Dog Band** in concert at Sacred Hearts School. **Uncle Wayne Watkins** is a well known island-wide children's songwriter and performer. He

performed many of his hits including "All Around Maui" and "There's a Mouse in my House." The **Hawaii Association for the Education of Young Children, Hawaii Public Library System, Hooikaika Partnership, Maui Friends of the Library and University of Hawaii at Manoa Children's Center** sponsored the free concert which celebrated April as "The Month of the Young Child" and "Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month." After the concert, the students enjoyed some play time and a picnic lunch at the Lahaina ball field and park. Pictured are students hanging loose on the tier swing. May we all rejoice in the blessings of our keiki. (Reported by Helen Souza)

23 HONOLULU Damien Memorial School

Congratulations to senior **Nakoa Gabriel**, pictured, who won the 12th grade division in the **Clarence T.C. Ching "Dream Big, Make a Dif-**

ference in Hawaii" essay contest. His essay proposed creating a marine reservation to reduce over-fishing and perpetuating ocean life for future generations. He was awarded \$100. Our sophomores swept their division. **Ed Ryan Balbuena**, first place; **Jonathan Jaictin**, second place; and **Dominic Boland**, third place, won \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively. An outstanding showing! We are so proud of you! (Reported Diane M. Lota)

24 HONOLULU St. Anthony School

On March 12, 11 Hawaii Catholic Schools gathered at Maryknoll to celebrate the **third annual choral festival**. Our choir, led by director **Corazon Aczon**, sang "Children Will Listen" and "Tell the World of His Love." Our principal, **Sister Victoria Lavente, SPC**, teachers and parents joined the choir in this celebration of music and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from other schools. (Reported by Tess Reyes)

25 KAILUA St. John Vianney School

We are celebrating April, the **month of the military child**, with several exciting events recognizing our military children. On April 1, a wall of fame banner was posted in the school office featuring the military children attending the school. On April 15, **Purple Up Day**, all students were encouraged to wear purple shirts to show support of the school's military children. The day began with a special ceremony at morning assembly at the school's Circle of Peace. The students also had the chance to see military vehicles on campus, thanks to the **Hawaii Army National Guard**. Students are collecting toys to donate to the **Tripler Army Medical Center Pediatric Department** at the end of this month. Because many of the children in this unit have a terminal illness or a compromised immune system, they cannot play with toys other children have played with. So the students are collecting small toys, games and art supplies that these children can take with them. For more information and to donate toys, contact the school office at 261-4651. (Reported by Earl Walker)

26 HONOLULU St. Patrick School

For more than 20 years, the **eighth graders** have presented the student body with their rendition of the **Stations of the Cross** as mimes. Eight-A's **Jonathan Casey** was chosen to take the lead role of Jesus in this year's presentation on April 27. The eighth grade class consists of **PJ Huynh, Kalani Kamakawiwoole, Yuna Becerra, Sinalei Wagner, Maya Mau, Colby Lane, Christopher Sigler, Taylor Caporus, Sara Kim, Sharaine Ulep, Jason Yee, Sinalei Wagner, Gabriel Ko, Kila Kamakawiwoole, Matthew Lai, Isaiah Lee, Raymond Lee, Micah Mainaupo, Tomas Baptiste, Jae Jyun Cho, Christina Dang, Kaelyn Espinda, Robert Huang, Jordan Hurst, Joshua Ihimaru, Scott Lu, Javan Montiho and Alex Zhang.** (Reported by Pamela Asuelo-Montalla)