the parish news

1 WAHIAWA

Our Lady of Sorrows

Our parish collected more than **300 pounds of school supplies** and over $1,000 to support the 2021 community drive to help the **many needy children** in Wahiawa. Wahiawa is one of the poorest areas on Oahu. There are numerous immigrants, and many families live at or below the poverty line. All schools are designated Title 1 and receive federal funds. This was the church's 19th year participating in the community drive headed by the **Wahiawa Lions Club's Jack Kampfer**, a member of the parish. He is shown with the pastor **Father Falaniko Atonio** with a small fraction of the supplies donated by the parish. *(Reported by Jack Kampfer.)* … On Oct. 4, St. Francis' feast day, we celebrated the **blessing of the animals**. It was fun to see the dogs inside church being blessed during Mass. Two big dogs named **Moses and Elijah** barked each time we responded "Amen." … On Oct. 13, parishioners prayed the **Our Lady of Fatima Rosary** outdoors holding banners bearing the image of Our Lady of Fatima. The rosary is prayed for five consecutive months on the 13th day of the month. … October is also **Stewardship Renewal Month** when each parish ministry speaks at Masses about their work. … Our parish retreat on Oct. 23 was directed by **Father Steve Macedo**. *(Reported by Pacita Baron)*


1 EDITOR'S CHOICE


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2 EWA BEACH

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Six new members of **Parish Pastoral Council** were installed on Sept. 26 at the 11 a.m. Mass. They are **Stan Alvarez, Galo Camacho, Connie Dichner, Mike Leonardo-Pila, Agnes Tauyan** and **Tong Vuong**. The other six who complete the 12-member council recommitted themselves in finishing up their three-year term. They are **Shaun Agtarap, Aleli Fermin, Mason Matsuda, Rina Ponce, Christina Tui** and **Clifford Villareal**. Clifford Villareal will serve as chairperson, Mason Matsuda as vice-chair, and Shaun Agtarap as secretary. The group posed for a picture after Mass. Sitting from left are Aleli, **Father Ed Barut**, and Agnes; second row from left Clifford, Mason, Rina, Christina, Tong and Mike; third row from left: Galo, Shaun, and Stan. Missing from the picture is Connie. *(Reported by Julia Torres; photo by Priscilla Rayray)*


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3 KAPAA

St. Catherine Parish

On Sept. 21, our parish and school, held a blessing to commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of our **Peace Pole** on the school campus. Sept. 21 is the **International Day of Peace**, instituted by the **United Nations** in 1981. Special peace prayers were read by emcee parishioner and **former Mayor Bernard Carvalho**, parochial administrator **Father Nicholas Apetorgbor**, parochial vicar **Father William Tulua, Deacon Andy Ragasa,** and principal **Sister Gina Senapilo**. Parishioner **Carol Aki** helped put 300 prayers inside the hollow aluminum peace pole to join the 1,500 prayers placed last year. The prayers were from **St. Catherine students** and the community and from **Bishop Larry Silva** and Kauai **Mayor Derek Kawakami**. **Jonathan Lee** submitted a prayer on behalf of the **Interfaith Round Table of Kauai**. There are over 200,000 peace poles around the world, including here on Kauai and throughout Hawaii. Every University of Hawaii campus has a peace pole. The **Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace** in Honolulu has a peace pole. The Pentagon has a peace pole! **St. John Paul II** and **St. Mother Teresa** have blessed peace poles. The inscription "May Peace Prevail on Earth" was created by **Masahisa Go** in 1955 after WWII ravaged Japan and the planet in general. It has been translated into more than 1,000 languages. The languages on the St. Catherine pole are English, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Filipino, Spanish and Japanese. The pole was donated by the **Mansfield Ohana**. *(Reported by Terri Mansfield; photo by Gloria Aqui)*

4 KALAHEO

Holy Cross Parish

The parish's **Shared Blessings Social Ministry** participated in the national event, **Faith & Blue,** which builds bridges between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The initiative on Kauai this year paired police officers with local churches for a food distribution event. Our parish and police officers distributed food packages on Oct. 8, 1-4 p.m. Also on the Shared Blessings Social Ministry's calendar, is the **Kauai Prison Ministry Christmas Angel Tree** project. … Thank you to the **hard-working and generous ladies** who welcomed the Autumn season with colorful plants and flowers they planted around the church. Mahalo for their thoughtfulness and enthusiasm for brightening up our church grounds! … Be stewards of the Gospel! The following parish groups are welcoming more volunteers: **church cleaners, greeters and ushers, lectors and money counters**. Call the parish office. Mahalo. … The parish **Finance Committee** continues to seek members. Though not required, a background in finances/accounting may help in understanding the financial needs of the parish. Contact the parish office by Nov. 12. … Keep these dates and times on your calendars: All Saints Day Mass, Nov. 1, 7 a.m.; Mass commemorating the faithful departed, Nov. 2, 7 a.m. Both events will be held at Holy Cross Church, Kalaheo. … Just a reminder to reflect on the key question for the **Synod of Bishops**, "How can all members of the Catholic Church be more effective in proclaiming the living Jesus Christ to the world?" Group meetings will be happening in the parish and we welcome your reflections, thoughts and ideas. *(Reported by Judy Cabanting; photo by Donna Miller)*

5 EWA

Immaculate Conception,

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." (Matthew 6:19-21) The **Knights of Columbus Council #6734** continued its journey of "caring for the needy and the outcast" — **Blessed Michael J. McGivney's mission** — by donating a trailer for the storage of food that the parish **Food Pantry** needed desperately. After moving, cleaning, painting, and ensuring the trailer had electrical power, the new addition to the pantry's storage area was blessed by our pastor, **Father Nick Brown,** on Sept. 26. Many attended the celebration including council members and their families, and members of the Food Pantry team. As **Damiana (Dam) Espiritu**, the Food Pantry coordinator, stated, "Our Heavenly Father ALWAYS provides." The parish community thanks and supports Council #6734's endeavors under the leadership of **Grand Knight Manny Meno** and **Grand Knight Emeritus RJ Juanillo**. Keep up the great work and may our Lord continue to bless all of you! *(Reported by Normand HJ Robert)*

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6 HAWI

Sacred Heart Parish

Despite COVID, and following all safety protocols, we at Sacred Heart do our best to stay connected. Though few in number ... we held the **America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally** on Oct. 16 by the highway fronting our church. Mary hears and intercedes for us in our prayers ... Powerful, we offered up our prayers for every car that passed, just going about their day ... I felt the blessings and was happy to be one of the few ... Of course, I was the one taking the picture ... Thank you to the few who showed up knowing how powerful the rosary is ... We even had a **visitor from Ohio** who wanted to join us ... She had her rosary with her ... Thank you to **2 loaves and 5 Fish Ministry** for the ono plate lunch served the same day, one of the many fundraisers we do to help support the general funds of our parish. ... Our church is looking beautiful. With the inside already painted, and other upgrades being done, we will celebrate a return to church the First Week of Advent. *(Reported by Lee Rivera)*

7 KAILUA

St. John Vianney Parish

After six wonderful years having **Father Peter Miti** as our pastor, **Bishop Larry Silva** has announced his reassignment to another parish. His last day as our pastor will be Dec. 31. We will truly miss him and wish him much success and happiness as he relocates. Our parish will receive its sixth pastor since it was founded in 1962. We are looking forward to welcoming **Father Vincent Vu** who will become our new pastor on Jan. 1, 2022. All of us here are ready to offer Father Vu our support and encouragement. … This year, our parish has focused on **The Year of Reading the Bible** led by our **Faith Formation Committee**. The goal of this series was to encourage parishioners to read the Bible often as a family. This most successful event will end Nov. 1. In December the committee will announce our parish's focus for 2022: **The Year of the Holy Spirit**. This year-long cycle will begin in December 2021 and continue through November 2022. Plans are to include monthly inserts in our church bulletin with weekly articles to better familiarize parishioners with the Holy Spirit. The inserts will explain who the Holy Spirit is using references from Scripture, and will also explain his role in our church and in our lives and the many gifts we receive from him. *(Reported by Earl Walker)*


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8 MAKAWAO

St. Joseph Parish

Blessings to parish administrator **Father Michael Tolentino** on **Priesthood Sunday**, and his **17th priestly anniversary**. Deacon Pat lead the prayer on behalf of our parish family. … The parish bulletin expresses thanks to the parish **Youth Group and Young Adults** for assisting on livestreaming the 9 a.m. Mass, parish retreats, updating the bulletin board, etc. Thank you, Lord for their service, which we cherish and value. We desire that you will see their work is truly for the Lord Jesus Christ and his church. Thank you so much for your labor of love, your time, talent, effort and hard work. You are a blessing! *(Reported by Deacon Patrick Constantino; photo by Jacob Metz)*

9 KAHUKU

St. Roch Parish

We are continuing our **evening rosary** for October. Our newly formed **Knights of Columbus** (pictured) stepped up to lead it for one evening. It was so special to see these hard-working men gather at our grotto to pray to Mother Mary. The weather has been ideal. On the final day, Oct. 31, we will have a candlelight rosary with a procession from the church to the grotto. … We have been upgrading our grotto at **St. Joaquin Mission** in Punaluu. The foundation was recently painted a relaxing blue which blends beautifully with the ocean directly behind Mother Mary. Solar lighting makes the grotto more visible at night. … We have added a day for adoration in church — the third Friday of the month after the 9 a.m. Mass. The day was added for those unable to drive after dark to our evening adoration. … **Our religious education students and teachers** will have their annual **walkathon** after our 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass to raise donations to pay for needed religious ed supplies and activities. … The Diocese of Honolulu **Evangelization Task Force** continues to join us on the first Saturday of each month. We look forward to their uplifting spirit and beautiful music, which is livestreamed on their Facebook page. … **Father Sebastian** is planning to create a **youth ministry** to involve more youth in church activities be it repair or maintenance or beautification in and out of the church. … On Nov. 2, **All Souls Day,** we will place by the altar a small tree on which parishioners can hang the names of deceased family members to be remembered during the Masses for one week. Parishioners can also place a candle on the table in front of the altar to be lit before each Mass that same week. At our **evening lantern lighting ceremony**, each parishioner will receive a paper lantern on which to write the names of deceased family and friends. The lanterns will remain lit for several days in front of the grotto. … We are still recruiting parishioners for our **bereavement after-care ministry**. A phone call, a homecooked meal, a card in the mail or a home visit are ways to support those grieving. … Our prayers and condolences go out to the **Sacred Heart Fathers** and the family of **Father Christopher Keahi** who passed away this month. He was a very devoted priest who will be greatly missed. … We continue to pray the COVID prayer for those ill with the virus and for those who have lost loved ones due to the virus. *(Reported by Sharin Au)*

10 HAIKU

St. Rita Parish

On Oct. 17, **Kay Jackson** visiting from Littleton, Colorado, joined in our celebration. Before moving to Colorado to be with her family, Kay was part of St. Rita Parish for over 30 years. A very active parishioner, Kay was involved in the finance council and various ministries of the church. Our **parish ohana** was delighted to see her. Kay shared, "The welcoming was so wonderful, I felt a big hug walking through the doors of our church." It was a happy day at St. Rita with smiles of joy under our face masks! Pictured are **Connie Munoz, Faythe Urayanza, Theresa Honokapu, Esther Yap** and **Kay Jackson.** *(Reported by Esther Yap)*

11 PAUOA VALLEY

Blessed Sacrament Parish

On the evening of Oct. 13, we celebrated the feast day of **Our Lady of Fatima**. An arrangement of red roses and white spider mums surrounded her statue with fragrance and beauty. The event was organized by the **Diocesan Evangelization Task Force** team. **Dominic Olaso**, task force director, and volunteers **Thomas Perreira** and **Leimomi Kondo** put together an evening that brought together people from many parishes to pray the rosary for world peace. The in-person and livestream event included eucharistic adoration, confession, rosary, benediction, holy Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Mass celebrant was **Father Bill Petrie**, joined by **Deacons Joseph Soon and Jonathan Lam**. Father Bill spoke of the events of Fatima and the role of Mary in our church. He talked about the tragic shooting in 1993 of Pope John Paul II whose life was spared by Our Blessed Lady's intercession. He encouraged everyone to visit Fatima to deepen your Love for Our Lady and the rosary. Dominic and his team of music ministers provided the uplifting music. Throughout the peaceful evening, gentle reminders of Our Lady's presence could be felt within the hearts of the people. After Mass, we chanted the divine mercy chaplet and Father Petrie blessed each person with the first-class relic of St. Faustina. The evening was a most special celebration. All departed with gratefulness and thanksgiving! Kudos to Blessed Sacrament Parish for hosting. Mahalo to **Kenneth Oshiro, Evelyn Starkey, Lucy Schlemmer, Gloria Rodrigues, Lumi Fernandez, Rose Aceret, Patricia Nevada, Thomas Perreira, Dominic Olaso** and all music ministers. *(Reported by Leimomi Kondo)*

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