

# the parish news

**1 KAHUKU**

**St. Roch Parish**

On Aug. 7, our religious education celebrated **End of Summer Fun Day** at the **Bayview Zip and Mini Putt Golf** in Kaneohe. It was definitely a fun day, with perfect weather, for all that attended. ... On Aug. 14, our **Knights of Columbus**, recited the Rosary at the grotto as they do each month. One of our Knights, **Alberto Bert Pasol**, was celebrating his birthday. We had a surprise birthday barbecue for him. Bert is and has been the groundskeeper for St. Roch and **St. Joachim Mission** for over 15 years. He is very devoted to his job and keeps our property clean and green. Thank you, Bert. ... On August 16, we celebrated the **feast day of St. Roch** with an evening Mass and a potluck dinner coordinated by our parish council. Our Mass celebrant was **Msgr. Gary Secor**. Our guests included 10 priests from the diocese and three sisters (pictured). We also celebrated the birthday of **Father Paul Li** who shares his day with St. Roch, and the 25th anniversary to the priesthood of **Father Paul John "PJ" Camiring**. Our hall was beautifully decorated by our creative decorating committee **Lydia Daquioag Elena Brillante** and **Kay Yumoto-Wagner**. ... Just a reminder: our **parish yard sale** is Sept. 4 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We are still accepting gently used and new items for our sale. Your donations can be dropped off at the parish hall weekday mornings. We will also have a **five dollar grab-and-go meal**, your choice of a teri-burger, hamburger, hotdog or veggie burger with chips and water. Everyone is welcomed. ... We are continuing with our **St. Roch Thrift Shop**. It is no longer just for the summer. We hope to remain for months to come. Please stop by if you have time, weekdays, 9 a.m.-noon. Our Filipino Catholic Club, led by **President Jarma Hudson**, will host an **OCFCC (Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs)** general meeting Sept 18 at our parish hall with 10 clubs. The topic of discussion will be the upcoming FCC convention on Kauai Nov. 4-6. Our FCC has also committed to reciting the **rosary at our grotto** on the



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second Thursday of every month. Please join us. ... Several of our parishioners have been working hard to **replace the windows** in our church hall. We are looking forward to easy opening, fresh air, and the brightness of daylight. Mahalo to all involved. (Reported by *Sharin Au*)

**2 KALIHI VALLEY**

**Our Lady of the Mount Parish**

In a modest way, but with fervent devotion, priests and parishioners celebrated simultaneously their patroness' feast day and 152nd parish anniversary. They started with the traditional novena of the rosary and invoking the intercession of **Our Lady of the Mount** from Aug. 6 to 14. On the 14th, after the main Mass at 9 a.m., the solemn procession was held. Af-



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ter a pandemic-caused hiatus of three years, parishioners climbed up to the cliff where the sacred grotto of Our Lady is standing and maintained so well by the **Irmandade di Nossa Senhora du Monte (Portuguese Brotherhood of OLM)**. The devotees prayed the rosary and took time to relish the panoramic view of Kalihi Valley before descending back to the hall to enjoy a potluck fellowship. The parish Knights of Columbus **Grand Knight George Roberts** emceed a short program and entertained by singing and playing guitar with other singers. On Aug. 15, we celebrated the patroness' actual feast day, which is also the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary**. A simple breakfast followed Mass. Grateful acknowledgment is extended to all our parish leaders, ministers, organizations and



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parishioners for making the celebration spirit-filled and memorable. May the Blessed Lady of the Mount bless our parish and the whole diocese. (Reported by *Francisca Kovaloff*)



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**5 PAHOA**

**Sacred Heart Parish**

On Aug. 6, the Feast of the Transfiguration, at the **parish cemetery**, **Father John Molina** blessed the **Memorial for the Unborn**. This memorial was established on July 2, 2021, when three unnamed unborn babies were interred. The memorial headstone was obtained in coordination with **Ruth and Mark Statler, Remy Gauvin** and **Roger Coultier**, and was donated by **Michael Sasaki and Company of Sasaki Monuments in Hilo**. (Reported by *Janan Malinowski*)

**KALAHEO**

**Holy Cross Parish**

The end of summer is a signal for activity around the parish to ramp up. It began with the **Parish Social Ministry** meeting on Sept. 1 to prepare food packages for the **food pantry** distribution on Sept. 2 at the parish hall. If you are interested in helping with the parish's social ministry, **Donna Miller** can be reached at [Sharedblessings808@gmail.com](mailto:Sharedblessings808@gmail.com). ... All ministries are invited to attend a **faith formation opportunity** at Immaculate Conception Parish on Sept. 3. Guest speaker **Jesuit Father Joe Schad** will talk about **Ignatian Prayer and Spirituality**. ... All adults who work closely with minors and those who are interested in learning about the Diocese of Honolulu's **safe environment program** are urged to attend the important live training session, Sept. 10, in the parish hall, conducted by **Dara Ferreira**, HR director of the diocese. ... **Parents, guardians, grandparents, uncles and aunts!** A reminder that **religious education classes** will begin Sept. 11. All children must be registered to attend. Contact coordinator, **Caroline**, at 651-

**3 KOLOA**

**St. Raphael Parish**

Bishop Larry Silva presided at the 9:30 a.m. Mass and celebrated the First Holy Communion and Confirmation of **Rayn Snay** and **Gabrielle Gregorius** on July 17. Rayn Snay, pictured left, is training to be an **altar server**. (Reported by *Rose Dela Cruz*)

**4 MAKAWAO**

**St. Joseph Parish**

The parish congratulated newly installed altar servers **Emalani Fabregas** and **Izaiah Garcia** with

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3357, if you are willing to help as a catechist or substitute, or if you have any questions. ... Our parish feast day is the **Feast of the Holy Cross** on Sept. 14. The celebration includes our annual **parish picnic** Sunday, Sept. 18, on the parish grounds, 10:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Join us in fellowship, fun and games. Lunch will be served so signup now at the entrance of the church through Sept. 4. ... The annual **Ladies Altar Society Bazaar** is Nov.12. We are looking for quilters to donate quilts for our silent auction. Anyone wanting to donate crafts for our bazaar are welcome to do so. Please contact any Altar Society member or call **Shirley Laguatan** at 808-652-6880. (Reported by *Judy Cabantin*)



**EWA BEACH**

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish**

Our **Life Teen Youth Ministry** is back after two years of inactivity due to the pandemic. They will kick off their return on Sept. 11 at the 11 a.m. Mass followed by lunch and games on the school grounds. Attendees are required to be ready to get wet and to bring towels and a change of clothes. The present plan includes a joint teaching session with **Edge Youth Ministry** every other Sunday. On the other two weeks of the month, the focus will be on community building, prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **Kariann Camacho** and **Dylan Tupper** will head the Life Teen core team with support from **Young Adults Ministry's Shaun Agtarap, Dyllan Mamasig, Nowey Passion-Callueng and David Cachero.** Edge Youth Ministry will be led by **Joyce Ablog** and **Wayne Campos.** Registration for both Life Teen and Edge is on-going. Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to meet the teams after all weekend Masses Sept. 3-4 and Sept. 10-11. Teens or parents may also call the parish office at 808-689-8681 ext. 101 or see **Aunty Mela** at the office. (Reported by *Julia Torres*)



**6 MAKAKILO**

**St. Jude Parish**

The **St. Jude Filipino Catholic Club** posed with its members before the start of the **Oahu Council of Filipino Catholic Clubs** general meeting which it hosted in August. (Reported by *Tere Hunt*)

**7 AIEA**

**St. Elizabeth Parish**

On Aug. 21 our parish family came

together once again to host a farewell gathering for our much-loved seminarian, **Brother Kurt Meyer**, as he ended his year of internship. To say he will be missed, is an understatement, particularly by his mentor and clergy friend, **Father Arnold Ortiz.** Various ministries provided an abundance of food, from adobo and char siu fried rice, noodles, Kalua pig, lumpia, pork dishes, barbecue chicken, wonderful ham rolls, hot dog with buns, and trays of assorted fruits and desserts. The generosity of our members in ministry is simply amazing and Brother Kurt was so appreciative of everything done for him. We will miss him dearly, but I think he will miss us just as much. Seminarian Kurt already has all the makings of a good priest; humble, kind, hardworking, flexible, smart, witty, teacher, learner, great speaker but most important of all, loves God and us. Go with God, Brother Kurt, and all our Alo-

ha! This **Catholic community in Aiea** will be praying for you and looking forward to welcoming you back with open arms as "Father Kurt." God is so good, all the time! (Reported by *Wendy Ford*)

**8 ENCHANTED LAKE**

**St. John Vianney Parish**

During August, our parish began celebrating its 60th Anniversary with weekly events attended by hundreds of parishioners. The first weekend our pastor **Father Vincent Vu** and our former pastor **Father Thomas Gross** celebrated all Masses with tasty refreshments served after each one. Pictures of our past 60 years were displayed on the Fellowship Lanai for everyone to enjoy. The second weekend we were honored to celebrate the 45th year of ordination of **Msgr. Gary Secor** and to have **Bishop Larry Silva** join our celebration. Our priests and deacons

throughout the years were also honored with their pictures and stories on display. Everyone enjoyed special refreshments following each Mass. The third weekend, we held a well-attended Saturday night **Grand Bingo** that began with a delicious Italian dinner followed by fantastic prizes and gift cards given to those who shouted out "Bingo!" The scouts of our parish served an absolutely amazing breakfast after all Sunday Masses. The fourth weekend we showed an inspirational movie and served hot dogs and popcorn on Saturday evening. Our amazing school conducted an **open house** on Sunday for parishioners to enjoy a continental breakfast then take a student-led tour of their school. August was truly a wonderful way to kick off our year-long celebration of our 60th anniversary with many more events planned in the coming months. (Reported by *Earl Walker*)

**9 HAIKU**

**St. Rita Parish**

A **century of memories and love** was celebrated on the weekend of July 30 and 31. Parishioners, family, friends, and visitors gathered for two days in celebration of 100 years of faith, love, peace and gratitude. On Saturday evening, all gathered in church for a **Healing Mass** followed by fellowship and dinner prepared by parishioners. Sunday morning everyone gathered under a big white tent to accommodate 300-plus guests for a celebration Mass of 100 years with **Bishop Larry Silva**, followed by lunch and entertainment. It was a beautiful celebration! We want to thank our pastor **Father Chacko Muthoottil** for his vision and guidance and our **parishioners** for their stewardship of time, talent and treasure in planning this great event. Mahalo to Bishop Silva and **Maui Vicariate Clergy** for celebrating with us. Mostly we thank God for all he has given us! Pictured with the bishop are, from left, **Father Jose McCoy, Deacon Patrick Constantino, Father Muthoottil, Father Ese'ese "Ace" Tui** and **Father Gary Colton.** (Reported by *Esther Yap*; photo by *Audie Paschal*)

**10 WAILUKU**

**St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

On June 23, the parish **Youth Group** celebrated "**Kupuna Day**" with 40 kupuna from the parish. This event was held in the school cafeteria. The attendees enjoyed lunch from **Kalei's Lunchwagon** and had a chance to sit together and enjoy each other's company. There was much "table talk" as the kupuna shared their stories and manao with each other and members of the youth group. After lunch, there was a friendly game of BINGO with prizes donated by our priests, parish staff, parishioners and youth team leaders. The fun-filled event came to an end in the early afternoon with attendees hoping for another similar event and everyone had a good time! (Reported by *Agnes Terao-Guiala*; photo by *Kiana Cornell*)

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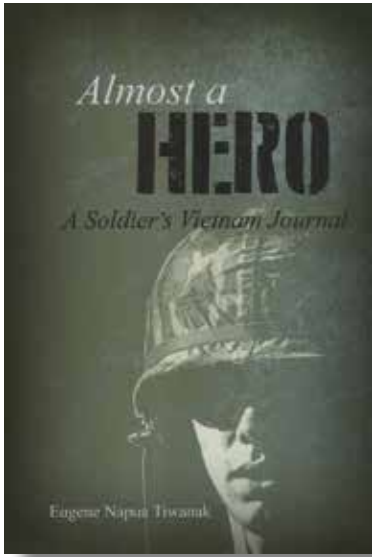
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St. Philomena parishioners carry a statue of their parish patron in procession outside the church on her feast day Aug. 11. (Photo by *Dann Ebina*)

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