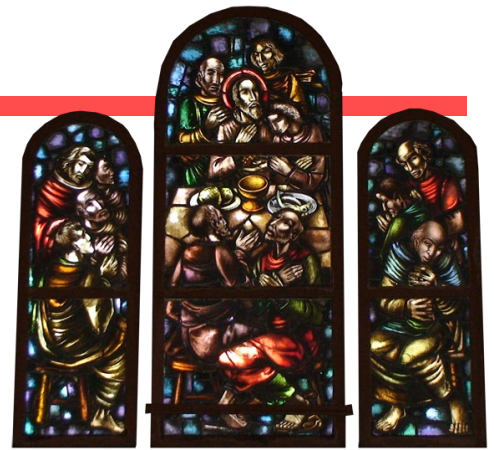




# The Journey

St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



July 2015

## Independence Day Creed

### Let us this day

- \* Exercise your body
- \* Plan to attend Community Communion Wednesday Service
- \* Make a Will and Living Will
- \* Volunteer on last Thursday 9am in Gathering Room
- \* Collect disaster emergency supplies for the house

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**Celebrant** We are reminded on this Independence Sunday that the freedoms we cherish are not free; that many sacrifices have been made so that we may continue to enjoy the blessings of liberty and live out our forefather's vision of a just, merciful, and equitable nation. Let us renew our commitment, therefore to the principles upon which our republic stands.

**People** We, the people, in order to maintain a more perfect union, and promote the general welfare of generations to come, do pledge our allegiance to the principles for which our republic stands: One nation, under GOD, indivisible, with liberty and justice for ALL! Amen.

*Independence Day Creed was written for the people and patriots of St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili by Fr. Gregory Johnson - 28 June 2015*

## June 18

June 18, 1812, The War of 1812 began as the US declared war against Britain.

June 18, 1873 Susan B. Anthony was fined \$100 for voting for President.

June 18, 1892, Macadamia nuts were first planted in Hawaii.

June 18, 1903, the first transcontinental auto trip began in San Francisco, arriving three months later in New York.

June 18, 1916, our beloved sister in Christ Kimiko (Kay) Okutani was born.

Kay became a Christian along with her dad in 1944 and was baptized at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on School Street which was led at that time by The Reverend Ozaki. Sometime in the 50/60's Kay was confirmed by Bishop Kennedy. She attended St. Mary's occasionally at first but beginning 1973 Kay began to attend regularly.

Kay remembers seeing at that time familiar faces from Holy Trinity also attending St. Mary's: Al Nishikawa, Harriet Kusuhara, John and Ruth Gaza. St. Mary's was also a familiar place to her because she had attended St. Mary's as a Kindergartener in 1921. She remembers a Ms. Margaret from those days.



As a regular member since 1973, Kay Okutani served in many capacities. Standing out in the memories of some are her supply playing the organ and piano for services and special events during the times the organist/pianist was unavailable.

God has truly blessed Kimiko and Kimiko passes that blessing to us. Her presence and devotion to her church uplifts us all - each and every one.

Kay rarely misses a Sunday worship. On Sunday June 14, 2015, St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili celebrated in a grand fashion, Kay Okutani's 99th birthday.

*Contributing to this article was son John Okutani and Charlene Date . Editing Photos by Father David Blanchett*



**June 7th, Jay Chow is with fianc'ee Chelsey Nakanishi**

**June 28th, Jay is with his mother Cheryl Chow who is visiting from the Big Island  
To witness a wedding**





# Happy 99th Birthday Kay Okutani



Kimiko (Kay) Okutani



Kay Okutani

Isaiah Horimoto

Roy Horimoto

Janice Horimoto



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Bernice Tawarahara - Kimiko Okutani - Maria Au Hoy - Setsuko Kouchi - Ellen Hew





## Kimery and Kyle Ushijima 34th Anniversary

celebrated with an Alaska  
inside passage cruise

All decked out for the evening on  
Captains night on the Ruby Princess.

Standing: Kyle Lim, Kyle Ushijima,  
Biron Lim and Markus Lim. Seated:  
Kimery Ushijima and Christine Lim.

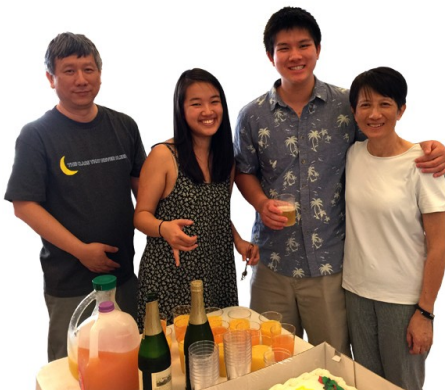


Mae, Clara, Kimery, Rosinia and Katherine



Congratulation Kyle and Kimery on your 34th wedding anniversary. By the way, Kimey is a travel agent with Travel Ways. She said the cruise was fantastic. If you want to go cruising to Alaska also, give Kimery a call.

*Photos provide by Ushijima*



Aloha Hour Host: Mok Family

William, Charis, Christopher & Jackie



Cooking some great steaks:

Christopher and William



Aloha Hour Host: Charlene Date & (not pictured,  
Ellen Hew \* serving at left is Kimery Ushijima

From left clockwise:

Laurie Lee,

Gail Hirozawa,

Kimery Ushijima,

Janice Motoshige

and Pat Pyun



Lucy's Quilting Circle: Quilting and Sewing Craft Class

Parishioners from St. Mary's, St. Luke's and Good Samaritan come together every Tuesday 9:30am to 2pm at St. Luke's. You are welcome to join us for this great fellowship.

Christopher Graduated from High School



Jackie, William, Christopher and Charis Mok

*Above photo provided by Mok*





Faith Blanchett, Rev. Martha Blanchett and Alphonso Braggs who is the NAACP President

## Peace March



Rev. Martha Blanchett, Christina Nader and Faith Blanchett

Reverend Martha Nanugak Blanchett and Faith Blanchett attended the town meeting and "Peace March" at the State Capital Building June 23, 2015. Rev. Martha Blanchett spoke on camera remembering those who were tragically killed in an AME church in South Carolina by a lone gunman sprouting hate. Rev Martha called for peace, respect and justice in Alaska, Hawaii and the whole United States.



**Rev. Martha Nanugak Blanchett -the Yupik speaker**

Born and raised in Tuntutuliak, Alaska, a Yupik Eskimo Village in Southwest Alaska, Reverend Martha Nanugak Blanchett can claim a lot of firsts. She was the first College graduate in her family - she has a degree in Business Administration, the First Yupik Eskimo to be ordained in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion (AME Zion) Church, the First Native Chaplain for the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary in Alaska, and the First female ordained in her family. Her Father was a Moravian pastor and both her grandparents were Russian Orthodox Priests.

Following a call to ministry, Martha attended and completed the four year AME Zion Alaska Conference Theological School. After being ordained August 1986, she was assigned as a missionary to the Wasilla Area of Alaska. Martha and her husband later founded Majestic Mountain AME Zion Church which after nine years became Majestic Mountain Community Church.

Martha served as an ecumenical partner working with the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska in Evangelism and Native Ministry under Bishop Mark MacDonald.

Living in Alaska all her life, Martha retired after 30 years in a secular position: Manager

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Faith Blanchett recognized for graduating to High School



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St. Mary of Mo'ili'ili  
Honolulu, Hawaii  
June 21, 2015

Top Row: Fr. David Blanchett, Murray Cohen, Pablo Cortez, Fr. Gregory Johnson, Silperius Suzumu, Chuck Williams, Byron Uahinui, Gregory Holmes, and Don Hargarten. Middle Row: Albert Nishikawa, Bill May, Richert AuHoy, Roy Horimto, Calvin Pascua, Roger Kumura, Brian Anastacio and Kyle Ushijima. Front Row: George Nakamura, Isamu Yoshioka, Joe Pang and Jon Ushijima



Craig & Eva Steele with Fr. Gregory Johnson

The Host for Aloha Hour on Father's Day was Craig and Eva Steele. They cooked the best omelets.

In addition, their cheerful greeting and glowing smile, was an appetizer and dessert we will long remember.



Eva Steele and Pablo Cortez III

We publicly thank you for feeding us such fine dining on a Sunday morning.



### The Yupik Speaker continues from page 5:

for Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Public Housing Division in Wasilla, to move to Hawaii with her husband, Father David H. Blanchett.



The Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion's Western District which includes Alaska, officially appointed Rev. Martha "Minister on Special Assignment to Hawaii"- basically to have an AME ZION presence for visitors and to fellowship ecumenically. Like clockwork, you can find her in Alaska every calendar quarter at her past church in Anchorage, Leake Temple AME Zion.

Martha is a caring preacher of the Gospel and has spoken at gatherings throughout Alaska. In Hawaii, Rev. Martha is a worship leader every Wednesday during the 7pm Community Service. She is also the prayer warrior and piano player during Gospel Singinspiration every second Friday at 6pm.

Reverend Martha says she feels a kindred spirit towards those at Good Samaritan, St. Luke and St Mary of Mo'ili'ili. She truly appreciates the love and acceptance of the congregants.

## Helping and Feeding the Homeless



Project Director IHS



Ruth and Georgette cooking food



Pablo with the legal assistance workers

Above 3 photos © Janice Motoshige

## Volunteers June 25, 2015



Pablo Cortez III,  
Ruth Yoshioka and  
Gail Hirozawa



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Thank You ! Thank You! Thank You!

You volunteers from St Mary of Mo'ili'ili, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Good Samaritan Episcopal Church are very special people!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

# Road Map



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## Community Communion Service



Soldier Chapel

Every Wednesday 7-8pm



## Birthdays

10-Christopher Mok

10-Aiko Fung

18-Bernice Tawarahara

27-Gregory Holmes

28-Laurie Lee

## Anniversary

July 21

Bill & Jackie Mok

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## Hugh's Workshop

July 5 - 10:30 to 11:30am in Sanctuary

## Bishop Visitation

July 12 - 9am Morning Worship

Vestry meet with Bishop 10:30am

## The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly



READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 90 DAYS WITH FR. GREGORY+

Saturday Mornings: 9-10:30am

30 May - 29 August 2015 in Conference Room

## Tri Church Ministries

Tri Church: **LUCY QUILTING CIRCLE**

Every Tuesday 9:30am- 2pm

Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Tri Church: **BIBLE STUDY**

Every Wednesday at 10:00am

Location: St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Tri Church: **Zumba**

Every Saturday at 8:20am

Location: St. Luke's Episcopal Church



## Mo'ili'i Homeless Outreach Service

July 30th, 10am - 1pm - Gathering Room



## Hula Ministry

Every Saturday 10-11am

Gathering Room, St. Mary

## Vestry Meeting

Sunday July 19th

10:15 AM

