Let us this month

- Appreciate all God’s Creations
- Give our Parish Administrator food for the homeless
- Volunteer to serve at the church.
- Clean up the environment around us
- Tell a friend or neighbor about your church
- Volunteer to help with the homeless ministry—last Thursday of each month

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Endangered Hawaiian White Tern

Seeks Sanctuary at St. Mary's

White Fairy Tern

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With a blink of the eye, the end of June brings us halfway through our year of transition. I personally hope that year end will bring our transition to a close. Not that there is anything fundamentally wrong with our Church thus far without a Rector, but I do think there are underutilized physical, fiscal and human resources awaiting the leadership of a visionary and energetic new Priest-in-Charge to be put to good use.

By many measures, St. Mary’s is doing well. We have a stable, faithful gathering of God’s people every Sunday in worship, in which we affirm our faith and rejuvenate our spirit. We are blessed with the caring and teaching of many Priests from the Diocesan community. We enjoy the regular feasting and fellowship with each other. We let some ministries conclude, but kept some going. A particular shout-out here is appropriate for Murray, who is tirelessly expanding our Sandwich outreach to the people in our community without a home, and even getting himself certified as a Food Handler to meet State requirements. We continue to share our facility with many community groups, with the thought of putting our God given resources to good and responsible uses.

But can we do more while we wait for our next Priest-in-Charge? While not many of us are gifted with the fearlessness of direct preaching of the Gospel, there must be other ways to further our mission of “sharing God’s love in Jesus Christ...”. Another side bar: on Saturday, July 13, starting at 10:30am, there will be a lunch and sharing opportunity for any and all of us to gather and hear first-hand from Hugh Kaiser, on the work of one such gifted evangelist. Yes, free Lunch! Please come.

In some sense, a time without a Rector could be an opportunity for anyone of us to step up, and do the work you feel God has placed a desire in your heart to do. If in the past you had an idea to something, but let the idea slide thinking the Rector will take care of it, you should step back in, knowing that there isn’t that someone at this time to take care of it. With few exceptions, you probably don’t need anyone’s permission to launch another outreach ministry, start a bible study, or a prayer group. Taking a bit of risk here: just do it, and let me take care of possible chaos later........
The St. Mary's Search Committee met on Sunday, June 23, 2019 to review the Parish Profile Outline prepared by Tatjana based on the information obtained during April's Parish Meeting and written drafts from Jackie and Pablo.

We also reviewed the draft listing of past and present ministries and continue discussions with other members of the congregation to identify any we may have missed.

To support the profile section describing our congregation, we are looking at photographs in previous editions of The Journey and the collection of older photos that Father Dale used to create the book documenting our first hundred years. Tatjana has made this a little easier by identifying the specific topics for which photographs would be most appropriate.

For the finance section of the profile, Richert is using financial and demographic data to create pie charts that will support a brief written summary.

Our next meeting is scheduled for early July and we have set a target date of early August for completion of a Vestry review and profile submission to Rev. Cn. Sandy Graham and the Diocese.
Our May Celebrants

Rev. Franklin Chun
June 2

Rev. David Blanchett
June 9

Rev. Imelda Padasdao
June 30

Rev. Haaheo Guanson
June 16

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June 23
In the front yard of Soldier Chapel stands two majestic Olive Trees. And in front of them stands the above Shower Tree which now is home to three endangered White Fairy Terns - two adults and one chick.

The Terns are called, Hawaiian White Tern, White Fairy Tern and Manu-o-Ku. When not nesting, these seabirds will fly far out over the ocean, often for days at a time. The only place the terns breed in the main Hawaiian Islands is on Oahu — in mostly urban areas. These are very beautiful birds who life span is 16-18 years.

The terns at St. Mary’s are often seen with different types of small fish in it’s beak.
Behind The Scene Ministry

FLORAL GUILD

Every Sunday - beautiful floral arrangements!

The person we give thanks for this is none other than our own Arlene Sato. Arlene, who works at Watanabe Florist has been attending St. Mary’s Episcopal Church since 1972.

Though we see her every Sunday serving as an usher in the back of the sanctuary, behind the altar and below the cross you will also see her amazing floral arrangements. (some samples can be seen on next page.) Thank you Arlene.

Being a part of the Floral Guild is truly an important and rewarding ministry. Contact Ms. Arlene or the Parish Administrator if you are interested in blessing yourself and others in this kind of service for the glory of God.
Floral Guild

floral arrangements

By Arlene
Father's Day

Back row: Fr. David Blanchett, Byron McCorriston, Leland Lee, Carlton Pang, Pablo Cortez, William Mok, Byron Uahinui and Chuck Williams Front row: Scott Horimoto, Roy Horimoto, Zach Woods, Richert Au Hoy, Gregory Holmes, Kyle Ushijima and David Wescott Fiedle

Men Can Receive Flowers Too!

Fr. David Blanchett is proudly showing the “Happy Father’s Day” flowers he received from his wife, Reverend Martha Blanchett.

Reverend Martha is presently in Alaska attending chaplaincy training at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.
The Journey's Newest Team Member

The Journey Newsletter would like to warmly welcome James Maruyama to its publication staff. James will be a contributing writer and photographer for the newsletter. James has been a part of Saint Mary’s church family for eight years and has assisted the church in varying degrees such as with its Disaster Preparedness program and the Laundry Aloha outreach project.

James is originally from San Francisco, California where he grew up and went to school. James and his family left San Francisco when he was fifteen years old and spent a year in Tokyo, Japan before eventually settling in Honolulu. James completed his studies at Kaiser High School and then the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he graduated with a degree in English Literature.

James worked for a legal office for ten years and is now currently working for a community health clinic as a Compliance Officer. James’ hobbies include hiking, jogging and cooking. James enjoys traveling the world and has so far been to the Philippines, Colombia, Japan, Canada, Mexico, S. Korea and Singapore. James’ dream is to one day visit Europe.

James is very excited to be a part of Father David Blanchett’s team and is looking forward to helping the church share the word of God with the Moiliili neighborhood and Honolulu community.

Visitors from Alaska and Minnesota

Back row: Makayla Rees and Vonice Larsen
Middle row: Lexi Larsen, Judy Larsen and Inez Larsen
Front: Alex Jacob

St. Mary’s appreciates our visitors’ presence. We pray for your safe travels and abundant blessings thereafter.
The Journey

July - Past Editions of The Journey

Take a Peek!

Check out the past July editions of The Journey - and enjoy, simply by first clicking on each of the represented photos of the front page of the 2015, 2017 and 2018 St. Mary’s Newsletters.
Everyone Welcomed

A Time with Uncle Hugh

Saturday, July 13th 10:30am - 2:00pm

Come and join an informal spiritual experience.

With Hugh Kaiser, our missionary to Indonesia and the Philippines, we’ll share stories and experiences with the Lord. Questions will also be answered using Bible verses.

Hugh Kaiser’s specialty is bringing in an experience of the Living God, often accompanied by a demonstration of His power to heal and set free. Bible verses become alive and planted in hearts to grow and bear fruit!

All this taking place in the Gathering Room at St. Mary’s of Mo’ili’ili.

Aloha Hour Giving Thanks To:

6/2 Mok Family
6/23 Hirozawa Family
6/30 Ushijima Family
Mo'ili'i Homeless Outreach Service

July 25th - 10am
In Gathering Room
Volunteers report at 9am

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

Office Closed
July 3 & 4

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10:15am
July 21st
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Rev. Patton-Graham,

Prayer Ministry
8:15am
Sundays in Soldier Chapel

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Gathering Room

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Saturdays 11:00am
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