



# The Journey

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

An Online Monthly Pictorial News Record



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## Let us this month

- \* Attend Ash Wednesday Service
- \* Not hesitate to ask the Lord for help when needed
- \* Eat more healthy foods
- \* Think about attending Bible Study
- \* Give God the Glory because of your blessings
- \* Be an asset to the Parish

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# Community Outreach

## to the



# Homeless

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Love Your Neighbor

# Reflections

by Bill Mok  
Senior Warden



*Excerpt from the Senior Warden's report to the annual meeting*

2019 has been a good year for St. Mary's! Now, we can't honestly say it was the best year ever. There were years when we have more extensive programs that have served more needs in our neighborhood, and when our own house felt stronger in numbers and feel. This was the year for those of us who are committed to the historical and pivotal calling of St. Mary's to hold together, to support each other spiritually, to be a visible community of God's presence, and do our best to carry on the work of the church.

Acknowledgement must first be extended to our clergies, the key to helping us maintain our identity as a family that gathers in worship. So, in order of appearance (as in movie credits), my heartfelt gratitude goes to *Preston Lentz, Benjamin Newland, Phil Paradine, Imelda Padasdao, Sandy Graham, David and Martha Blanchett, Bishop Bob, Frank Chun, Ha'aheo Guanson, David Kennedy, and Heather Patton-Graham.*

Now who really runs the Church? Well, even in more normal times with the rector in charge, it has always been our most able administrator *Charlene Date* who keeps this place operating smoothly. But without the Rector, her burdens and responsibilities just multiplied. *Leland Lee* stepped up to serve as our junior warden, playing a critical role in church governance in the absence of a rector. But how do I describe Richert? He was the treasurer, search committee member, organist and musician, Angels at Play liaison, Hawaii Kai townhouse agent, managers for our contract electricians and carpenters....and more. *Murray and YoungMi Cohen* not only persevered in the tireless demand on their time and effort to prepare and distribute sandwiches every Sunday for the homeless people in our area, the ministry had actually grown this year in the supporting cast who supplied the food, the number of people being served, and the funding for the program.

The most important task this year was of course to implement the discernment process, to elect our next rector. Now, I have to confess that, perhaps colored by previous experiences, I had serious doubts if we were to get any "decent" candidate. At the time of this writing, I have met with two candidates and spoken with a third, and I think we have the exact opposite problem from what I was worried about. We now have too many good candidates. When doubts and stresses increase as the time for decision draws close, I must remind myself that our job is not really to choose, but to discern.

In closing, I must thank each and every one of you, for your faith and trust in me, to endorse my appointment as senior warden during the year of transition. Without your respect, co-operation and no doubt indulgence of my many erroneous ways, I would not have been able to do my part in helping to sustain our parish family. The next rector must be free to appoint his choice of senior warden, at a time of his choosing. Until then, it has been my utmost privilege to serve in this role.



# Annual Parish Meeting

January 26, 2020



Standing: Senior Warden Bill Mok gives a report

See Page 2 for excerpt of Senior Warden's Annual Parish Report

See Page 4 for writer James Maruyama report on comments mentioned at the Annual Parish Meeting

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Standing: Richert Au Hoy presents the treasurer's report



Clockwise: Tellers Tatjana Johnson, Donald Hardaway, and Dara Tawarahara count the election ballots



By James Maruyama

# St. Mary's Annual Meeting

St. Mary's Annual Meeting was held offsite this year, just a short block down the street at Maple Garden restaurant on Sunday, January 26. The meeting was very brief but many were in attendance to reflect on all the changes that occurred this past year, give thanks to our staff and volunteers, receive a budget report, and hold elections.

Among some of the announcements made at the meeting were the naming of two new elected Vestry members (Richert Au Hoy and Pablo Cortez), the elected new Junior Warden (Chris Date) and the elected Church Delegates (Martha Blanchett, Pablo Cortez and Gail Hirozawa). While the selection of a new rector was postponed till Wednesday, January 29 church members still had high hopes for St. Mary's future.

William and Jackie Mok expressed excitement about the new year ahead. They are looking forward to a "new era" and new energy from the Priest in Charge. "We ask for everyone's prayers!" both wished.

Seasoned members Greg Holmes and Larke Golaski, who have seen it all, shared a more measured outlook. "The more things change, the more things stay the same," expressed Greg. Larke added, "Since 1982, we've seen many ups and downs and seen many new beginnings. We've been through a lot of changes and are looking forward to what may come."

Sexton Chuck Williams remarked "Beautiful!" when asked what he thought about all that has transpired this year. Vestry Member Gail Hirozawa shared her enthusiasm for all the new changes coming soon and also looked forward to being a part of the new changes.

It wasn't just the senior members that had high hopes, younger parishioners like Vestry Member Dara Tawahana was also excited to work with the new rector on helping to improve the church's standing in the community. Isaiah Horimoto also hoped that more younger families would join the congregation and help to bring new life to the church. "There used to be a lot of young acolytes with me but they all have since moved away," Isaiah noted.

Junior Warden elect Chris Date was more focused on the work at hand. "I just want to repair the things that have been falling apart", he said.

Leland and Laurie Lee put it all in perspective. "This is a revival", expressed Laurie. "God has chosen for us to help the community. To bring new life. A new ministry with new ideas and new goals."

Newly elected delegate, Pablo Cortez summed it all by saying that with the right rector in place, St. Mary's can begin to move forward as a "complete church". "There has been growth with the Korean Church now it's St. Mary's turn".

# More Annual Parish Meeting Photos



*January 26, 2020*



*Maple Garden Restaurant*



# January Celebrants



Thank  
You



Rev. Heather Patton-Graham



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# Relocating to Mainland



Travel prayers, leis, well wishes and thanks are given to and for our dear **Byron and Jackie Uahinui**.



As faithful attendees and helpers at St. Mary's, we will miss them.

Fr. Preston Lentz prayed a special prayer and blessing not only for our departing Byron and Jackie, but also Byron Jr. who is staying in Hawaii.

In photos above, Jackie Mok presents leis and hugs.

**Jackie and Byron Uahinui**



**Byron Jr, Jackie , and Byron Uahinui with Fr. Preston Lentz**

# Agencies Helping the Homeless



**Institute for Human Services**  
Kalani Napihaa,  
Outreach Specialist



**St Mary's Episcopal Church**  
Volunteers  
(hand out clothing, food bags,  
snack and toiletries)



**Helping Hands**  
Cheyona Lupoz  
SNAP Outreach Specialist



Chuck  
Cindy  
Wayne  
Noreen  
David  
Martha  
Charlene



**Hawaii Home Project**  
Medical Volunteers and  
Medical Students

# Frames Under Construction?



See why in the  
upcoming March  
issue of  
The Journey

Frames under construction

Frames under construction  
by Carpenter: Mike McCreary  
At the church from January 15th  
to the 18th.

Check the church announcement  
in the bulletin for an upcoming un-  
veiling date and time.



**January**



**Giving Thanks To:**

**Mok Family**

# Our Sunday Services

## January Readers



Pablo



Bill



Ruth



Byron



Isaiah



Martha



Carlton



Gregory



Frank III

# Visitor Highlight



Kenneth Ostebo and Jennifer MacDonald  
*Friends of Preston and Mary Ann*



Glen Langston  
*Visiting from West Virginia*

6:00 PM, Friday February 21

Light Alaskan Meal and show and tell presentation in Gathering Room

Followed by movie in Soldier Chapel

Cultural Event  
February  
Yupik Eskimo

Meal for those who  
RSVP only

*(Must RSVP before February 18th Rev. Martha Blanchett at*

*yupikpriest@gmail.com or see her in person at Sunday service.)*

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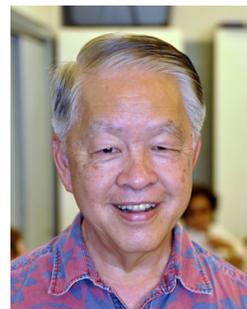
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## Mo'ili'ili Homeless Outreach Service

February 27, 2020 - 10 am  
In Gathering Room  
Volunteers report at 9am



## Sunday Worship Service 9:00am

**Office Closed**

February  
12, 13 & 17

## Prayer Ministry

8:15am  
Sundays in  
Soldier Chapel

## Vestry Meeting

10:15am  
February 16th

## February Supply

Rev. Gregory Johnson  
Rev. Sandy Graham  
Rev. Preston Lentz



## Service of Singing, Prayer and Healing

Wednesdays:  
February 5, 12 & 19  
12pm - 12:40pm

## February Birthdays

1-Roy Horimoto  
11-Jan Horimoto  
12-Martha Blanchett

## Free Health Classes

**YOGA CLASS**  
Tuesdays 10:00am  
Gathering Room

**WARRIORS AT EASE CLASS**

Saturdays 10:00 am  
Gathering Room



## Cultural Event

YUPIK in Alaska

Friday 6pm  
February 21

## Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26 at Noon