

A Catholic Community in Keaukaha for

75 Years

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Aloha!

Such a wonderful greeting that is all-embracing! Day in; day out! ...Aloha means a lot!

But it also means "Good-bye". So appropriate when it's time when we go to where God wants us to go and with all the prayers that our roads will cross once again one day. There is an Italian saying which says that leaving is just a little like dying. *Aloha!* We take courage, because "*Happiness is where we are and what we want to be!*"

It is a great honor that my ever first assignment in the Diocese of Hawai'i is to share with your life, dear *Po'e o'ke Akua maloko o' Malia Puka o' Kalani*. Here, I felt to be a real "*makua`uhane*" like those of the old times when the "*Kahuna* of the community" has to lead over and at the same time depend totally on the help of the entire faith community...and so we put into life what we love to sing:

**We, who revere and find hope in our God,
Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
God will protect us from darkness and death.
God will not leave us to starve.**

Whether you like it or not, my first landing is on the Island of Hawai'i, at Hilo, at Keaukaha. And one day in the history of my life and in the history of Malia Puka O'Kalani, I was here!

Let's move on. The *moana* is wide open towards broader horizons! The *mauna* towers to always watch over us! Beyond any doubt, *Aloha ke Akua a me ke Akua me'oukou! Hau'oli ke Akua!* The joy of the **LORD** is our strength.

We pray for each other. Remember that every good work, big or small, each of you will have done will never be forgotten by the **LORD GOD**. Nobody is so poor who cannot give something and nobody is so rich who will never need of anything. Remember to always smile (It is not yours alone, it is God's gift to you! Don't deprive others of this so great a gift.)

Mahalo! Mahalo nui loa!

I ka inoa o ka Makua, a me ke Keiki, a me ke Uhane-Hemolele. Amene.

-Father John

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Stewardship of Treasure for the Month of May 2017

			Attendance		Koa Bowl	Food Pantry	Repair & Maintenance Fund	Sewer	Misc	Gifts/ Donations
			Adults	Children						
Week 1	May 6	Sat	44	3	\$767.56			\$70.		\$800.
	May 7	Sun	73	6	\$1,291.					
Week 2	May 13	Sat	48	0	\$489.	\$2.	\$100.		\$476.03	\$33.
	May 14	Sun	69	14	\$866.					
Week 3	May 20	Sat	35	2	\$561.	\$50.				
	May 21	Sun	66	4	\$603.45					
Week 4	May 27	Sat	33	0	\$399.50	\$30.		\$4,000.		\$3,542.65
	May 28	Sun	78	7	\$952.					

Father's Day and Mahalo and Aloha to Fr. John: We will have a potluck to celebrate Father's Day and to say **mahalo nui loa to Fr. John** as his term as our visiting priest comes to a close. Indeed it has been a "speedy love affair" and we will miss Father! Bring your favorite dish to share on Sunday, June 18...festivities will begin following mass

Report from Curt Beck, Chair of the Finance Committee : "Finance Committee met on May 28 to start the budget process for the July 2017 – June 2018 fiscal year. Chairman Curt Beck displayed charts showing how Malia's current budget level of about \$150,000 is only about twice that of a median family household in Hawaii...we accomplish so much with relatively modest resources! He also displayed a breakdown of income and expenses. We get nearly ¾ of our income through regular koa bowl collections at mass, and about 10% from Ka `Umeke preschool. Fundraisers last fiscal year brought in another 10%, however this year fundraising income has dwindled to almost zero! About 50% of our annual expenses goes to support our pastor and the other priests who serve our parish, along with liturgical supplies and services including the \$13,000 diocesan assessment. The other 50% goes to "nuts and bolts": staff salaries and benefits for our Business Manager and rectory cleaners, supplies, utility bills, insurances and taxes, travel, etc. Only about 6% is spent on repairs and maintenance, a figure which the Committee concurred must increase if we are to adequately preserve our parish property. Our Business Manager Andrew Langtry expressed concern about income trends in recent months, presenting a chart that concludes our monthly income is down about 17% from this time last year, primarily due to the absence of individual large dollar donations and the previously mentioned dwindling of fundraising events. The Committee brainstormed ways to increase our parish income about 20-25% over the coming fiscal year. The Committee will meet formally again on June 25 after mass in the Sacristy meeting room. Our parish committee meetings are open to all parishioners."

Donations for our Food Pantry: We have a great Food Pantry Ministry. Food is distributed on the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30am to 12:30pm to provide support for those at Malia or in the community that are less fortunate or in need. We are always seeking donations of canned and dried food. All food is welcome, but the following are especially desired:

Vienna Sausage	Pork n Beans	Canned Vegetables
Spam	Corned Beef	Spaghetti
Canned Tuna	Corn Beef Hash	Pasta Sauces

Monetary donations are also welcome. Mahalo!

2nd Collection, June 24/25: Our Diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection on June 24th and 25th. Your donations provide Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering: victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Malia's Choir: Our weekly choir practice is on summer hiatus until mid-August.