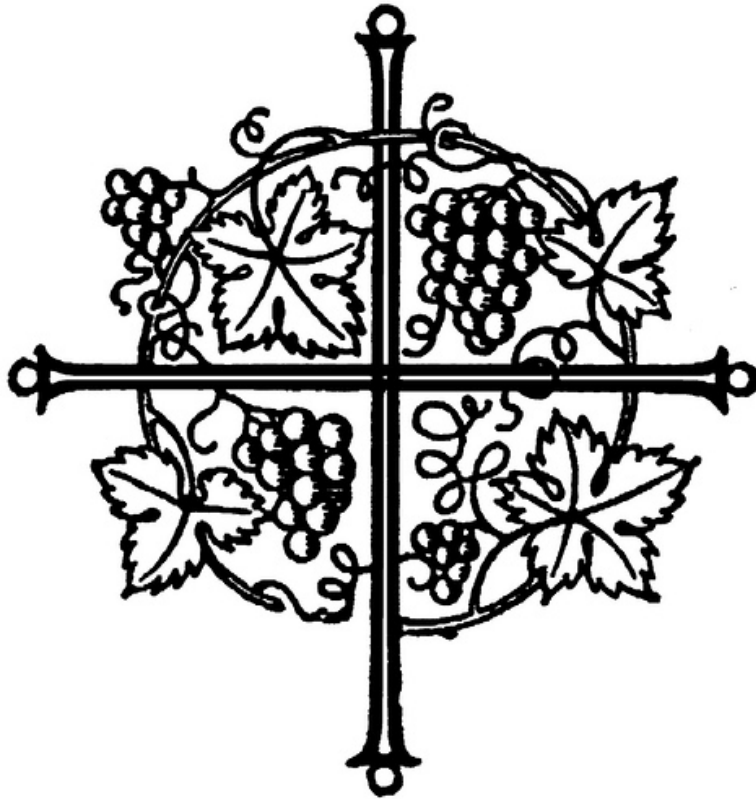


THE FAITH WAY

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAITH

May 6, 2009



Easter Season through the Day of Pentecost

Dear Friends,

The Church of the Holy Faith has recently received two gifts of historical and spiritual importance to our Anglican/Episcopal heritage. We were given three holy water stoops (fonts) by Monsignor Jerome and the Basilica of St. Francis. And, more recently, we received an anonymous gift of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We placed the statue in the Nave for the Feast of the Annunciation, one of the five major Marian Feasts on the Episcopal liturgical Calendar. The three stoops will soon be mounted at the doors to the Nave.

Some Parishioners have expressed concern that we may be becoming “too Roman Catholic.” We are not becoming Roman; rather, these gifts are relevant to our Anglican history. Let me briefly explain.

The Church of the Holy Faith has long stood in the tradition of the Oxford Movement which began in the early nineteenth century and centered on the claim that the Anglican Church has deep roots in the “One, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.” Various scholars and priests picked up the argument from the seventeenth century that the Anglican Church was one of the three branches of the Holy Catholic Church. The other two branches were the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Churches. During the reformation of the sixteenth century, the Church of England broke from the authority of Rome, but did not break from the theology of Western Christendom.

The Episcopal Church stands in the tradition of the Catholic Church in that we maintain Apostolic Succession in our Bishops and the seven traditional Sacraments. During the Oxford Movement, religious orders for men and women that had been abolished from the Anglican Church in the sixteenth century also were restored so that we have Anglican Benedictines, Franciscans, Order of the Holy Cross, etc. In the United States we have over twenty Episcopal religious communities. Some of you may remember Brother Robert Hugh, a Franciscan Friar, who visited us last year.

The Oxford Movement also emphasized liturgy and the centrality of the Holy Eucharist, restored the use of vestments, candles, flowers, incense, bells, and processions in the liturgy. Many in our congregation will remember that Sundays, years ago, usually consisted of a celebration of the Daily Office: Morning Prayer, with priest vested in cassock, surplice, black scarf and academic hood. When the Episcopal Church revised the Book of Common Prayer in the mid-1970s, the Holy Eucharist was restored as the central act of worship on Sundays.

As you can see from this short history lesson, there is a living and viable link to these elements of worship and respect for tradition. To this day, every English (Anglican) Cathedral and most Episcopal (USA) Cathedrals have a major chapel dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Mother of Jesus is central to our spiritual life and understanding. We do not “worship” her, but rather grant her a proper place in our worship life as the mother of our Blessed Lord.

Let me assure you, the Church of the Holy Faith is decidedly Anglican/Episcopal and will remain so. I would not want us, however, to give up a legitimate part of our spiritual heritage as Catholic Christians.

May God bless us all as we go forward in our Faith.

<u>Grief Support</u>	<u>Cancer Support Training</u>
<p>On Friday, May 8, we will begin a group counseling series for parents or grandparents who've lost a child or grandchild of any age, at 10:00 am in the Kinsolving Room. Christian Counselor, Keadron Finn, will facilitate this support group. The loss of a child may have been experienced for many years. Please come regardless of when your loss occurred, and please call Amy at 982-4447, ext. 105 if you would like to attend. There is no charge.</p>	<p>On Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, Christian Counselor, Keadron Finn, will facilitate an organizing and training event for men and women who are interested in helping others move through the stages of all types of cancer, from hearing that further tests are needed, to processing through treatment regimens and their outcomes. The training will have a Christian emphasis. The group will meet in the Kinsolving Room, and lunch will be provided at no charge. Please contact Amy at 982-4447, ext. 105 to let us know if you'll attend.</p>

MUSIC NOTES FOR MAY

May sees us continuing in the liturgical season of Easter. The first week's music features music for Good Shepherd Sunday with the joyous setting of "The Old Hundredth," by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) contrasted with the beloved "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." It is truly a shame that this beautiful hymn's harmonization was deemed too difficult and removed from the 1982 hymnal. We will be singing this harmonization from the 1940 Hymnal. The next Sunday, May 10, will feature a wonderful setting of the "Jubilate" by Christian Latrobe (1758-1836). This work was published in 1806 for use by the Church of England services. Although he was a leader in the English Moravian Church, Latrobe was also interested in the musical traditions of the English cathedrals, possibly writing this piece for the Minster in York. The Communion anthem is another of the lesser known hymns, "O Who Camst form Above" by S. S. Wesley (1810-1876), grandson of Charles Wesley. May 17 we will bring back a favorite of the choir and of the Rector, Elizabeth Poston's (1905-1987) "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree." Ms. Poston studied with Vaughan Williams and was also a great collector and arranger of folk music following in the footsteps of her mentor.

Following in the tradition of the last several years, our quarterly Evensong will be held on May 21, the Feast of the Ascension. The featured composer will be Henry Purcell (1659-1695), as we continue to celebrate the 350th anniversary of his birth. For this feast and the following Sunday we will pair the music of Purcell with that of another master of English church music, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625).

Choral Evensong for the Eve of the Ascension, May 21, 7:00 pm

Please join us for this wonderful service of reflection – where the beauty in the language of liturgy and music can speak to us of God. Evensong was created by Thomas Cranmer from the sevenfold monastic cycle of prayer – the two offices of Vespers and Compline are combined. It is sung daily in most Cathedrals and we are blessed that The Choir and Clergy of Holy Faith continue the practice of offering this service at least once every quarter. This service will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and will offer music by 16th century master Orlando Gibbons, and 17th century Henry Purcell, celebrating 350 years since his birth.

PIANO RECITAL *A Benefit for the Holy Faith Music Department*

Holy Faith's own Aphrodite Mitchell will give a Piano Recital on Sunday May 31st, at 3:00 pm in Palen Hall. Ms. Mitchell will be performing works of Bach, Mozart, Schumann, Liszt and Chopin. Aphrodite Mitchell earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico, her Master of Music degree from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, New York, and a diploma from the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. She also has studied in Italy with A.B. Michelangeli. She taught at Hunter College and the Henry Street Settlement in New York City, where she was featured twice a year for seven years on WNYC-FM radio station. She has given recitals in New York, South Carolina, New Mexico, and during her visits to the United Kingdom. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased at the door on the day of the Recital. For more information, please contact Mark Childers at 505-690-9237.



Studio di Bel Canto Announces A Vocal Workshop Series for Choral Singers

Two six-week sessions:
Expressive Singing I June 4 - July 11
Expressive Singing II July 30 - Sept. 5

These workshops will provide singers with the skills they need to maintain and improve vocal production, enhance the quality of their Choral group, and increase personal enjoyment of the whole experience!

For More Information:
www.studiodibelcanto.com

505-992-1382

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

The following letter comes from Mr. Thomas Baby, Director of Jaipur Children's Aid, (JCA) a Christian home for orphaned or impoverished boys in Jaipur, India. Holy Faith supports JCA through its International Missions Committee.

Greetings to you all in the Name of Christ. God has guided us safely and securely in his arms during the months of January and February. Our new year started with good prayer. I had an invitation from the Marthoma Church to preach for the midnight service. The service was really good. Most of all, people confessed and started the new year with a good decision. Our kids got an opportunity to sing in the church in between the worship hours. After service, everyone thanked our kids for their wonderful performance.

We started the new year day by cutting cake and a special thanksgiving prayer at JCA. All our children gave their testimonies. I really wish that you all could have been here. Their testimonies brought tears to our eyes.

Now that Rajasthan is under new government, we are expecting to be in good favor. This will really bring up Christianity in Rajasthan.

The 26th of January was India's Republic Day. Our kids participated in many programs in their school. They got special prizes for scoring the highest in their respective classes. During February the greatest excitement was when Martha and Ray [Wallace] with the other families came to visit. Each of us had a great time with them. Our heartfelt gratitude for the special gifts for our kids.



Another great happiness of 2009 is that we have some new kids with us. They are Kushal, Pradeep, Girdhari, and Ravi. First of all I will give you the background of Ravi and Girdhari. They are brothers. There are four children in their family Three sons and one daughter. Their father passed away many years back. Mother is taking care of the family. They live in the side of the main road under a plastic sheet. Their mother sits at the street and begs. The children run behind every vehicle when one passes across, and they beg at the traffic islands when the vehicles stop at the stop signal. They sleep in footpaths. The family has no food, no shelter, and no clothes. The children are very young. The younger one, Ravi, is just 4-years old, and the elder one, Girdhari, is 7-years. Giving a life to the children of such a family is an opportunity from God.

Property Notes

Thank you to everyone who came on May 2 to help with the clean up of the grounds. It is always amazing what a group of volunteers can accomplish in a couple of hours. Volunteers are definitely going to be needed this year to help maintain the vegetation on the church grounds. We had to cut any extra hours for the part time sextons to devote to grounds care this summer. They will have an extra hour or two on Saturdays or Sundays to devote to grounds care unless they are involved with extra events or projects.

Our part time sextons also provided the over night security for the Vigil on Maundy Thursday. By not hiring an outside security guard, we saved at least a third of the normal cost. Thank you to Mike, Soshi and Jeronimo!

Last summer the number of volunteers available on the monthly work days was quite low due to people being out of town. We will probably not be scheduling work days in June, July and August. But we would like ask you to consider coming in on a day or time that is convenient for you to help with weeding, trimming and general plant care. Please let Scott Bernard or Bill Adrian know if you can help.

We have several capital projects that we will be focusing on this summer. In May we will have the leaking boiler in Palen Hall torn apart and complete the installation of isolation valves and a thermostat wiring system. At this point in time due to the inability to get a new boiler that matches the space the current one occupies, and the projected high cost to modify the space for different boiler, we will probably repair the old one and schedule replacement for the future when better and different boilers come on the market. We are in the process of reviewing the allocation of capital funds made available this year to ensure that these necessary repairs are completed by the fall. That may mean that some projects on the list for this year may need to be postponed.

We will be moving ahead with the necessary repair of the sidewalk by the entrance to Conkey House. Parishioner Doug Fraser is assisting us with ensuring we get proper specs identified for the concrete and the work. And, he will be a "sidewalk supervisor" of the actual work. We will also be changing at least one of the curbs in the parking lot to allow better traffic flow. This work will impact the use of part of the parking lot for at least three days. We hope to schedule the project during the work week of July 5 to limit the inconvenience to everyone.

Doug's past education and work experience will be invaluable to the church to ensure we get quality work done by qualified vendor. If you have knowledge or expertise in a profession that would help the church in any of our needed repairs or renovations to save costs and still ensure quality work, please contact Scott or Bill. Or maybe there is someone in your family who owns a business that would be willing to give the church a discount?

On April 24 we had a productive meeting with the architect, general contractor, brick manufacturer, and the insurance adjuster regarding the parapet of Conkey House. It looks like we will be able to rebuild the parapet with a safer design and with new bricks, so that we do not need to fear pieces of brick falling and hitting people on the head. And there will be a minimal cost to the church to accomplish this. It will mean working with the City's Historical Board, but we hope to be able to accomplish this in September. Any one with experience working with an application to the Historical Board could be of valuable service to the Church.

Please note that at the 10:00 am Forum on May 17, Scott and Bill will be presenting a review of the 2009 capital projects and what projects are being planned for 2010 and beyond. Work on forming the 2010 budget begins this summer, and we hope to use this opportunity to communicate what is being considered for capital needs. Plus, we want to get feedback from the congregation regarding these projects.

The water in the water bottle dispensers comes from the natural spring at the Pecos Hatchery thanks to Scott and Lindsey Bernard. The bottles are sanitized and refilled at no cost to the Church. Along with the replacing the incandescent light bulbs in the Church's chandeliers with CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps), they were placed in the Chapel, fellowship hall and the Guild Room. We found out that PNM is offering a business rebate until the end of April for replacing inefficient lamps and for installing room sensor switches. We will be installing the switches on the lights and exhaust fans in the restrooms soon. We should be able to recover the cost of the new lamps and switches with electrical usage savings within the year. Plus there should be savings on the heat cost. Quite often the exhaust fans are left on for long periods of time which pulls the heat out of the building.

ECC's Gratitude for Another Fundraising Success!

Our "Second Annual Spring Cleaning Rummage Sale" raised \$2,214.13 for our Holy Faith Early Childhood Community, beating last year's sales by \$51.00! We want to thank EVERYONE who:

- ☞ Donated items for our sale
- ☞ Purchased items from our sale
- ☞ Donated time to help with the event: before, during and after
- ☞ Let us borrow "goodies" like cash drawers & calculators
- ☞ Helped with set-up and break-down, and sharing of Palen Hall

EVERY effort, no matter how large or small, is deeply appreciated! The funds from this sale will be used exclusively for the ECC program.

The Winter Overflow Shelter

A project of
St. Elizabeth Shelter & the Interfaith Community Shelter Group

Invites ALL volunteers to celebrate and share in the success of the
Winter Shelter 2009

Monday, May 11, 5-7pm

at

First Presbyterian Church, 208 Grant Avenue

Recognition Program at 5:45pm

Refreshments

An opportunity to share
your stories, opinions & suggestions

RSVP to Clare Bruno at 466-8981 as soon as possible!

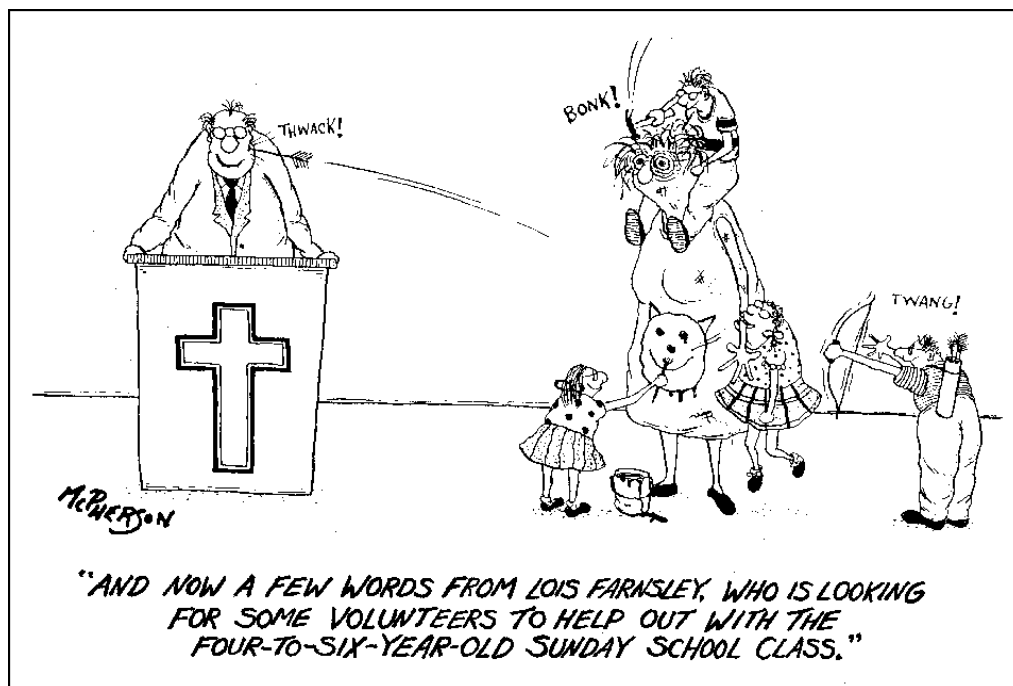
UNITED THANK OFFERING

**Your small change can do so much! Please pick up a UTO “blue box”
from the shelf in the back of the church, or in the parish office.**

**The UTO Ingathering takes place
June 14 at the 8:30 and 11:00 am services!
(UTO envelopes are also available!)**

April Vestry Highlights

- ✍ Plate offerings continue to be below the amount budgeted for 2009, and a shortfall is expected by June. The Vestry discussed possible options for covering the church's expenses including taking a short-term loan, or using the interest income from the note payable on Cielo Azul, once it is paid.
- ✍ The 2007 audit is underway. The parish's auditors will begin the 2008 audit as soon as 2007's is complete. The Vestry unanimously passed a motion to pay \$12,000 for the 2008 audit.
- ✍ Mike Morrissey resigned from his position as treasurer and is taking a full-time position in New York. Cynthia Stoy resigned from the Vestry.
- ✍ Following a week of continuing education and a week of vacation, Father Onstott will begin a leave of absence while he searches for his own parish. Father Semon read his letter of resignation to the Vestry.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, Presiding Bishop, Kenneth, Rector, Duncan and Ivan priests; Chris, Jim, Katherine and Deby pursuing holy orders; our missionary; our Vestry; for our relationship with St. Francis Cathedral Basilica & First Presbyterian Church; and in our Diocese, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Rio Rancho, and Peter Falk, Rector.

Healing and Comfort: ALICE Adams, MARY Adams, RON Adinolfi, LESLIE Allin, GUY Bayne, KAY Bell, GEORGE Bingham, ARTHUR Cinader, JIM Clapp, JO ANN Clapp, SUE Coleman, MARYANNE Crenshaw, HALEY Curtin, BETTY Davis, GAIL Davis, JOHN Davis, LORA DeVary, JIM Evans, KAREN Evans, ED Forgotson, CLARKE Fountain, DOUG Fraser, KATHY Fraser, JERE Green, MARTHA Greenway, SHIRLEY Gutermuth, SUZANNE Hanratty, GENE Hamby, AUDREY Henrickson, STEVE Jennings, CINDI Jones, RICHARD Kropschot, SUZIE Landrum, SUSAN Leslie, BETTY Lilienthal, SHAD Longenette, GIB Mason, JOANN Morrissey, MARJORIE Muth, JANET Park, JOHN Potter, STEVE Ray, PETE Rhymes, KEITH Robinson, BARBARA Simms, PATTY Stone, DUDDY Wilder, and EUGENE Zimmerman.

Our Family and Friends: JON Bell, SOPHIA Bell, MATTHEW Blazer, LESLIE Bryant, DANIEL Bufkin, BRADLEY Carlton, JEAN Carpenter, JASON Collins, DOROTHY Cook, AGNES Cooke, TINA Cooper, PHYLLIS Corbyn, PEGGY Crawford, JACK Crenshaw, DENNIS DeVary, MARY Dickerson, AMY DuBois, MARCY Dolan, JESSIE Fradkin, TUDOR Garland, MARY Gerard, CLAUDIA Grayson, MARY Hasted, JACKIE Hoag, KEN Huddleston, BOB Jackson, TRAVIS Jacob, ELENI Jakub, JONAS Kaare, SYLVIA Johnson, ABBAS Kazmi, UMBREEN Kazmi, GENE Kennison, WEBSTER Kitchell, SALLY Knott, WILL Knox, SUE Kutz, WILLIAM Larkin Jr., BOB Lee, BETTY Lindley, CORA Littleton, MEREDITH Lusby, TERRI May, STEPHANIE Lowry, ANTONIA Maes, DENINE Mares, CHARLOTTE Mason, JOAN Mason, BERNDT Mastmeier, SCOTT Maynard, BAILEY McCollum, JOHN McLean, KENNY McMillan, JOHN Miller, KRISTY Morrissey, JIM Morton, BONNIE Morse, JENNIFER Muller, MARGARET Neilly, BETH Noland, JIM Norris, NATHAN Post, MEREDITH Ray, TED Reed, MIKE Robinson, DYLAN Rodriguez, JEAN Rose, GAIL Ryba, LYNN Ryba, FRANK Salazar, AL Shepherd, JUNE Silcock, MARY Simmons, KATE Slatton, NICHOLAS Slatton, STEWART Slatton, JEFF Teutsch, SANDY Wade, JILL Wade, SUNDAY Walters, NICHOLAS Webb, JODY Wheelless, DICK Wolfe, KAYLA Yancey, BOB, BRIAN & JOKER, ELISABETH & BABY, FREDA & TOM, JAY, MARGE, RICHARD, SUE, VICKY, and VIVIAN (Names will be placed on the Family & Friends list for a minimum of 60 days)

Our friends and family in the military: HUGH Bailey, CARSON Butz, 2nd LTC. NICHOLAS Gilewitch, LTC. PETER Hansen, MASON LeMieux, MATTHEW Lowry, Capt. (USN) OSCAR Lujan, Sgt. BILL McSweeney, LTC. CHARLES Stewart Slatton II, Maj. STEPHEN Stroble, Maj. RYAN Thiessen, WAYNE Whipple, and BG Greg Zanetti.

MILESTONES

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ashley & Paul Margetson celebrate 31 years May 4;
Father Duncan & Joy Lanum celebrate 6 years May 9;
Ann & Frank Germano celebrate 6 years May 17;
Betty & John Davis celebrate 56 years May 23;
Nan & John Dieterich celebrate 25 years May 25;
Haley & Hugh Curtin celebrate their anniversary May 30;
Susan & Bob Buddendorf celebrate 23 years May 31

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jean Burris – 1	Laurie Allocca – 17
Beverly Rhymes – 2	Garnis Hagen – 17
Deby Adinolfi – 2	Christian Margetson – 18
Florence Ault – 5	Kara Clem – 18
Shirley Gutermuth – 5	Jim Evans – 20
Ron Ogden – 5	Lena Mann – 20
Payson Ripley – 5	Charles Hilboldt – 21
Ann Jones – 7	Richard Stark – 21
Kyra Hidalgo – 8	Walter Charwath – 22
Brian Lock – 8	Susan Swift – 22
Molly Russo – 9	Anna Heiniger – 22
Jim Gordon – 9	Jerry Nelson – 24
Max Hogan – 9	James Kennicott – 26
Bob Hill – 10	Cynthia Stoy – 26
Ed Forgotson – 10	Kathryn Cogswell – 28
Nina Rasmussen – 10	Melissa Shirley – 29
Dora Horn – 10	Nancy Jacobs – 29
Grace Marsik – 11	Sabrina Thomas – 29
Susan Buddendorf – 11	Joanne Adams – 30
Christopher Leslie – 12	Thom Armistead – 31
Ed Irvin – 13	Christopher Purvis – 31
Andrew Ault – 14	
Rusty Brunson – 15	
Kurt Segur - 15	

April Attendance

Attendance at Sunday Worship Services in April

	<u>7:30</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>11:00</u>
April 5 (Palm Sunday)	N/A	120	159
April 12 (Easter Day)	N/A	203	256
April 19	11	115	119
April 26	16	119	135



Holy Week and Easter Eve Services:

(Excluding Palm Sunday and Easter Day)

Holy Monday	24
Holy Tuesday	36
Holy Wednesday	39
Maundy Thursday	104
Good Friday	
Mass of the Presanctified	21
Seven Last Words	120
Good Friday Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross	75
Holy Saturday (Great Vigil)	140

Finance Report for April, 2009

A closing March balance of	\$99,472.95
Pledge Receipts in April of	70,671.58
Plate Receipts of	3,199.90
Restricted Offerings of	<u>3,452.80</u>
For a total of	\$176,797.23

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March Expenditures	(\$103,720.81)
Leaving a Carry Forward of	\$ 73,076.42*

(*This amount includes \$26,000 used as a cash reserve that must be paid back to the Endowment Fund in October 2009.)

Our Endowment report ending March 31, 2009 showed a closing Market Value of \$1,681,562.89, an increase of over \$60,000 from February's performance of \$1,620,474.08.

Parish Facts:

Our Budget this year is \$840,590. It takes slightly more than \$16,000 a week to cover expenses. We have less than 200 families who are contributors of record. We have over 700 families on the parish register. May God continue to bless us all.

Individuals who would like to pay their pledge electronically may go to our web page: www.holyfaithchurchsf.org and click How to give online...

St. Elizabeth's Shelter takes care of 35 homeless people, with a maximum stay of 30 days for each individual. During that period the staff helps the residents find employment, social services and/or other housing. On the last Thursday of each month Holy Faith volunteers purchase, cook and deliver a nutritious dinner for 40 (including staff). HOWEVER, the St Elizabeth's dinners have never been a part of the Holy Faith budget. Like the other two Food Ministries, they rely on individual contributions and, at present, we are three months in arrears. The monthly food expense averages about \$100.00.

We desperately need donations to continue this important outreach program. If you can contribute, any amount, please mark your check memo for "St. Elizabeth's dinners". Or, contribute by credit card! Go to our website (www.holyfaithchurchsf.org) and click on "How to give." Use the pull down menu to choose "Food Ministries and put "St. Elizabeth's dinners" in the comments section. Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Love Day at 986-8365, or Janet Kaye at 986-9209.

FROM THE MAIL BOX:

Dear Holy Faith Family,

My family and I wish to express our gratitude for your loving care on the occasion of my mother's memorial service. So much effort and time went into both everything. I want to thank you all for the lovely service and the warm and beautiful reception.

It is such a blessing to be part of this parish!

Yours in Christ,
Alice McSweeney

Dear Friends,

Once again I have had the pleasure of joining you during Holy Week and Easter. I want to thank you for your kindness and friendship, and also to thank Alice [McSweeney] for making it possible for me to be here at this special season. I deeply appreciate the opportunity to attend so many beautiful services. I even enjoyed the snow!

May God bless each of you,
Bridget Gilwitch

Baca Crosses -- Limited Edition 2009
Baca crosses and Baca beads are available at the Holy Faith Gift Shop! The crosses, which were commissioned for our Gift Shop, are signed, dated and numbered. The *Enstrom* almond toffee is also back! Stop by and shop today! Remember, all proceeds from Gift Shop sales help support our parish.

Prayer Shawl Knitters... we are now using only 2 skeins of yarn per shawl! Please come knit with the group the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Kinsolving Room!

Parish Library - Are you interested in preserving one of Holy Faith's treasures? Extra hands are needed to do the work of maintaining our fine collection of religious books, and to spread the word about this excellent resource in the community. If you would like to help, please contact Gene Pattison at 983-7095.

Parking - Holy Faith's Property Manager, Bill Adrian, has made arrangements for overflow parking on Sunday mornings at the following locations: **Peyton Wright Gallery** on the west corner of Paseo de Peralta and Palace Avenue; and, **Santa Fe Properties** at Armijo Street and Palace Avenue. Please help us be a good neighbor by using one of the areas listed above if the church's lot is full. Thank you!

Faith at Work Community Outreach

Thanks to each of you who have contributed furniture, house wares, food, clothing and money this past month. We are ever grateful for your support of our clients and the homeless people in Santa Fe. I write you again that the needs are only increasing. Thanks to one of our volunteers who is assisting us with our tracking we have the following data to share. Over the past month phone and walk-in requests and referrals from other agencies have increased significantly. The numbers below represent initial calls for assistance.

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>
Rent or Mortgage	44	36	46	87
Deposits	5	4	3	7
Utilities	32	32	43	75

We have also had an increased number of queries for furniture. We can especially use couches, loveseats, end tables, and mattresses and springs. We seldom have sets of tables and chairs, however, we regularly receive requests for them. Is there a set in your garage or attic that you can contribute to our client families?

The Winter Homeless Shelter closed April 26th. Youth from First Presbyterian Church and St. Michaels High School filled toiletries kits with supplies from us that were distributed to guests when they departed that morning. Guests also signed up for tents, we distributed 57, which we covered with designated contributions for this purpose. Although the Shelter has closed, the work has only begun to address these needs in our community.

The food staples you have contributed are not staying on our shelves—they are going right out the door into the kitchens of our clients. We continue to need meals in a can, snack foods for the homeless teens, juices, and staples; beans, rice, flour and sugar.

We can also use 1-gallon size plastic bags and large dark garbage bags. The homeless teens want to obtain new or used gardening supplies to work in the yard at their First Contact facility on St. Francis. If you have any spare gardening supplies, we can move them on to the teens.

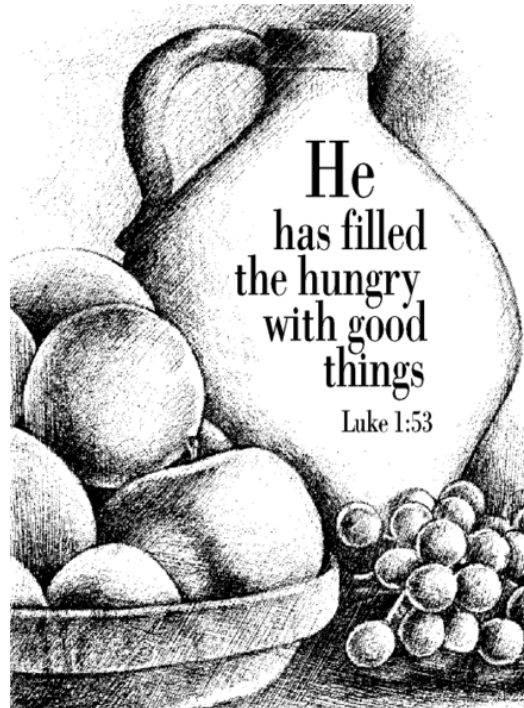
This month we welcome Diana Grabowsky to Faith at Work as a fulltime Community Outreach Caseworker. Diana graduates from Highlands University this semester with a

Bachelors degree in Social Work. She has prior experience in this area and completed her internship with Faith at Work the end of April. We look forward to Diana joining us fulltime. She will be a great addition to our loyal group of volunteers.

If you have not already acquired your tickets to Art & Soul, the gala reception and auction that supports funding cash assistance to our clients, please get them now. This event takes place Friday evening, June 5th. There is a terrific group of volunteers coordinating the event to be held at Holy Faith. Because of your generosity at the last Art & Soul, we are able to fund \$6000/month in cash assistance to our clients. Won't you help us keep this assistance going? In appreciation and gratitude for all you do to help make a difference to people in need,

Angela Merkert

angela@faithatworksf.org



*Hitch your wagon to the stars of
Art and Soul!*



Waiting to get Hitched, Dan Ostermiller

A Gala Reception & Auction

honored artists, live & silent auctions

hors d'oeuvres, wine & entertainment

Evening of June 5, 2009 at Church of the Holy Faith

Accepting auction donations thru May 18--afternoons @Conkey House

**Purchase Tickets -- \$100 while they last.
Volunteers and auction contributors only \$75.**

<u>Names</u>	<u># Tickets</u>	<u>Paid</u>
<u>Street Address</u>		
<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Make Checks Payable to : Art and Soul</u>	

Mail checks to Church of the Holy Faith, 311 E. Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87501

Looking ahead...

May 8 - Parents' Grief Support Group begins at 10:00 am in the Kinsolving Room.

May 14 – Finance Committee meets at 4:30 pm in the Campbell Room.

May 21 – Vestry meeting at 5:30 pm in the Campbell Room.

Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension, 7:00 pm.

May 23 – Cancer Support Training 10:00 am to 1:30 pm in the Kinsolving Room.

May 25 – **Memorial Day** – the parish office will be closed.

May 26 – Daughters of the King Retreat 10:00 am to 4:00 pm off site.

May 27 – Yearly Staff Planning meeting from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Campbell Room.

May 30 – Diocesan Sexual Ethics training will be offered at St. Bede's Episcopal Church. Attendance for staff and anyone working with children is mandatory every 5 years. All other parish leaders are encouraged to attend. Trainings are offered through out the year at churches around the state.

May 31 – Piano recital by Aphrodite Mitchell – 3:00 pm in Palen Hall.



June 5 – Art and Soul Gala Reception and Auction, 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

June 11 – Finance Committee meeting at 4:30 pm in the Campbell Room.

June 14 – UTO Ingathering at both services.

June 18 – Vestry meeting at 5:30 pm in the Campbell Room.

At the Sunday Adult Forums in June: “What is happening in the Anglican Communion and in the Episcopal Church?”

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
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The Church of the Holy Faith

Mission Statement:

To welcome all people into an ever-deepening personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Vision:

To be a vibrant community of Christian faith and worship, to educate and serve, and to offer fellowship and support to all who seek Jesus Christ as Lord.

Our Core Values:

- ? We believe in God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- ? We profess that Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord.
- ? We preach and teach that the Holy Scriptures are the authoritative Word of God.
- ? We encourage and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ through abiding in his Word.
- ? We believe the Holy Sacraments, daily prayer, and the healing power of Christ are fundamental and necessary.
- ? We offer comprehensive pastoral care.
- ? We offer Christian education for children, families, and people of all ages.
- ? We provide music and liturgy that praise God and exalt the Spirit.
- ? We welcome all people into our vibrant fellowship.
- ? We strive to be living examples of Christian love, truth, honesty, integrity, and excellence in all we do.
- ? We share the gospel of Jesus Christ through service to the community of Santa Fe and beyond.

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