



FAITHWAY – Pentecost 2025

The Church of the Holy Faith

welcomes all people into an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord.

We believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Sacraments, and the Authority of Scripture.

We honor our Anglican heritage and praise God with Solemn liturgy, traditional Prayer Book worship, and music to exalt the spirit.

We strive to live as a community with compassion for one another and the world around us.

We worship together in peace to praise and thank God, to transcend division, and to celebrate the mystery of faith.

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful and Friends of Holy Faith,

We celebrated the Feast of the Virgin Mary on August 15 with a service of Choral Evensong. At the reception following the Evensong, we celebrated Holy Faith parishioners stepping up to pledge and give generously to reach our 2025 stewardship goal of \$1 million!

The theme of Holy Faith's 2025 stewardship campaign is based on the prayer attributed to our patron Saint Francis of Assisi. For the past year at our Sunday Eucharists, we have prayed for peace throughout the world, particularly in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, and in our own lives, beginning with the first line of the prayer: "Lord, make us instruments of your peace." We have prayed to be instruments of Peace, Love, Pardon, Union, Faith, Hope, Light, and Joy. On the poster displayed at our services as a visible reminder, as more pledges were received more of these petitions were highlighted. At the Evensong reception, we filled in the poster's last petition culminating with Joy. It was indeed a joyful occasion!



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It was a joyful occasion because of the diligent efforts of so many parishioners. Your Vestry stepped out in faith with an ambitious goal, trusting in God's grace and the faithfulness and generosity of Holy Faith parishioners. Your Vestry also pledged that come mid-year it would take a hard look at the operating budget to determine if adjustments needed to be made. Because of the leanness of the operating budget, your Vestry decided that an appeal should be made for more contributions before cutting ministries. And Holy Faith parishioners responded in faith, trusting in God's grace and in gratitude for all God's blessings. Some increased their original pledge. A generous parishioner issued a challenge – to match by three times every new pledge, up to a total of \$30,000. That challenge was met, with 224 Holy Faith households pledging their support of the mission and ministry of Holy Faith in 2025.

It also was a joyful occasion, not only because the stewardship goal was met, but because there is a deepening awareness that stewardship is a spiritual practice. Pledging is not about finances, but about your walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ. How do you respond to all God’s blessings on your life? In the Saint Francis Prayer we acknowledge: “For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.” This is the paradox of the Christian Faith. It also is the truth of the Christian Faith.

But we cannot rest on our laurels! God gives us much work to carry out through the mission and ministry of Holy Faith. From those to whom much is given, much is expected. In two short months, the stewardship campaign for 2026 will kick off. It took us until August to reach our 2025 stewardship goal. Let’s reach our 2026 stewardship goal by January 1!

Yours faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Robin+
Rector



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DONNA LUKACS RETIRES

STORY AND PICTURE BY JAMES L. OVERTON

After a decade of service, Parish Secretary Donna Lukacs is retiring.

Donna envisions a future that includes, among other things, continuing to bring order to her surroundings. “Well, I don’t have anything definite planned yet,” she said from her desk in Conkey House. “There are some things I’d like to catch up on that I kind of let go, you know, like decluttering closets and cabinets and things like that.

Her schedule is filling rapidly – to the extent that the proverbial bucket list is still percolating.

Her official retirement date is August 31, and a special coffee hour is to be held in Palen Hall at 10 a.m.

“The ten years of our time and work with Donna have been blessed and, I believe, a blessing to all,” said Parish Administrator Mark Childers.



Aside from putting her own house in order, Donna’s developing wish list includes reading, some light travel and maybe just doing nothing for a while.

“There are a lot of places in New Mexico and surrounding areas that I haven’t visited, so I’d like to do some one- or two-day trips to visit some places I haven’t seen,” she said. “I’ve got a pile of books that I haven’t gotten to yet. I’d like to take a class or two at the community college. There are a lot of opportunities for different things. And I may just sit back one day and read a book.”

For her friends at Holy Faith, Donna will not be going far, as Santa Fe will remain her home. “Yes, I’ll be still volunteering for the bazaar, still making things for the Guild. One of the things I want to take up again is crocheting. So, I’m going to join the prayer shawl ministry starting in September,” she said.

In her work for the parish Donna is frequently the first point of contact when a parishioner reaches out in need. “I would say being able to help is one of the most gratifying things about my job,” she says.

Eli Herrera has accepted a call to be Holy Faith’s next Parish Secretary. Eli brings to this role a breadth of administrative and communications experience in nonprofit and faith-based settings. She began work on August 18.

APPRECIATION...

MARTY BUCHSBAUM'S PASSIONATE, SPIRITUAL AND DEEPLY FAITHFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH HOLY FAITH

STORY AND PICTURE BY JAMES L. OVERTON



For those who knew lifelong parishioner Marty Buchsbaum and what made him tick, it comes as no surprise that he wrote his own obituary. He also picked the liturgical elements for his funeral mass on April 25 of this year. He selected the hymns, the music, and his favorite readings -- from the King James Version of the Bible.

Martin Buchsbaum died March 9, 2025. He was 74.

"If you are reading this, I have joined my beloved bride and ancestors in the realm of the imperishable," Fr. Robin Dodge read aloud, quoting from Marty's obituary at his service. "Back when I grew up, it was a time when (almost) everyone was friendly, our varied cultures intermingled and blended fluidly; 'ethnic' distinctions united us not divided us.

"I admit it, I was irredeemably influenced by playing in the dirt; piñon sap in my hair; plinking beer cans with a .22 rifle; drag racing up Canyon Road; classical music and hootenannies; rancheras and ballet and square dancing; farolitos, empanaditas and posole. It was here that I met a beautiful girl named Stacy and made her my wife." Stacy preceded him in death in 2010 after a marriage of 33 years.

Marty was a native of Santa Fe, the grandson of a Georgian (Russian) immigrant Jew who opened a five-and-dime just off the plaza in 1903. By the time Marty was born, the family had adopted a new faith. Marty was christened an Episcopalian at Holy Faith.

"His whole life was in that church," his sister, Donna Bell of Houston, said during an interview. "Marty was not only a cradle Episcopalian; he was also a cradle Holy Faither!"

Aside from being his sister, Donna – as sisters are wont to do – was a best friend to Marty, speaking to him almost daily. They also shared a love of reading, even if it was just the daily comics by telephone.

"He was always brilliant but never wanted to be in the limelight. He would go to his safe place to read. Sometimes he would stay up and read all night," Donna said.

Over a long lifetime, Marty was a volunteer for more than half a century with the Tesuque Volunteer Fire Department, became an insurance inspector, a photographer and was a pioneering visionary for Holy Faith's streaming ministry.

"He loved serving at Holy Faith. He loved the music. He really loved working the camera (live-streaming services). He loved being able to bring joy to those who could not come. He was such a geek," Donna said.

Geek or not, Marty's technical prowess allowed the video ministry to reach scores of parishioners during the troubled times of COVID.

As Fr. Robin noted during his homily, “Marty was faithful in worship, faithful in Taizé, faithful in annual meetings, the Diocese, the Deanery, the homeless shelter and even the men’s monthly lunch!”

Marty brought his institutional memory of Holy Faith to the Communications Committee where he threw himself into the role of telling more of the parish’s history, often writing deeply personal articles about something in the church or a Lenten practice he had adopted.

“He was emotional and rational, often in the same conversation. And there was no such thing as a ‘short’ Marty conversation,” said Cathy Gronquist, the Communication Committee’s chairperson, “Marty had deep affection for Holy Faith. Stacy was his soulmate, and I believe he thought he could not go on after she died, but he did. And I believe that his involvement with the Church was his way of moving ahead.”

“Marty was always technical. He was always curious about how things worked. We all saw this was something Marty had a passion for. Being a photographer helped even more,” said Mark Childers, parish administrator. “Whether it was just our normal Sundays or whether it was the Great Vigil of Easter or Christmas Eve, he would take each individual service, and because of his own passion and his deep faith and devotion to the liturgy, he allowed us to see that through his lens.”

“When I would tease him about ‘being in the closet’ – which houses the streaming video ministry -- he would laugh almost to the point of coughing,” Cathy said. “He was a long-time smoker and one time, I pulled into the parking lot only to find him sitting there with his oxygen on, smoking a cigarette. I told him when he came in that it would be really inconvenient if he blew up the church!”

“I will miss him,” Cathy said. “He’s one of the great characters in my life.”

For those of us who served with him on the Communications Committee, Marty’s loss leaves a void, as he was known for liking to have the first word, the last word and many words in between.

Near the end, he echoed those thoughts in an email to Mother Lynn Finnegan – words from the Quaker minister Stephen Grillet repeated by Fr. Robin again:

“I expect to pass this way on Earth but once. If there is any kindness I can show, or good act I can do, let me not defer or neglect it for I will never pass this way again. ”

Rest in Peace, Marty Buchsbaum!
October 9, 1950 - March 9, 2025



HOLY WEEK 2025
PICTURES BY JAMES L. OVERTON AND DORA HORN





FEED THE HUNGRY MINISTRY AT PETE'S PLACE: THE END OF AN ERA

STORY BY CATHY GRONQUIST AND PICTURES BY DORA HORN



The Santa Fe City Council's decision to terminate the Interfaith Community Shelter Group's lease at Pete's Place as of July 31, 2025, also meant the end of a long-time ministry at Holy Faith, Feed the Hungry. The new leaseholders, Urban Alchemy, announced that they would provide services only through their own staff, thus eliminating the opportunity for faith and community volunteers to help serve the needs of the homeless community.

Holy Faith has been hugely significant to Pete's Place, not only from a leadership point of view but also from the perspective of financial and practical support. Bob Eagle and Walter and Laura Ford started this ministry over 18 years ago when they took food on Sundays to a park downtown so that those without would be fed. Dora and Van Horn and Carolyn and Bud McCollum took over from the founders about 17 years ago and along with several other organizations, made sure that the hungry of Santa Fe would be fed lunch every weekend with each group taking one Saturday/Sunday a month. Holy Faith took the fourth Sunday of every month – rain or shine, Easter Day and Christmas included.

For many years the group hauled tables and served in the parking lot of the Salvation Army. When the Salvation Army withdrew permission to serve at their location, ICSG board member Guy Gronquist arranged for Feed the Hungry to move to Pete's Place. In the early days stale dated food was harvested from Trader Joe's, Smiths and other grocery stores in town. One Sunday, the guests were served Sloppy Joe sandwiches made with filet mignon when TJ's had to give away meat that they could not sell. Later, Holy Faith became an official agency of the Food Depot and there the group could get access to all sorts of fresh and canned foods all for the princely sum of \$.26/pound.



During COVID, the group made and delivered sandwiches, chips, power bars and the ever-portable hard-boiled eggs to those in need. Stalwart volunteers have done this great work over the years and the group also formed the backbone of Holy Faith's service at the Shelter during the winter months when the whole parish pitched in to feed those dining and staying at Pete's. Many parishioners have served in this ministry over the years, including long-time friends and volunteers Daniel Masterson, Kay Swindell and Dave Morris whom we lost this year.

APPRECIATION...

SALLIE BINGHAM'S DEDICATION TO DOING GOOD

STORY BY LORA MORTON PHOTOGRAPH BY CAMILLA MOTTA

On August 6th, Holy Faith lost someone who was known as a private person but someone who was well known to those who attend the Library Committee's open houses: Sallie Bingham. Her obituary in The New York Times describes her as "the author, playwright, philanthropist, feminist and political activist whose feud with her brother helped topple the Kentucky publishing and media dynasty into which she was born."

We knew her as the author of *The Silver Swan: In Search of Doris Duke* (the subject of a Zoomed library talk during Covid days), *Little Brother: A Memoir*, and her most recent talk, *Taken by the Shawnee* which dealt with her great-great-great-grandmother's being taken captive in 1779 and held for four years.

Equally as important as her commitment to her writing was her involvement in this community, from the Desert Chorale, to the Farmers' Market, to Santa Fe Stages. "She was an astonishing supporter of the arts, not just with financial support but with inspiration because she was so dedicated. She changed lives in this community," says Leslie Dillen, fellow parishioner and friend. "She certainly changed my life." Leslie mentions Sallie's wonderful, dry sense of humor. "She was perceptive, smart and curious about the world and people!" Leslie comments that a lot of who Sallie was can be found in her work: women overcoming obstacles in order to express themselves.

Parishioner Anita Caldwell agrees. "She put her life out there with her memoir." Anita admired Sallie's courage. "She was not a shrinking violet. She was really a force of nature. She wanted to do right, to do good. I loved her letters to the editor of the newspaper. She didn't have fear."

Even The New Mexican acknowledges that Sallie was a prolific writer of letters to the editor. When a Santa Fean wrote about Sallie in a letter on August 11th, the Opinion page gave it a headline of "Sallie Bingham was a Santa Fe treasure." The letter describes Sallie as "elegant, talented, generous, a real asset to our community. She never lost her Kentucky accent, or her love for the Bluegrass state. But she took to New Mexico like the proverbial duck to water. It is our loss, and we will miss her." A letter to the paper on August 13 says Sallie made indelible marks on Santa Fe. "She supported literary programs, Santa Fe Stages, choirs, environmental projects, political campaigns, all manner of locally-owned businesses, individual writers, artists, philosophers, musicians and more. With generous gusto, she gave the whole city her gifts. Bravo, Sallie Bingham—and thank you."

The Library Committee had been looking forward to presenting Sallie's upcoming talk, scheduled for this fall, about her latest book *How Daddy Lost His Ear and Other Stories*, a big departure from her usual writing. The Library Committee members are just some of the Holy Faithers who will miss Sallie. You can find copies of several of her books in the Holy Faith library, including the memoir with her account of the Bingham family saga.



Rest in Peace, Sallie Bingham!
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