

This Week at



**OCTOBER
8
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, October 11, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, October 14, 5:00 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

OCT 18: Vestry meets after church

OCT 21: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation 3:00 p.m.

OCT 22: Truck & Treat at Mike Tracey Arena, 5:00 p.m.

OCT 25: Capital Campaign Celebration/Burning of the Mortgage

OCT 28: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR LIZ! Liz Dixon, long-time faithful member of St. Nicholas who is now in skilled care, will be turning **100** on October 20. Kellie would love for everyone to send her a birthday card. Send it care of Kellie on Winfree Road - if you don't have access to the church directory, contact Erin for the address.

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IN OUR PARISH

QUILT RAFFLE: Kathy Torres made a lovely homemade quilt to be raffled off, with the benefits going to the Capital Campaign. We will draw on October 25 during our Capital Campaign celebration. Tickets are a donation of \$5, or 6 for \$25. Drop a check in the offering basket or use Vanco: Click for **1 ticket** or **6 tickets**. Erin will prepare your tickets and leave you your stubs on October 25. View the quilt in the Gathering Room.

The **BackSnacks** program has 143 schoolchildren signed up this year to receive weekend food packages (compare that to 120 last year). Using BackSnacks' **Amazon Wish List** is a quick and easy way to donate food (and save Kathy some runs to Sam's).

The Harris County High School volunteers are dedicated, but **more adult assistance** is always needed and welcome. If you'd like to volunteer to pick up food, help pack the food bags, or deliver food to the schools for distribution, please get in touch with Kathy McMurtry.

It's October - Candy Time! St. Nicholas will have a table at **Harris County's Truck & Treat** event at Mike Tracey Arena on October 22. We need candy to hand out to the local kids. If you are able to grab an extra bag when you shop for your own, that would be great! Just put it in the box in the kitchen - and thanks!

All Saints/All Souls is November 1. In observance of All Saints' Sunday on November 2, we will read the names of our loved ones who have passed away. Send the names of people whose memories you would like to honor to Erin in the church office by Wednesday, October 28 to be included.

Quarterly Pledge Statements went out October 6, via email. If you pledged either to the 2026 annual pledge or the Capital Campaign and did not receive a statement, contact Erin in the office. Erin can also provide hard copies on request and help figure out discrepancies.

On **March 4, 2026, the Rt. Rev. Rob Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, circulated a pastoral letter to be read in all churches** expressing support for and solidarity with people who have been detained or who are living in fear of arrest and separation from their families.

<https://episcopalatlanta.org/news/pastoral-letter-immigration/>

We invite anyone who needs prayer, or who knows someone in their lives who would be strengthened by the prayers of our congregation, to contact Father Bob or the church office to be included in our prayer list.

The St. Nicholas Book Club chose *Code Name: Hélène* by Ariel Lawhon for its next reading selection. Based on the true story of Nancy Wake, the novel begins in 1936 when she is an intrepid Australian expat living in Paris. When the Germans invade Paris, she goes from journalist to one of the most powerful leaders in the French Resistance. Told in interweaving timelines around the four code names she uses during the war, *Code Name: Hélène* follows her transformation as she becomes known for her ferocious wit, her signature red lipstick, and her ability to summon weapons from the Allied forces. But with power comes notoriety, and no matter how careful Nancy is to protect her identity, the risk of exposure is great – for herself and for those she loves. (Adapted from Amazon description.)

The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Coming up!

- Advent Adult Forum series
- Harris County Family Connections **Christmas Family Giving Tree**. The deadline is early, so get ready to do some shopping in November!
- **Faithful Innovations**: a series of Zoom and in-person workshops by the Diocese that will empower church congregants to deepen their own and their congregation's spirituality, engage and inspire leadership, discern God's leading, and affirm their faith that God has a vital role for our congregation to play. More information to come, but see Father Bob if you're interested.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Wesley Brown, Nonie Bueche, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Jamie Webb, Peggy Sivell, Jimmy Hatchett, Larry Culpepper, Deborah Culpepper, and the congregation of Christian Valley as they mourn Linda Sterling.

Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.



IN THE WIDER CHURCH

- **News from the Diocese:** [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.
 - **News from The Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church Weekly.
 - **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news
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