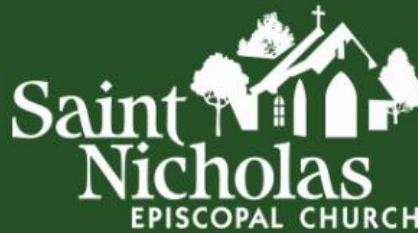


**This Week at**



**MAY  
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2026**

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

### Worship

**SUNDAY, May 24:** Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.  
*Pentecost*

*Lay Ministers:* Margaret Zachry, Sheri Cody, Katherine Johnson/Bob & Judy McCracken, Drucye Cox, Martha Dimon

*Flowers:* Beth Brown

**WEDNESDAY, May 27:**

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

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### Upcoming Events

MAY 27: Game DAY at 1:00 p.m..  
See inside for more information

MAY 25: Memorial Day (office closed)

MAY 29: Office will close at 10:30 a.m. (for Children's Literacy Arts Festival at the library)

Coming in JUNE: Boston Butts!

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## IN OUR PARISH

### Capital Campaign 2026



	\$73,000 !!!!
	\$66,000
	\$60,000
	\$54,000
	\$48,000
	\$42,000
	\$36,000
	\$24,000
\$20,100	\$18,000
	\$12,000
	\$6,000



### Ready? Let's GROW!

You should have received a letter from Father Bob and the Campaign chairs in the mail, with a brochure and pledge card. If you didn't, let Erin know, or go to: [www.stnicholashamilton.org](http://www.stnicholashamilton.org) and look at the top menu for "2026 Capital Campaign." Everything you need is there, including FAQs and links to submit your pledge and payments electronically if you so choose.

The deadline to submit your pledge is **June 30**; however, payment does not have to be received until **November 30**. We encourage you to pledge early so the team can assess where we will stand when the time comes to renew or refinance the mortgage.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions.

**Sunday, May 24**, St. Nicholas will be sending volunteers to [El Refugio](#), a hospitality house in Lumpkin that supports detainees at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy. St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens.

There is training required before you go. See **Margaret Zachry** for more information.

Other Ways to Support El Refugio

<p><b>Write a Card to people detained and loved ones</b></p> 	<p><b>Donate Household items</b></p> 	<p><b>Prepare a Meal</b></p> 	<p><b>Donate Gas gift cards</b></p> 	<p><b>Financial Contributions</b></p> 
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Changes to **The Event Previously Known as Game Night**: Game "Night" has become Game DAY! We hope this will allow more people to attend. As there was so much demand for Mah Jongg, which takes a little longer than other games, the start time will be 1:00 p.m. It will all wrap up in time for Evening Prayer at 5:00. Come play!

**St. Nicholas Book Club News:** For its June read, the Book Club has selected *The One-in-a-Million Boy*, a 2016 novel by Monica Wood. Winner of the Nautilus Award and the New England Society Book Award, it is the incandescent story of a 104-year-old woman and the sweet, strange young boy assigned to help her around the house – a tale of intergenerational friendship that touches each member of the boy’s unmoored family. The novel explores themes of connection, grief, and intergenerational bonds.

**Memory Garden upgrades** are in the planning stages. Our steadfast Tender of the Grounds, Linda Pace, would like to start making improvements to the Memory Garden – removing plants that are not thriving, weeding and tidying, and adding plants that will do well in the spot. She’s particularly looking to use native and/or drought-tolerant plants and low-maintenance strategies. If you have any knowledge of plants that should not be removed (for example, memorial plantings) or if you have suggestions for new additions or have time and/or resources to donate, **please get in touch with Linda.**

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson and Mary Butcher. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.

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 OUR 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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## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

Join Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** for a regional Green Team Summit Circle in Columbus. This half-day gathering will bring together Green Teams, faith leaders, and environmental advocates for a morning of connection, learning, and faithful action.

As part of GIPL's Summer of Advocacy, participants will learn about **the impacts of a proposed pipeline and data center in the area**, as well as ways to get involved in clean energy advocacy efforts in Columbus and beyond.



Participants will also have the chance to hear from GIPL staff about how to organize effectively in their congregation and how planting and protecting trees, especially in underserved neighborhoods, can advance justice and build climate resilience.

*General Admission is \$25. Student tickets are \$10.* A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Register here: <https://gipl.org/events/2026/gtsc-columbus>

(If you would like to attend, but the cost is prohibitive, please see Erin in the church office – assistance is available.)

The logo for the Georgia Legal Services Program Pro Bono. It features a blue silhouette of the state of Georgia on the left, with a white scale of justice inside it. To the right of the map, the text 'Georgia Legal Services Program' is written in a bold, sans-serif font, and 'Pro Bono' is written in a cursive script below it. On the far right, there is a bronze statue of Lady Justice, blindfolded and holding a sword and scales.

**Harris County**  
**Free Legal Advice Clinic**  
June 27, 2026  
**By Appointment Only**  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
FOCUS Ministries  
80 Palmetto Creek Lane  
Hamilton, GA 31811