

# The Spirit of Saint Nicholas

## JULY 2026

### Worship in July

- July 5**      **Worship at St. Thomas!**  
*The 6th Sunday after Pentecost*
- July 12**     **Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with GIPL guest)**  
*The 7th Sunday after Pentecost*
- July 19**     **Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with CVEM guest)**  
*The 8th after Pentecost*
- July 26**     **Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with guest speaker)**  
*The 9th Sunday after Pentecost*

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### Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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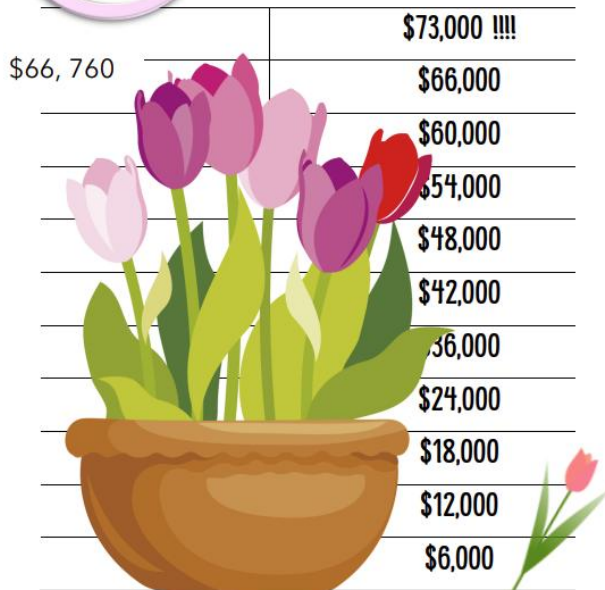
### Coming Up in the Parish

- JUL 3:      Boston Butts pickup (2 - 6 p.m.)
- JUL 5:      Worship at St. Thomas (more inside)
- JUL 12:     Guest Speaker + Adult Forum: Hannah from GIPL  
*Creation Care and ReWilding*
- JUL 15:     Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3 p.m.
- JUL 19:     Guest Speaker: Malinda from CVEM
- JUL 22:     St. Nicholas Game Day! 3 p.m.
- JUL 26:     Guest Speaker: Mr. Harold Tarpley, Lay Minister

## IN OUR PARISH



### Capital Campaign 2026



### Look what we did!

As of June 30 we are at \$66,760 in pledges to the Capital Campaign - only about \$6,000 short of our goal!

When we set our sights on \$73,000 for the campaign, we knew it was a huge stretch. But as our parish so often does in the face of a challenge, we rise to the occasion.

Thanks to everyone who has given to this campaign to reduce our mortgage principal and free our pledge funds to do more meaningful work.

While the campaign has officially come to a close, of course we are happy to continue to accept pledges and contributions. Our goal may yet be met!

On **Sunday, July 5**, St. Nicholas will be worshipping at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** in Columbus. They have invited us to share their Independence Day worship service (and are even including our Prayer List) beginning at **10:30 a.m.** so there will be no worship service at St. Nicholas that day. Steve will be driving a van - sign up in the kitchen pass-through if you need transportation.

St. Nicholas is making its **small but mighty response** to one of the pressing issues of our time: more humane immigration policies. A few volunteers have been going 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 perform housekeeping tasks and welcome visitors. See Margaret Zachry for more information.

**Have you ever been asked to share a bulletin** because we turned up short? Erin does her best to estimate attendance, but sometimes she gets surprised! Every week, the bulletin is put on the home page of our website. Pull out your smartphone or tablet, navigate to [www.stnicholashamilton.org](http://www.stnicholashamilton.org), and scroll down to the button that says "Sunday's bulletin." And there you go - it's even enlargeable.

**The St. Nicholas Book Club** has chose *Oh William!* by Elizabeth Strout as their July read. From Book Lovers' Sanctuary: "Successful, middle-aged writer Lucy Barton navigates widowhood and reconnection with her first husband, William. When William's third wife leaves him and he

discovers a secret half-sister, the two embark on a road trip to Maine, exploring the elusive, complex nature of lifelong partnerships." The next Book Club meeting is August 5.

## Thinking about HOSPITALITY

Quiz: What do you do when you see an unfamiliar face in church?

- A. Let them struggle with no bulletin and little understanding of Episcopal worship.
- B. Figure you just didn't see them last week and blow past them without introducing yourself.
- C. Leave them standing alone in the Gathering Room when everyone else is in the narthex.
- D. Never, ever welcome them and invite them to fill out a visitor card or sign the guest book!
- E. NONE of the above.

Of course, it's E - which stands for "Erin Loves Writing Welcome Notes and Adding People to Our Mailing List." Make her heart sing with a visitor card from every guest.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Jay and Riley-Anne Johnson and their family as they mourn the passing of Jay's mother; for Charlotte Winsness, Martha Dimon, Mary Jane Hartenstine, Rev. Bob Farrow, and Anastasia Wetterow and the grieving family of William Boyd. 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.

### July Birthdays

Jay Johnson  
Katherine Johnson  
Steve Morse  
Jane Westburg

### Have you considered making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in honor of your birthday or other special occasion?

The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors by providing small amounts of assistance to those who help with their rent or utility bills.

The need in our community remains high and the fund goes fast. We have helped **34** households since January 1.

Many thanks to **Carolyn Cox** and **Alex Garrett** for celebrating their occasions with a donation to the fund!

## 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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## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



**INDEPENDENT LIVES**  
**SOLO**  
**AGERS**  
**& AMERICA**

Conversation on Independence, Loss, and Legacy.

This group offers a supportive space to reflect on independence across the lifespan—including aging, grief, loss, and end-of-life meaning—within the broader story of a nation approaching 250 years, while emphasizing dignity, resilience, connection, and legacy.

**HOSTED AT:**  
COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3000 MACON RD.

JULY 17  
1:00 - 2:00 PM



Click [here](#) for more community programs sponsored by the Pastoral Institute (or go to [www.pastoralinstitute.org](http://www.pastoralinstitute.org) and look for Community Programs on the side menu.



**Healing Together:**  
A SUPPORT GROUP FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IMPACTED BY SUICIDE LOSS  
ADULT GROUP

**GROUP RUNS FOR SIX WEEKS STARTING: THURSDAY, JULY 23**

**Time:** 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Pastoral Institute  
2022 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue



A safe, compassionate space for individuals and families who have lost a loved one to suicide—offering support, connection, and guided conversation to help you heal and feel less alone.

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Registration closes July 30th