

This Week at



**SEPTEMBER
10
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, September 6:

Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, September 16: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

SEP 16: ~~Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation~~ CANCELED

SEP 20: Vestry meeting

SEP 23 - 29: Erin Vacation (office closed)

SEP 30: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.

ERIN'S VACATION: Erin will be doing a week's worth of work in two days the week of the 21 - 27: Please get your announcements, prayer list updates, check requests, etc. to her Monday or Tuesday of that week!

PULPIT SWAP UPDATE: Christian Valley Church's visit to us this year has been moved to NOVEMBER 15. Mark your calendars - we'll be cooking!

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IN OUR PARISH

Want to help with our El Refugio ministry but can't make it down to Lumpkin?

They need gas cards! The hospitality house offers \$25 cards to families who may be straining their budget to make the trip to Stewart Detention Center. Any station you see in the Columbus or Atlanta area is just fine. Get your cards/donations to Margaret Zachry or Erin Renfroe any time.

The **El Refugio** ministry is our small but mighty response to the need recognized by our diocese: more humanity in our immigration policies and enforcement. El Refugio is a lovely historic home in Lumpkin that provides a place for families visiting loved ones at the Stewart County Detention Center to spend the night, get a meal, or just take a break from the *ice-y* bureaucracy in a warm and home-like environment. St. Nicholas sends volunteers on Sunday afternoon to do laundry and household chores, but there are plenty of ways to help.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen Alison Larkin's *The People We Keep* for their next selection.

(From *GoodReads*) A lyrical coming-of-age novel about a young woman's journey through heartbreak, chosen family, self-discovery, and creative resilience in 1990s upstate New York. Little River, New York, 1994: April Sawicki is living in a motorless motorhome that her father won in a poker game. Failing out of school, picking up shifts at a local diner, she's left fending for herself in a town where she's never quite felt at home. After a fight with her dad, April packs her stuff and leaves for good, setting off on a journey to find a life that's all hers. Driving without a chosen destination, she stops to rest in Ithaca. Her only plan is to survive, but as she looks for work, she finds a kindred sense of belonging at Cafe Decadence, the local coffee shop. As April moves through the world, meeting people who feel like home, she chronicles her life in the songs she writes and discovers that where she came from doesn't dictate who she has to be.

Rector's Discretionary Fund needs a boost! This fund is one of the ways we share the love of Christ by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. Demand is always high - we have helped almost 40 households this year alone. If you feel so moved, please drop a few dollars in the plate to rehydrate the well! (Use an envelope from the narthex so we know it's not a regular contribution.)

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Linda Wilson-Sterling, Nonie Bueche, Michael Davis, Makenzlee Green, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale; as well as Anne Johnston and the bereaved family of Paul Johnston; Joshua Freese and the grieving family of baby Gianna; and the grieving family of John Wilson.



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 (Aging by Design, Feeding the 5,000, managing volunteer shortages, and grant news).



SAVE THE DATE:
Magnify: A women's justice retreat
Nov. 16-19
Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama

All lay and ordained Episcopal **women involved in ministries of justice and inclusion** are invited to connect, be encouraged, build intergenerational connections, and bolster leadership for future women's ministries.

Offered by the church's Office of Gender Justice in partnership with lay and ordained women from several dioceses, Magnify will offer times for worship, prayer, Bible study, and teaching on women's leadership.

Mark your calendar and watch for more details to follow. [Click here](#) for the full email.

Parade: Sunday, October 11 at noon

Pride Eucharist: October 4 at 5:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Parish

[Click here](#) for full details, or go to episcopalatlanta.org/lgbtq-ministries





**Saturday, October 17
5:00 p.m.**

**Good food. Live music. Family
fun. And the warmth of community
spirit.**

Join us as we share stories, make
new friends, and come together to
raise funds for St. Nicholas!

\$65 per adult.



Traditional Low Country Boil

Shrimp and Sausage OR Pork Tenderloin
with Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes

Fresh, warm Beignets for dessert!

Tea and Lemonade. Cash bar.

\$5 Kids Plate: Hot dog, Chips, Fruit and Ice Cream

Make your reservations online at www.stnicholashamilton.org

or by phone: 706-587-3243

Reservation deadline: October 12



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OCTOBER 4, 2026

5:00 P.M.