

This Week at



AUGUST
27
2026

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, August 30: PULPIT SWAP!

*Come worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ at
Christian Valley Church*

11175 Georgia Highway 315, Cataula, Georgia

WEDNESDAY, September 2: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

AUG 30: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church

SEP 2: Book Club after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

SEP 6: Wonder Church and Anniversary Party!

SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)

Hey! Are you interested in going to **Hamilton's Trunk-or-Treat** on October 22 (5 - 8 p.m.) at Mike Tracey Arena? Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex - we'll decide whether or not St. Nicholas is participating based on response.

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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. El Refugio is a lovely historic home in Lumpkin that provides a place for families visiting loved ones imprisoned 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.



Get ready to celebrate!

Our own Riley-Anne and Jay Johnson are inviting their church family to celebrate their 25th Anniversary with them on Sunday, September 6 after church. Come join in a meal with cake after and wish the happy couple well on this milestone day. (Psst... bring your best toasts!)



The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *The Dry*, Jane Harper's debut novel. It has been widely praised as a gripping, atmospheric mystery with intricate plotting and compelling character development.

The Dry is set in the drought-stricken Australian town of Kiewarra, where Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns after twenty years to investigate the deaths of his childhood friend Luke Hadler and his family. The novel explores long-buried secrets, small-town tensions, and the psychological impact of past traumas, all against the backdrop of a harsh, unforgiving landscape. The Book Club next meets on September 2 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

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.)

The **Memory Garden Day** scheduled for September 27 will be **rescheduled**. Great plans are afoot - stay tuned!

There are **two Prayer Bears** still waiting for adoption - check them out in the church hallway.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Nonie Bueche, John Wilson, Doris McCullohs, Joshua Freese and the grieving family of baby Gianna, Eleanor Russell, Michael Davis, Makenzlee Green, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, and Ann Johnston and the bereaved family of Paul Johnston.



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 (church-community partnerships, managing volunteer shortages, and grant news).



Together, we will explore how our faith traditions shape these daily practices and how they take root in tangible acts of caring for, and protecting, our Common Home.

2-8 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El in Sandy Springs.

[Click here for more information.](#)



**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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5:00 P.M.