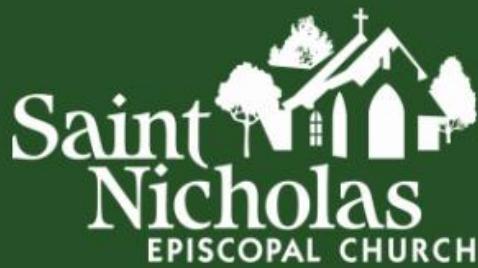


This Week at



APRIL 10,
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

5:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Upcoming at St. Nicholas

April 20: **Easter Sunday**
Lighting of the Paschal Candle at 9:50 a.m.

April 21: **April Vestry Meeting**
7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Connect and Serve Green Team

Are you interested in how our church can help care for God's creation? Georgia Interfaith Power and Light (GIPL) puts words into action. We have recently been approved for a second GIPL grant to update electrical fixtures in the building and it's time for us to do our part. If you feel called to this work, please contact Father Bob or Erin.

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IN OUR PARISH

NOTE: The time for the Maundy Thursday service was incorrect in last week's newsletter. It will be at 7:00 p.m., not 5:00.

What is Tenebrae?

Tenebrae is an ancient service, now celebrated on the Wednesday evening of Holy Week. The name comes from the Latin for “shadows” or “darkening,” and it has roots in monastic services dating back to the 5th century A.D.

The service begins with seven candles alight on the altar. It is divided into Nocturns and Lauds, which each contain a series of psalms, lessons, and responsive readings that commemorate the sorrow of Christ’s journey to the Cross. After each section, one candle is extinguished, slowly bringing the church into complete darkness. At last, only the center candle is left, the Christ candle, representing the light of Christ persevering in the darkness and sin of the world. Then, even this candle is hidden, symbolizing the crucifixion and Jesus’ time in the tomb. A loud noise, called the *strepitus*, is made and the Christ candle is revealed again, bringing the light of the Savior back to the world. By this single light in the darkness, the worshippers leave the church in silence – no recessional, no blessing. It is an acknowledgement that, despite Jesus’ earlier teaching, the disciples believed his story had ended in death and defeat. Only now do we know the glorious resurrection was yet to come.

Join us during our normal Evening Prayer time slot – 5:00 p.m. – and if you’re interested in reading, please contact Erin.

Spring Treats begin at Easter

We will have special treats and lemonade after the April 20 Easter service provided by your Parish Life Committee. Please stay to nibble and mingle and enjoy Easter morning together. After Easter, let’s continue post-service fellowship time with cookies and lemonade on non-brunch Sundays, to give us a few minutes after the service to just enjoy each other’s company. If you’d like to bring a simple treat one Sunday, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

Vestry Meets via Zoom April 21

As their regular third Sunday meeting falls on Easter, the Vestry will meet via Zoom on Monday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct the business of the church. If you’d like to attend, contact Erin for the Zoom invitation.

Book Club Selects Kingsolver’s *Flight Behavior* for May

In 2004 Barbara Kingsolver moved from Tucson, where she had lived since 1978, and returned to southern Appalachia, the setting of several recent notable books, including *Flight Behavior*, the book club’s selection for the May meeting.

Published in 2012, this novel follows Dellarobia Turnbow, a young farm wife who witnesses an unusual migration of Monarch butterflies fleeing from their normal pattern due to global warming. They attract the

attention of scientists, religious leaders and politicians. Dellarobia's involvement transforms her worldview and opens new possibilities for her future.

Flight Behavior is a captivating, topical and deeply human story touching on class, poverty and climate change. It is Barbara Kingsolver's most accessible novel yet and explores the truths we live by and the complexities that lie behind them. (Adapted from Amazon.) The Book Club will meet May 7 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Episcopal Day at Synovus Park – May 4!



The Chattahoochee Valley Convocation has arranged to celebrate Episcopal Day at Synovus Park on **Sunday, May 4** as the Clingstones take on the Biloxi Shuckers. Game time is 1:05 pm, so you can head over to the park right after worship. Lunch will be available for purchase at concession stands. Seats in sections 212 and 213, are reserved for us; if we fill up those seats, there will still be plenty of general admission seats available. The cost of tickets is \$10 each, plus some handling fees. You can purchase directly through this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Episcopalchurches2>. Wear your Episcopal or church t-shirts or other swag so we can show the world how much fun Episcopalians have together!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, and grieving family of Mary Ann Brown. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon and Jewell Wells.

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.

Please send all prayer requests to pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org.



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's press release.

News from the Episcopal Community Foundation: [Click here](#) to read the ECF's latest news



Finally, mark your calendars and plan to join us for our next [Green Team Roundtable on May 20 at noon](#) (note the date change) as we kick off GIPL's Summer of Advocacy—a seasonal campaign returning for a second year to mobilize faith communities across Georgia for bold, environmental action. This virtual gathering is a great opportunity to connect with others, hear what's planned for the months ahead, and explore how your congregation can get involved in faithful, local advocacy this summer including efforts to engage around Georgia's Public Service Commission and decisions that shape our collective energy future.