

# The Spirit of Saint Nicholas



## Worship in April

- April 2**            **Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.**
- April 4**            **Easter Vigil – 7:30 p.m.**
- April 5**            **Easter Sunday – 10:00 a.m.**
- April 12**          **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The 2nd Sunday of Easter*
- April 19**          **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The 3rd Sunday of Easter*
- April 26**          **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**  
*The 4th Sunday of Easter*

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## Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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## April in our Parish

- April 5:    Easter Sunday – treats after the service!
- April 8:    St. Nicholas Book Club meets after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.
- April 15:   Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation meets at 3:00 p.m.
- April 19:   Vestry meets after the service
- April 22:   St. Nicholas Game Night after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.
- May 3:    Wonder Church and 1st Sunday Brunch

## IN OUR PARISH

**The Alleluias are coming back!** After a somber Lenten season without the Gloria and no alleluias, **Easter Vigil** on Saturday night marks their return. If you want to welcome the resurrected Christ with the kindling and blessing of the new fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle, join us Saturday night at 7:30 for the Great Vigil of Easter. The service on Sunday morning will be an Easter service from the start, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

**St. Nicholas Book Club News: The April Meeting will be postponed until Wednesday, April 8 (after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.) to avoid conflicts with Holy Week services.**

The Book Club has selected *Raising Hare*, a reflective memoir by Chloe Dalton. In February 2021, Dalton stumbles upon a newborn hare – a leveret – that had been chased by a dog. Fearing for its life, she brings it home, only to discover how difficult it is to rear a wild hare, most of whom perish in captivity from either shock or starvation.

The book follows the hare's growth from a fragile, bottle-fed infant to an independent adult that moves freely between Dalton's home and the surrounding fields, forming an unusual bond built on trust rather than domestication. Alongside the day-to-day story, Dalton weaves in observations about hare behavior, natural history, folklore, and the emotional complexity of caring for a wild creature that can never truly belong to her. The result is a meditation on freedom, connection, and the delicate boundary between the human world and the wild.

**Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation:** April 15 at 3:00 p.m. Join us for good conversation, (hopefully) delicious treats and coffee or tea - and if you stitch, bring it with! We wrap up at 4:30 to give us time to tidy up for Evening Prayer.

### Honor Graduating Seniors

**Writing a letter to a graduating senior** is a thoughtful way to express your congratulations and well wishes as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Harris County High School distributes these letters to graduating seniors at their Senior Breakfast in May. All letters must be delivered to Kathy Ingram by Sunday April 19 to get them to the school, but if you miss this deadline you can deliver them to the front office at the school up to April 24.

In addition to our own Shanti Patel and Aleisha McMurtry we have 6 non-member BackSnacks volunteers who are graduating from HCHS this year. St Nicholas has been a part of these students' lives during their high school career so wouldn't it would be nice for St Nicholas members to prepare letters to provide some well wishes to these graduating Seniors?

Kathy has done a sheet outlining the students who are graduating along with some guidelines for the letter-writing – she's even provided some stationery to get you started! See the basket on the table in the narthex.

**Vestry meets April 19** after the service. If you'd like to see last month's minutes, [click here](#).

**St. Nicholas Game Night: April 22** after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m. If you missed last week, we had a blast! Drop in and have some fun – and send Drucye any ideas or suggestions you have for activities.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Edward Martin. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Mike Sawyer, 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.



**The Rector's Discretionary Fund is dry.** The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills. We give \$100 at a time, payable directly to the utility provider or landlord. There has been high demand this year so far, and the fund is exhausted. Please consider a small donation in the offering plate (be sure it's marked for RDF) or through [Vanco](#).

### **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 who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills.

**The demand on this fund has been particularly high this winter** - We have helped 20 households since January 1.

Super-duper gold stars to **Connie Blackmon** for celebrating her occasion with a contribution to the Fund. Please consider using one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

#### **April Birthdays**

Lynn Hall

Kin Brown

Barbara Morgan

#### **April Anniversaries**

Dick & June Wood

Mike & Mary Jane Hartenstine

## NEWS FROM 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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# TEEN VOLUNTEER DAYS



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Snacks are provided and volunteer hours count toward club requirements!

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**3:00-4:30 PM**

