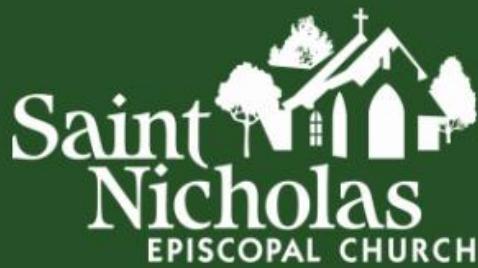


This Week at



MAY 15,
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, May 18 *The 5th Sunday of Easter*

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

WEDNESDAY, May 21

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Upcoming Events

May 18 - Vestry meeting

May 26 - Memorial Day - *Office Closed*

June - Boston Butts 2025!

June 1 - First Sunday Brunch

June 8 - Bluegrass Sunday

June 14 - Harris County Juneteenth Celebration

Connect and Serve

Episcopalian Worship is a Group Project

And we need you!

We need ushers, livestream/microphone monitors, and Eucharistic Ministers to serve on Sunday mornings. Training and heaps of gratitude are provided. Contact Erin in the church office if you are interested.

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IN OUR PARISH

Vestry Meets May 18

The Vestry will meet Sunday, May 18 after the service to conduct the business of the church. Guests are welcome; let Erin know if you'd like to attend. To view the April minutes and financial reports, [click here](#), or see Erin for a hard copy.

First Sunday Brunch is June 1

Sign up in the Narthex if you'd like to attend our monthly fellowship event, hosted this month by Katherine Johnson.

Bluegrass Sunday is June 8

Heaven's Harvest Band will be joining us to provide toe-tapping, knee-slapping good gospel tunes.

We'll have a picnic-style lunch afterward – sign up to bring sandwiches, summer salads, and other warm-weather fare to share with all. Our Parish Life team will provide tea, lemonade, and a sundae bar for dessert.



Summer butt season is coming!

(Apologies - Erin is having way too much fun with the puns.) But it's true: Our Boston Butt fundraiser begins soon! We will be selling **choice 6-lb boneless** Boston Butts prepared by our Low Country Boil caterer. They will be \$55 each and, as always, there is the option to purchase one for donation to FOCUS or Pocket Change to aid the hungry in our community. Sales will be during the month of June via cash/check, Vanco, or our website, and pick-up will be Thursday, July 3 – just in time for the holiday weekend.



We'd love to have lots of sales to non-congregants, so tell your family and friends to get ready to get their perfect butt this summer! (Yes, I know; I'm so sorry ...)

Mark your calendars: Pulpit Swap with Christian Valley is June 29

And they're coming here first this year – stay tuned for more information on our hospitality plans.

Book Club News

The book club met last night, following banana splits with BackSnacks and Evening Prayer, to discuss *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver. The verdict is a brilliant, serious read that failed to resonate with our readers.

The book for June is Amor Towles' debut novel, *Rules of Civility*, published in 2011. The story is set in New York City during the late 1930s and follows Katey Kontent, a 25-year-old woman whose life takes a dramatic turn after a chance encounter with a handsome banker named Tinker Grey on New Year's Eve in 1937. This meeting propels Katey into the upper echelons of New York society, where she must rely on her wit and intelligence to navigate the challenges and opportunities that arise. (Amazon)

The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 4** following Evening Prayer at 5:00 pm.

Looking ahead, the book club will skip July and take two months to read their August selection, *The Overstory* by Richard Powers, published in 2018. This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel explores the intertwining lives of nine Americans, spanning generations, and their relationship with trees.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests



Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, Martha Sue Blythe, and Asa Garris. 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.

Celebrations

Ella Hughes, Christine Risdon's daughter, graduated from Northside High School. She is in the National Honor Society and on the Varsity Volleyball Team. Ella will be attending Oglethorpe University on a volleyball scholarship.

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 weekly press release.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's Letter on Episcopal Migration Ministries is [here](#).

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe to attend papal inauguration – [click here](#).

IN OUR COMMUNITY

For the month of June, the HCSD School Nutrition Program will operate the **Seamless Summer Option** (SSO) feeding program beginning June 2, 2025 at Harris County High School and Park Elementary School.

Flyers that include details for both clients and volunteers are on the bulletin board in the hall if you are interested.





Do you care about a just, sustainable Georgia? **Join Georgia Interfaith Power & Light for an afternoon of learning and action during GIPL's PSC Power Hour(s) on Sunday, June 8, from 2–5 p.m. at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus.**

Hosted in partnership with Clean Energy Columbus, this gathering is part of **GIPL's 2025 Summer of Advocacy**—a statewide campaign to engage faith communities in shaping Georgia's energy future. Together, we'll:

- Learn how the Public Service Commission (PSC) shapes Georgia's energy system
- Hear from experts like Jennette Gayer of Environment Georgia and our own Marqus Cole
- Take action with a hands-on voter outreach session

A poster for summer reading. At the top is a row of colorful, stylized book icons in various colors (pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple). Below the icons is the text 'Summer Reading sign-up is here!' in a large, bold, teal font. Underneath that is the website 'THRL.ORG' in a pink box. The background is a gradient from blue at the bottom to yellow at the top. At the bottom, the text 'Sign up today for summer fun' is in a large, bold, teal font. Below that is the text 'PROGRAMS, PRIZES, AND PERFORMERS' and 'ALL SUMMER LONG!' in a purple font. At the very bottom, it says 'COLOR OUR WORLD' with a small logo. In the bottom left corner is the logo for 'Troup Harris Regional Library'. In the bottom right corner is the text 'Harris County Public Library' and the address '7511 GA HWY 116 Hamilton, GA 31811'.