

## This Week at



FEBRUARY  
19  
2026

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

### Worship

#### **SUNDAY, February 22: *The First Sunday in Lent***

Lay Ministers: Margaret Zachry, Sheri Cody, Katherine Johnson, Drucye Cox, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Margaret Zachry & Beth Brown

#### **Pancakes with the Priest after the service!**

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 25**

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

MAR 1: Wonder Church followed by 1st Sunday Brunch

MAR 4: St. Nicholas Book Club after Evening Prayer

MAR 8: Visit from the Bishop & Confirmations

#### **9:00 a.m. Bishop's Forum with congregation and Vestry (not 9:30 as previously published)**

MAR 18: Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

MAR 21: Afternoon Tea Fundraiser 2:00 p.m.

MAR 22: Training after the service: Eucharistic Visitors and Virtual Ministers. All are welcome!

MAR 29: Adult Forum: True Hospitality

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## IN OUR PARISH

**St. Nicholas Book Club News:** After an exciting February meeting with local author Allen Levi, the Club selected for their March read Evening Class, a 1996 novel by the Irish author Maeve Binchy. The novel is set in Dublin, where a group of men and women from all walks of life come together to attend an Italian evening class. The class is led by Nora O'Donoghue ("Signora"), a charismatic presence whose arrival transforms the lives of the students in the class. The Book Club next meets on **March 4** after Evening Prayer.

**The Bishop is Coming!** Our Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, the Rt. Rev. Rob Rowe, will be joining us on Sunday, March 8. During that service, we will present several people for confirmation and reception into the Episcopal Church. Before the service at 9:00, the Bishop requests a forum with the congregation and Vestry, and we strongly urge everyone to attend.

**The 2026 Hunger Walk** is Sunday, March 15th. The Episcopal Community Foundation is one of the five partners in this annual event, and monies they receive are then distributed throughout our Diocese in the form of grants to be used for programs to alleviate hunger. Last year, ECF gave BackSnacks a \$30,000 grant for capital improvements! Sheri Cody is willing to register you after church services in February, just like she did last year.

You do not have to walk. You can register or give a donation without walking. Those who would like to walk will take a walk in our area versus going to Atlanta for the walk. **Our goal is to raise \$500 to fight hunger.**

### Two Training Classes on March 22 after the Service

Eucharistic Visitors – lay people who minister to their fellow congregants by bringing prayer and communion to the homebound – will be trained after the service on March 22. This position is licensed by the Diocese.

Virtual Ministers – who handle our service audio and streaming – will also be trained on March 22 after the service.

Please join us if you feel called to these ministries, or see Erin or Father Bob if you'd like more information.

**Adult Forum March 29** after the service: True Hospitality. For some time we have been in the process of forming a Hospitality Team to coordinate coffee hour and other tasks associated with keeping us all sociable and well-fed; but "hospitality" in a church means far more than that. How can all members of our congregation participate in every stage of making visitors and newcomers to St. Nicholas feel truly welcome?

**Our Rector's Discretionary Fund** - one of the ways we share the love of Christ for all people by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities – had a lot of demands on it after this last cold snap. If you feel moved to donate a bit, it would be put to good use!



## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Michelle Moody, Edward Martin, Katherine Johnson, April Moore, Kellie Dixon, Emmie Brand, Christine Risdon, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Mike Sawyer and Liz Dixon.

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 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 Weekly.
- **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news.

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## IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

**FREE CONCERT**  
CSU Schwob  
**FACULTY QUINTET**  
**Performance**



**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00**  
Zion Episcopal Church  
Talbotton, Georgia  
Reception follows inside Zion  
*Contributions appreciated.*

**HCHS VISUAL ARTS**  
  
**EMPTY BOWL**

**SATURDAY MARCH 7, 2026**  
**1:00-3:00 PM**

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