

This Week at



**MAY
28
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, May 31: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday

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

Flowers: Carleen Frokjer

WEDNESDAY, June 3:

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

JUN 3: St. Nicholas Book Club after Evening Prayer

JUN 6: Green Team Summit at St. Thomas
(see newsletter for more)

JUN 17: Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3:00 p.m.

JUN 24: St. Nicholas Game Day 1:00 p.m.

JUN 30: Deadline for pledges to Capital Campaign

Coming in JUNE: Boston Butts!

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IN OUR PARISH

Capital Campaign 2026



	\$73,000 !!!!
	\$66,000
	\$60,000
	\$54,000
	\$48,000
	\$42,000
	\$36,000
\$29,600	\$24,000
	\$18,000
	\$12,000
	\$6,000



Ready? Let's GROW!

You should have received a letter from Father Bob and the Campaign chairs in the mail, with a brochure and pledge card. If you didn't, let Erin know, or go to: www.stnicholashamilton.org and look at the top menu for "2026 Capital Campaign." Everything you need is there, including FAQs and links to submit your pledge and payments electronically if you so choose.

The deadline to submit your pledge is **June 30**; however, payment does not have to be received until **November 30**. We encourage you to pledge early so the team can assess where we will stand when the time comes to renew or refinance the mortgage.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions.

Join the ministry! St. Nicholas has been sending volunteers to [El Refugio](#), a hospitality house in Lumpkin that supports detainees at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy. St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens.

There is training required before you go. See **Margaret Zachry** for more information.

Other Ways to Support El Refugio

Write a Card
to people
detained and
loved ones



Donate
Household
items



Prepare a
Meal



Donate Gas
gift cards



Financial
Contributions



St. Nicholas Book Club News: For its June read, the Book Club has selected *The One-in-a-Million Boy*, a 2016 novel by Monica Wood. Winner of the Nautilus Award and the New England Society Book Award, it is the incandescent story of a 104-year-old woman and the sweet, strange young boy assigned to help her around the house – a tale of intergenerational friendship that touches each member of the boy’s unmoored family. The novel explores themes of connection, grief, and intergenerational bonds.

It’s hot, sticky season again. Time to give the doors an extra push to be sure they’re closed – and if you don’t know how to arm the alarm before you leave, please contact Erin or ask someone to show you.

On **Sunday, July 5**, St. Nicholas will be worshipping at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus. They have invited us to share their Independence Day worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. so there will be no worship service at St. Nicholas that day. Steve will be driving a van – sign up in the kitchen pass-through if you need transportation.

If you are a **Vanco** user – you may soon get a prompt to update your phone app. This is legitimate and you should go ahead and follow the instructions to download the new version from your app store.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Andy Butzon, Katherine Johnson, and Mary Butcher. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: 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.



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

Join Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, from **9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church** for a regional Green Team Summit Circle in Columbus. This half-day gathering will bring together Green Teams, faith leaders, and environmental advocates for a morning of connection, learning, and faithful action.

As part of GIPL's Summer of Advocacy, participants will learn about **the impacts of a proposed pipeline and data center in the area**, as well as ways to get involved in clean energy advocacy efforts in Columbus and beyond.



Participants will also have the chance to hear from GIPL staff about how to organize effectively in their congregation and how planting and protecting trees, especially in underserved neighborhoods, can advance justice and build climate resilience.

General Admission is \$25. Student tickets are \$10. A light breakfast and coffee will be provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Register here: <https://gipl.org/events/2026/gtsc-columbus> (If you would like to attend, but the cost is prohibitive, please see Erin in the church office – assistance is available.)

A vibrant, colorful poster for 'Pride Eve' at the Springer Patio. The word 'PRIDE' is written in large, multi-colored block letters, and 'eve' is in a large, black, cursive font. The background is filled with colorful confetti. The poster lists activities such as music, art projects, and a hotdog dinner. It includes the date 'MAY 31 4-7 PM' in a purple circle and the church's logo and website information.

PRIDE eve

AT THE
SPRINGER PATIO

ALL ARE WELCOME

- ♥ MUSIC
- ♥ COLLABORATIVE ART PROJECT
- ♥ KIDS ACTIVITIES
- ♥ HOTDOG DINNER, PRIDE SODA BAR, ICE CREAM TRUCK
- ♥ SELFIE STATION
- ♥ BLESSING BOOTH
- ♥ COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

MAY 31
4-7 PM

Love God. Love Every Person. Learn & Serve Together.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church
www.StThomasColumbus.org