

This Week at



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2026

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, May 17: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.

BLUEGRASS SUNDAY!

Lay Ministers: John Brent, William Morgan, Steve Morse, Drucye Cox, Connie Blackmon, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

WEDNESDAY, May 20:

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

MAY 17: Bluegrass Sunday and Picnic-style lunch
Vestry meets after lunch

MAY 20: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation at 3:00 p.m.

MAY 24: Pentecost/Whitsunday

MAY 27: Game DAY at 1:00 p.m..
See inside for more information

MAY 25: Memorial Day (office closed)

MAY 29: Office will close at 10:30 a.m. (for Children's Literacy Arts Festival at the library)

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IN OUR PARISH



The **2026 Capital Campaign** has officially kicked off! 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.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions. **Ready? Let's GROW!**

Sunday, May 24, St. Nicholas will be 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.

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**



Changes to The Event Previously Known as Game Night: Game "Night" has become Game DAY! We hope this will allow more people to attend. As there was so much demand for Mah Jongg, which takes a little longer than other games, the start time will be 1:00 p.m. It will all wrap up in time for Evening Prayer at 5:00. Come play!

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.

Memory Garden upgrades are in the planning stages. Our steadfast Tender of the Grounds, Linda Pace, would like to start making improvements to the Memory Garden – removing plants that are not thriving, weeding and tidying, and adding plants that will do well in the spot. If you have any knowledge of plants that should not be removed (for example, memorial plantings) or if you have suggestions for new additions or have time and/or resources to donate, please get in touch with Linda.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson, Bill McCowan, Mary Butcher, Cavan Klein's girlfriend Charlotte. 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.

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.)



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