THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 24, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Last Sunday, Mother Caroline celebrated her first Sunday Masses! It was a joyful week of celebration at St. John's—and we're just getting started. This fall is full of life and energy, making St. John's the place to be!

PIC OF THE WEEK:

A Week of Joy

Have a Pic of the Week? We'd love to feature it! Email your photo to Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY TODAY!

Join us after the **9:30 a.m.** service in the Parish Hall for Breakfast Sunday. Enjoy a Spanish-style scramble with sofrito, cheese, and eggs, plus sausage, biscuits, fruit, and more. Victor Lopez will add one of his delicious specialties. Two serving lines will be open (Orleans door & school entrance).



Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m. | Parish Hall
Sunday School returns Sept. 14th
**Livestream Options: Website | Facebook | YouTube*
Wednesdays & Thursdays: Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. | The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel
The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer

Need a Nametag?

Wearing your nametag each Sunday helps us connect. Keep it in your car so it's always with you! *If you need one, email Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org.*



EYC TONIGHT

Dinner included. This fall, Middle Schoolers will study growing up, while High Schoolers explore the Questions of Jesus. Each week features games, dinner, and raffle prizes—bring a friend!

Save the Dates:

-Church Cleanup | Sun, **Sept. 21**
-New Beginnings Retreat (Middle School) – **Sept. 26–28**, Dayspring
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ST. JOHN'S RALLY DAY

Sunday, Sept. 7| after the 9:30 service

Join us for our annual parish picnic with Fathers' Ministry grilling, waterslide for kids, and a celebration of all St. John's ministries. Bring a side or dessert to share.



Dedications

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God:
by Peter Dawson in loving memory of Ann Dawson
Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God:
by Patricia B. Ferguson in loving memory of her mother, Macy Bailey, and in honor of the life and ministry of Fr. John R. Peterson
by his wife, Kay, and sons, Dan, Mark, Drew and Lee
The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God:
by Patricia B. Ferguson and John L. Bailey in loving memory of their parents, Lamar and Macy N. Bailey, and sister, Libby B. Garabedian

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570

Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: $50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: $35 | Sanctuary Candle: $20

Available dates: September 14, 21, & 28



HOPE LISTENING SESSIONS

St. John's is a member of HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress & Equality), a coalition of 29 congregations working for justice and fairness. Join one of our Listening Process Meetings this September.

Contact: Shirley Susich (*sjsusich@gmail.com*), Laura & Hugh Cruse (*lmcruse@gmail.com*), or Dcn. Tania (*twilkes@stjohnstampa.org*).

Learn more at *hillsboroughhope.org*

BEDS FOR KIDS

The St. Clare Chapter of the Daughters of the King is collecting new Bible story books (English/Spanish) and small stuffed animals through **September 18** for the Bishop's DOK Service Project, supporting Beds for Kids. Donations may be ordered via the Amazon Gift List or dropped off in the office.

Contact: Melissa Ariss-Menendez (*melissa.ariss@gmail.com*) or Trish McKay (*jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com*).

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THANK YOU FROM THE PETERSON FAMILY

The family of Father John Peterson would like to offer our sincere thanks for the wonderful outpouring of love and thanksgiving for our father and husband at the August 9th requiem mass. We are so grateful to everyone who participated in the service, and all who attended in our beautiful restored sanctuary. Thank you, and thanks be to God.

SAVE THE DATES

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study	St. John's Book Club	Cursillo Weekend	Education for Ministry (EfM)	DR Adult Mission Trip
Resumes **Sept 9 • 10:00–11:15 a.m.** | Lowry Room (Zoom available) Studying *1 & 2 Samuel for Normal People* Contact: *harpwing@aol.com*	First fall meeting: **Sept 16 • 3:00 p.m.** | Lowry Room **3rd Tuesday monthly,** Sept–Nov & Jan–May Discussing *James* by Percival Everett Contact: *chris.mcadams@gmail.com*	**Sept 25–28** | DaySpring 3-day retreat to renew faith and grow in service Contact: *harpwing@aol.com* or *sssstoll@aol.com* More info: *cursilloswfla.org*	**Mondays • 6:00–8:30 p.m.** | Cathedral Church of St. Peter (in person or Zoom) New one-year daytime option available • Scholarships available Contact: *mthomas@spcathedral.com* More info: *efm.sewanee.edu*	**Nov 8–14, 2025** | La Caleta, Dominican Republic Join St. John's team to help build Iglesia de la Gracia Contact: *tampasal@gmail.com* More info: *theddg.org*

St. John's "Welcome Home" Video - Celebrating our return to the Church:

Blessing of a Child

Parents of newborns are invited to schedule this brief service of thanksgiving from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 439). Contact the clergy at *parish@stjohnstampa.org* or 813.259.1570.

Stay Connected

Weekly Email – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. Caroline at *cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org*

Social Media – Follow us @stjohnstampa on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

Sermons – Watch weekly sermons on YouTube, Facebook, or via the link in our Instagram bio

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or preparing for surgery, please let us know. Hospitals cannot contact us due to privacy laws.

To notify us or request pastoral care:

Parish Office: 813.259.1570 | *parish@stjohnstampa.org*

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741 | Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Tania: 443.742.6542

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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