THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



We're back! Sunday morning formation for all ages returned last week with great energy, joy, and connection across our parish family. All are invited to join us as we continue to grow in faith this fall.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Growing in Faith Together

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

NEWCOMERS CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!

After the 9:30 a.m. Service

Location: Lowry Room

Come meet clergy, explore St. John's, and get connected.

Childcare & Light Refreshments Provided

Contact: dgem@stjohnstampa.org

NEWCOMERS' CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!

New to St. John's or looking to get connected? Join us for our four-week Newcomers' Class series starting today after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. Meet clergy and parishioners, explore the church, and learn how to get involved. Childcare and light refreshments provided. Questions or to register: Email Donna Gem at *dgem@stjohnstampa.org*

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m.
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.*

ST. JOHN'S

OKTOBERFEST

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FREE ENTRY!



1 OCT | 6 P.M.

SCAN TO REGISTER

PARISH FESTIVAL

"DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED?"

-BCP pg 301

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church—a bond that can never be broken.

Our next opportunity for baptism will be on **All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd.**

To learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one, please contact:
jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org



ADULT FORMATION

Tue. Zoom	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study) tampasal@gmail.com	06:00 PM
Wed. Zoom	Wednesday Adult Formation parish@stjohnstampa.org	03:30 PM
Thurs. Lowry Room	Men's Bible Study dlrncrtpa@verizon.net	11:45 AM
Alternate **Tue.** Lowry Room	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com	10:00 AM

EYC TONIGHT!

Middle School (6th–8th) 5–6:30 p.m.

High School (9th–12th) 6–7:30 p.m.

Stay up to date with all of our upcoming events in our *Youth Newsletter*:

St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3 P.M. | COURTYYARD

You and your pets are invited to our annual outdoor Blessing of the Animals. Bring your companions on leashes or in carriers as we give thanks for God's creation and the gift of all creatures, great and small.





NEXT SUNDAY IS BREAKFAST SUNDAY

Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall



Dedications

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
The Leatherman Family in loving memory of Donna Kay Leatherman
Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Janis Elliott in loving memory of the Rev. Robert J. Elliott and in thanksgiving for his life as a priest and husband and
Sue and Cole Jeffries in loving memory of Charlie Kirk
The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by:
Ellie Taylor in loving memory of James Reid Taylor

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 28

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Major Feasts with Holy Eucharist		Cursillo Weekend	HOPE Listening Session	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas
St. Matthew the Evangelist **Monday, Sept. 22 • 12:15 p.m.** | the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel	St. Michael and All Angels **Monday, Sept. 29 • 12:15 p.m.** | the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel	**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*	**Sept 25 • 6 p.m.** | Parish Hall Light dinner • Contacts: *sjsusich@gmail.com* or *lmcruse@gmail.com* More info: *hillsboroughhope.org*	**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*	**Nov 9** | 13th year of The Giving Tree—choose a child to buy gifts for or purchase Walmart gift cards for parents. Contact: *bucsjenkins@aol.com*

Scan for online Bulletins, *The Compass*, and *The Scroll*

Blessing of a Child

Parents of newborns may schedule this brief service of thanksgiving (BCP p.439). The Newborn Celebration Ministry also delivers gift baskets to families with newborns—please notify the office of any births. Contact: *parish@stjohnstampa.org* | Lois Smith: *rstlrsmom2@aol.com*

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. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

Give

Support our ministry with a one-time or recurring gift:

Online: *stjohnstampa.org/stewardship*

Text: Text **SJE** to **73256**

QR Code: *Scan here*