THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 17, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



On Friday, August 15, the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, the Rev. Caroline Devitt was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests. She offered her first Mass, a Votive of the Holy Ghost, on Saturday morning, and celebrates her first Sunday Masses today. We give thanks to God for Mother Caroline—especially for her willingness to follow His call, and for the gifts she shares in ministry with our St. John's family.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

A New Priest in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic church!

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

MISSION TRIPS PRESENTATION TODAY!

Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall to hear from four of our Youth—Liv Rainey, Maggie Wood, Will Shenk, and Evan Spencer—about their 2025 Mission Trips. Come support them and enjoy the mission trip slideshow! **See the Children & Youth section of this newsletter for details on events happening later today!**



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.*

LAST DAY: SUPPORT CORNERSTONE KIDS DRIVE

Help us reach our goal of $1,200 to provide backpacks and school supplies for 35 children. Contributions may be made online *(QR Code – Fund: Cornerstone Kids)* or by placing a check in the collection plate (memo: Cornerstone Kids) **today**! For questions, contact MC Jenkins at 813.503.4605.

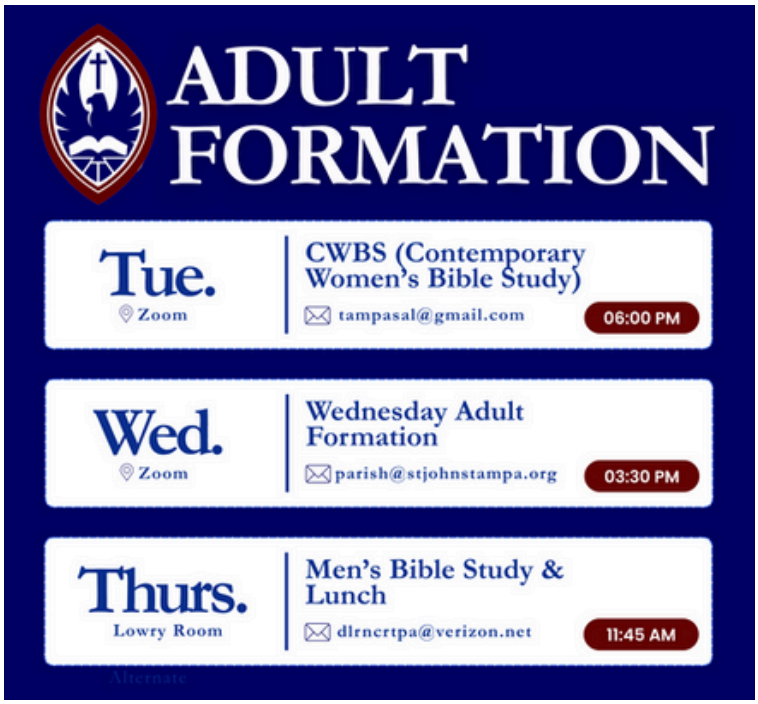


In addition, Jack Wyatt will host a **Silent Auction after the 9:30 a.m. service.** The item is a yellow Schwinn Fairhaven 7-speed cruiser, with a minimum bid of $25 and free delivery within South Tampa. The donor will also contribute an additional $25 to the winning bid.









CHILDREN & YOUTH @ ST. JOHN'S

Stay connected with us on Instagram: @stjohnseyctampa for photos and updates!

Download Youth Council Application:



HAPPENING TODAY: Youth (6th–12th grade):

- Mission Trips Presentation: Sunday, **August 17, 10:45–11:15 a.m.**, Parish Hall – hear from our middle and high school missioners and enjoy the slideshow!
- Youth Group Kickoff (Messy Games Night): **August 17, 5–7 p.m.**, Parish Hall – dinner included! Dress to get messy and bring a friend.
- Youth Parents' Meeting: **August 17, 4:30–5 p.m.**, Parish Hall – review the fall calendar and complete release forms.
- Youth Council Applications (7th–12th grade) are due **August 17**. This EYC leadership team meets monthly during the school year. See QR code above.

Children's Chapel is Back!

Child-friendly worship with sermon, songs, and prayers in the Parish Hall. Parents are encouraged to help once per semester.

Children Chapel Parent Support Sign-Up:



Dedications

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Marsha and Steve Devitt to honor the ordination and ministry as Priest of The Reverend Caroline Devitt

Church and Chapel Altar Flowers as well as the Candle in the Sanctuary Light are given to the Glory of God by:
Lynn Fluharty in loving memory of Stephen Fluharty and in honor of Fletcher's upcoming Baptism and the reopening of St. John's Church

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: August 17 and 31.

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. | Start date TBD** In-person at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter or Zoom Scholarships available Contact: *mthomas@spcathedral.com* or *dmcbaen@gmail.com*	**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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stjohnstampa.org/stewardship

Text:

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

QR Code: *Scan here or in the service bulletin*