THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School





Our annual Oktoberfest was filled with music, laughter, and delicious German food. Friends old and new joined together for a joyful evening of fellowship and fun. Thank you to everyone who made it such a wonderful celebration!

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Prost to Community!

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

St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3 P.M. | COURTYYARD





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - TODAY AT 3 P.M.

All are invited to our annual outdoor Blessing of the Animals this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Bring your pets on leashes or in carriers as we give thanks for God's creation and the gift of all creatures, great and small. This joyful tradition is open to the community, so please invite a friend to join us.

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.*

"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 MISSION

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NOV 8–14, 2025

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More Info: theddg.org
Contact: tampasal@gmail.com



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

NO EYC TONIGHT!

See you at the Blessing of the Animals!

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

Commemorate Your Departed Loved Ones This All Saints' Sunday

November 2, 2025



ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING A PART-TIME SEXTON

We are seeking a part-time Sexton (about 25 hours/week, Sunday–Thursday) to help keep our church and parish hall clean, safe, and welcoming for worship and events. Responsibilities include cleaning, light maintenance, and event setup. Occasional evenings, Saturdays, and holidays are required.

For more information or to send to a great candidate, scan the code



Dedications

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Chris and John McAdams in loving memory of Patsy Carte, Jack and Sandy Murray and Jim and Betty Carroll
and Mary Esther Parker in memory of Bud Parker (1929-2016)

Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:
Tweed Eckhard in memory of her brother, Harry Sykes Cline, Jr.
and Mary Esther Parker in memory of Bud Parker (1929-2016)

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by:
Mary Esther Parker in memory of Bud Parker (1929-2016)

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: October 12 & 19

SAVE THE DATES

Diocesan Convention	All Saints' Sunday	All Parish Trivia Night	Celebratio 2025	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas
**Oct 10–11, 2025	Punta Gorda, FL** Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida's 57th convention. Please keep our clergy and delegates in your prayers.	**Nov 2	Church** Celebrate the feast of All Saints and the sacrament of Baptism.	**Nov 5	Parish Hall** Fun, fellowship, and friendly competition for all ages.	**Nov 14	Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club** Day School fundraiser with dinner, auctions, entertainment, and dancing. Tickets: *qtego.us/l/stjohneagles/tickets/event-tickets*	**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

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

Online: *stjohnstampa.org/stewardship*

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

QR Code: *Scan here*