THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



This week's photo is from last month's meet-up of The Gathering, St. John's men's group. Each session includes food, fellowship, and discussion of The Screwtape Letters. The next Gathering is Tuesday, November 18, 5:30–7:00 p.m. at Four Green Fields — all men are welcome.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

The Gathering: Monthly Men's Group

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



THIS MORNING AT ST. JOHN'S

After the 9:30 a.m. service, there are opportunities for all ages to learn, serve, and grow together at St. John's. Families are invited to take part in **Sandwich Sunday**, a ministry for all ages that meets on the third Sunday of each month to prepare takeaway meal bags for our neighbors served by Faith Café. Children and youth will enjoy a special **Organ Tour with Simon Morley**, exploring the beauty and music of the church organ. Meanwhile, Adult Formation continues with the parish-wide series **"What Do We Believe — and Why?"** This week, Mother Caroline will lead the discussion on the portion of the Nicene Creed that proclaims Christ's resurrection, ascension, and coming again in glory.

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School is offered for all ages after the 9:30 a.m. service
**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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS



Is your child (Pre-K through 5th grade) signed up for the St. John's Christmas Pageant? This beloved tradition will take place during the **3:00 p.m.** Family Service on Christmas Eve. The pageant cast will be announced next Sunday during Breakfast Sunday, and we'd love for your children to take part in the story of Christ's birth.

To sign up or learn more, contact Ayana at *AGrady@stjohnstampa.org*.

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, November 18 | 10:00–11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study continues its fall series on *1 & 2 Samuel for Normal People* by Aaron Higashi (available on Amazon). This week's discussion, led by Fr. Don Goodheart, will cover Chapter 4 – "David's Fall" (pp. 104–113; 2 Samuel 21–1 Kings 2). The class meets on alternate Tuesdays through December 2.

For questions, contact Sharon Stoll (*harpwings@aol.com*) or Sally Wiley (*wiley48sm@gmail.com*). All women are invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Thursday, November 27 at 10 a.m.

Make plans for you and your family to join us on Thanksgiving morning as we come together to give thanks to God for the blessings of our lives and community. Begin your holiday in worship and gratitude at St. John's.



Ordination of 'Chaplain HQ'

Miranda Channing Harrison-Quillin, Chaplain to St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Monday, Dec 1, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.

Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 140 Fourth St N, St. Petersburg

The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, presiding.

Your prayers and presence are requested.



Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Linda and Jack Wyatt in thanksgiving for their 43rd wedding anniversary; and by Linda and Jack Wyatt in thanksgiving for their grandson Wyatt Henry Reynolds.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Marci Thomas, Lois Smith and Ruby McCowan In Memory of Pat Wilson and her life of faithful service to St. John's and the love she gave to all who crossed her path; and Pat Ferguson and John Bailey in loving memory of A. Lamar Bailey, Jr.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

by Helen and Bailey Turnquist in memory of Norman Soash and in honor of Perry Soash.

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

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

Available dates: November 23 & December 7

ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

St. John's Parish Hall | Dec. 3 | 6:00 p.m.

All children who donate to St. John's FYI will recieve a gift from St. Nick himself!

*This year, we're requesting Uber and grocery gift cards to support CarePortal needs and transportation for Madi's Movement young adults.



St. John's Book Club

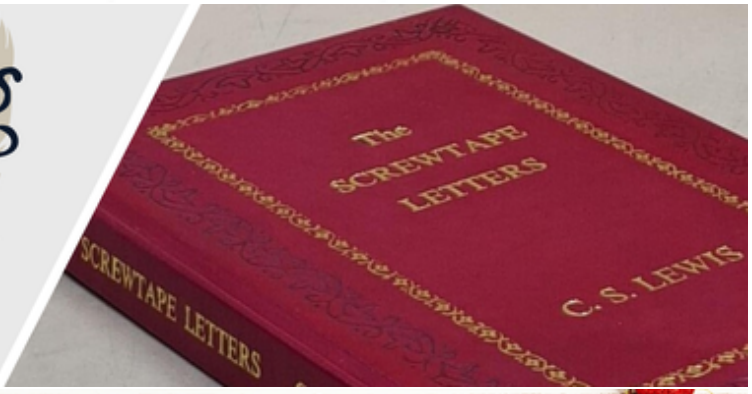
November Meeting - Tuesday, November 18 at 3:30 p.m.

The St. John's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Lowry Room. This month's selection is ***Small Things Like These*** by Claire Keegan, with Peg Ross leading the discussion on Tuesday, November 18. **Please note that there will be no meeting in December.** The group will resume monthly meetings January through May in the new year. All are invited to join the conversation!

The Gathering

Men's meetup—third Tuesdays, 5:30-7p.m.
Next meeting: November 18th at Four Green Fields.

Contact: alazo@stjohnstampa.org



Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, December 7

Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service for Advent Wreath Making! All supplies will be provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy this meaningful way to prepare your hearts and homes for the season of Advent.

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 harpwings@aol.com	10:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Children and Youth are invited to join Simon Morley for a Organ Tour after the 9:30 a.m. service. All Sunday School students and teachers will go first for Communion, and then come into the side hallway for Check-In and nametags.

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth: *Children:*

PAINTBALL EYC TONIGHT!

St. John's Youth Group (EYC) is going Paintballing this afternoon, from 2-5:30 p.m.! Please let us know if you would like to join in or can help drive.

Sign the required forms here >>

Paintball Waiver:

SAVE THE DATES

Thanksgiving Day Mass	Deacon Ordination	St. Nick Party	Advent Wreath Making	Advent Lessons & Carols
Nov 27 | Church Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist as we give thanks to God for his many blessings.	**Dec 1 | Cathedral Church of St. Peter** Join us at 7:00 p.m. for the Ordination of Chaplain Miranda Channing Harrison-Quillin ("Chaplain HQ") to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Your prayers and presence are invited for this joyful occasion.	**Dec 3 | Parish Hall** Join us at 6:00 p.m. for our St. Nick Party! Children who give to FYI* will receive a gift from St. Nick. **This year we're collecting Uber and grocery gift cards for CarePortal and Madi's Movement.*	**Dec 7 | Parish Hall** Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service for Advent Wreath Making! All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and enjoy this meaningful way to prepare for Advent.	**Dec 7 | Church** Join us at 5:00 p.m. for Advent Lessons and Carols, a beloved service of scripture and song that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. A reception will follow.

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

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