



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 11, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL



PIC OF THE WEEK:

*3rd Annual
Oktoberfest!*

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

Another wonderful Oktoberfest at St. John's. We welcomed 125+ folks for a fun celebration with food, music, and fellowship. Thank you to all who made it possible, and especially our Kitchen Krewe!

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This Sunday, we are grateful to welcome The Rev. Andrew Yow, Priest Associate for Worship & Liturgical Life at the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, as our guest preacher and celebrant while Fr. Chris is away with his family following the death of his father and Mother Caroline is out of state officiating a wedding. Memento Mori: Death, Dying, and Rising also continues during Adult Formation, with attorney David Adams joining us for a conversation about estate planning as a Christian practice of stewardship: ordering our affairs in the hope of the resurrection, caring faithfully for those we love, and considering how the gifts God has entrusted to us may continue to serve the Church and our neighbors after our death. Please also note that the Parish Office will be closed Monday, October 12, in observance of the federal holiday.

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m. (*Sung Mass*) |
Rite I at 11:15 a.m. (*Sung Mass*)

**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.*

JOIN US FOR

LADIES MAHJONG

MON. OCT. 12 | 5:30-7:30



PLEASE NOTE:
THESE
GATHERINGS ARE
INTENDED FOR
LADIES WHO
ALREADY HAVE A
BASIC
UNDERSTANDING
OF MAHJONG,
INCLUDING THE
CARD AND TILES.



NEWCOMERS' CLASSES SEPT. 20 & OCT. 4, 11, & 18

**NEW TO ST. JOHN'S, RELATIVELY NEW, OR
LOOKING TO GET MORE CONNECTED? JOIN
US FOR FOUR INFORMAL SUNDAYS TO
MEET OTHERS, GET TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S,
AND DISCOVER WAYS TO BECOME MORE
INVOLVED.**

*Between the 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Masses
Lowry Room*

Coffee and light refreshments served.
Childcare available.

Questions?

dgem@stjohnstampa.org

*Please note: We will not meet on Breakfast
Sundays, but please join us at the reserved
tables at the front of the Parish Hall.*



"Do you desire to be baptized?"

-BCP pg 301

Next Baptismal Feast: All Saints' Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Email Parish Coordinator, Sami Santos (ssantos@stjohnstampa.org)
to learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one



AN EVENING WITH ANDY SQUYRES

SINGER-SONGWRITER & AUTHOR OF *POET PRIEST*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 • 7:00 P.M.

AN INTIMATE EVENING OF SONGS AND STORIES ABOUT FAITH, DOUBT, GRIEF, HOPE, AND ORDINARY LIFE.
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE COURTYARD • HORS D'OEUVRES & REFRESHMENTS



SCAN FOR
TICKETS

VUVIVO



CHILDREN & YOUTH

EYC TODAY: October 11th | Lowry Room

Middle School (6th-8th) 5-6:30 p.m.

High School (9th-12th) 6-7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Feeding Tampa Bay Service Day | Sat, Oct 17 | 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Causeway
Center, 3624 Causeway Blvd

EYC Sandwich Sunday (MS EYC) | Sun, Oct 18 | 5-5:30 p.m. | Parish Hall

YoPros at High School EYC | Sun, Oct 18 | 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Lowry Room

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:

LEAD WITH LOVE

2027 Annual Pledge Drive

This year's pledge drive invites us to Lead with Love by supporting the life and ministry we share at St. John's. Every act of generosity helps sustain the worship, formation, fellowship, outreach, and care that make this parish such a meaningful place for so many. Whether you have pledged for years or are considering a pledge for the first time, we hope you will prayerfully consider how you can help St. John's continue to welcome, serve, and bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in the year ahead.



Scan the code to make your pledge today:

ST. JOHN'S

FALL FESTIVAL



HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S EYC

FOOD - GAMES - FUN

25 OCT 2026 | 3:00 P.M.



FALL FESTIVAL
← WISH LIST

A FALL AFTERNOON JUST FOR CHILDREN, HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S EYC, WITH PUMPKIN PAINTING, GAMES, CRAFTS, HAY RIDES, AND PLENTY OF FESTIVE FUN.

REGISTER USING
THE QR CODE →



OCTOBER ADULT FORMATION

MEMENTO MORI

DEATH, DYING, & RISING

Sundays · 10:45 a.m. · Parish Hall · October 4, 11, & 18

*Commemorate Your Departed
Loved Ones This All Souls' Day*

November 2, 2026 | 6:00 p.m. | Fauré Requiem

SUBMIT NAMES BY
OCTOBER 25



ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM

Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | | grimard.max@gmail.com | 6:30 AM

Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom | | parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM

Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room | | dlnrctpa@verizon.net | 11:45 AM

Alt Tues. | **Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study** | Lowry Room | | harpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM

Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by M. Leo Elliott, III in loving memory of Melanie Hewitt and John Norton Harrison; Mary Lou Bachman and John Harrison, Jr.; Beth Thompson and Leo Elliott, Sr.; Sheila Elliott Cummins and M. Leo Elliott, Jr. and Jane Harrison Elliott Lowry;

by Steve and Janice Straske in honor of Helen Straske in celebration of the occasion of her birthday.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God

by Donna Pacheco in loving memory of husband and father, Gary;
by Kate Shenk in loving memory of her mother, Julie Sansone.

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: October 18 & 25 | November 15 & 22

SAVE THE DATES

Meet the Organ with Simon Morley

Sunday, October 18
Following the 11:15 a.m. Mass

Join Organist and Director of Music Simon Morley for a behind-the-scenes look at St. John's beautiful organ. Learn how it works, how many pipes it contains, and what makes this remarkable instrument so special. Open to everyone, especially newcomers and anyone curious about the music that enriches our worship each week.

Fall Festival Hosted by EYC

October 25 | 3:00 p.m.

Our annual Pumpkin Painting Party is getting a fall makeover! Hosted by our St. John's EYC, join us Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m. for pumpkin painting, games, crafts, hay rides, and more, with our friends from Cornerstone Kids joining the fun.

Cornerstone Christmas Giving Tree

Beginning November 8

Save the date for the return of St. John's Cornerstone Christmas Giving Tree! This year marks the 14th year of this beloved outreach, through which our parish helps provide Christmas gifts for children served by Cornerstone Kids, a local after-school program in Tampa Heights. Beginning November 8, parishioners will be invited to choose a child to shop for or help support Cornerstone families by purchasing Walmart gift cards for parents. Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at bucsjenkins@aol.com.

An Evening with Andy Squyres

November 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Church

Save the date for an evening with Andy Squyres—singer-songwriter, storyteller, and one of the funniest people you're likely to hear from the chancel steps. Co-sponsored by VU VI VO Ministries, the evening will be followed by a Q&A and a reception in the courtyard; scan the QR code for tickets (\$30) and more information.



Scan for online bulletins,
serving schedules,
The Compass, and *The Scroll*



Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, in observance of the federal holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, October 13.

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* and other email lists by emailing Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org or by scanning the QR code to fill out your SJE email preferences online
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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
Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686
Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337
Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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stjohnstampa.org/stewardship

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

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