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ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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SJE NEWSLETTER

PIC OF THE WEEK: FLASHBACK TO ANDY SQUYRES 2025



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Worship at Saint John's:

On Sundays...

Rite I @ 8AM
11:15AM (*Sung Mass)*

Rite II @ 9:30AM *(Sung Mass)*

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 12:15PM:
Holy Eucharist
The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

It's hard to believe November is already here! This week, we celebrated All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day with beautiful and meaningful services, remembering those who have gone before us and giving thanks for the lives and love they shared. We hope everyone also enjoyed a happy Halloween!

We also shared some bittersweet news: **our beloved organist, Simon, has accepted a call to become the next Organist and Director of Music at the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, North Carolina.** After 20 years of faithful service to St. John's, Simon has touched so many lives through his music and dedication to our parish. While we will miss him dearly, we are so happy for him as he follows this new calling. Please join us in giving thanks for his ministry and wishing him every blessing in this next chapter.

Looking ahead, we're excited to **welcome Andy Squyres on November 11, Veterans Day!** Be sure to get your ticket and join us for a wonderful evening together.



Interim Chaplain

Meet Father Landon!

The Rev. Landon Moore III joins us at the start of November to serve as Interim Chaplain to the School.

A priest, he served as Canon for Vocations and Congregations in the Diocese of Long Island and as Priest in Charge of Advent Episcopal Church, Westbury. He is a Lieutenant and chaplain in the Navy Reserve, commissioned in December 2024. Father Moore holds a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School and a bachelor's degree from Marist College. He is the author of Tales Told on the Road to Emmaus. A Saratoga Springs, New York native, he is now glad to join St. John's.

Rev. Moore will also provide support at St. John's Church and assist Fr. Wood, who has professionally and personally known Rev. Moore for several years.

Outreach Ministry

This past Sunday, Hugh and Bob led our Sunday School class in a thoughtful discussion on humility and what it means to serve God and others with a humble heart.



Take a Tote

Help support teens facing food insecurity through Madi's Movement! **Our Take a Tote initiative invites parishioners to fill an SJE tote with nonperishable ingredients a teen can use to prepare a complete meal at home.**

Totes will be available in the parish office starting **Nov. 22nd**, each with a theme tag. Simply choose a tote and fill it with foods that match its theme.

Your filled tote will also serve as your "ticket" to our St. Nicholas party, on December 9th in the Parish Hall! More details to follow!

Bin Buddies

St. John's has adopted six clothing bins through Isaiah House 117, and we need your help filling them!

As the house prepares to open, **we're collecting NEW size 4T clothing, underwear, and pajamas for boys and girls.**

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office or brought on Sundays. **This is a year-round commitment,** so your continued generosity will help keep these bins stocked and ready for children who need them.

Please reach out to Kate Wood with any questions regarding the Foster Youth Initiative and how to get involved
katherinegreywood@gmail.com

Lead with Love



This year's pledge drive invites us to Lead with Love by supporting the life and ministry we share at St. John's.

Please make your pledge by November 22nd to help continue supporting our church.

Scan the QR code below to make your pledge.

Save the Dates

Make sure to add these important dates to your calendar! Registration is required for certain events.

TODAY

Cornerstone Christmas Giving Tree
Names will be distributed for the Giving Tree **in the courtyard before and after Mass TODAY**. Visit the parish office to drop-off gifts. The deadline is December 8th.
Contact Info: bucsjenkins@aol.com.

NOV 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 10AM
Join us for a beautiful Sung Mass with choir as we give thanks for God's abundant blessings before the day's festivities begin.

NOV 22

Christ the King & Breakfast Sunday
Please celebrate with us as we mark the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Breakfast Sunday will be taking place after the 9:30AM Mass.

NOV 29

Advent Wreath Making | Between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses
Gather with your parish family to make an Advent wreath to take home as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ. One wreath per family will be provided.

Andy Squyres at SJE! Get Your Tickets!



Andy Squyres at SJE 2025

Music, storytelling, and plenty of laughter await! Join us November 11 at 7 p.m. in the chapel for a special evening with Andy Squyres, a singer-songwriter and storyteller whose heartfelt songs and quick wit make for a memorable night.

Make your plans today! Tickets are $30. Scan the QR code to purchase yours and learn more.

Scan here for tickets ($30) to see Andy Squyres!

November Adult Formation: Holy Smoke
The Oxford Movement & The Making of Anglo-Catholicism

Sundays @ 10:45AM in the Parish Hall
November 8th & 15th

Youth Ministries

Want your kiddo to be featured in The Weekly Compass? Send your pictures to Ayana, agrady@stjohnstampa.org!







EYC TopGolf 2026

UPCOMING DATES:

- 2027 Mission Trips Information Meeting Sun, Nov 8 | 4:30-5:00 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Faith Cafe Shampoo Kits Service Project (HS) | Sun, Nov 8 | 6:30-7:00 p.m. Parish Hall
- Metro Ministries Holiday Tent (3rd-5th Graders) | Sat, Nov 14 | 9 a.m.-Noon 4900 W Lemon St
- Stump the Priest (Combined EYC w/Fr Wood) | Sun, Nov 15 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. Parish Hall
- Advent Wreath Making | Sun, Nov 29 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. | St John's Courtyard
- Friendsgiving EYC (Combined)| Sun, Nov 29 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Lowry Room

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth: *Children:*



Dedications & Blessings

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
By Pat Ferguson in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Mary Stephen Straske, Carson Eckhard, and Sykes Eckhard in loving memory of their dear friend Abby Shaw Nalty and by Kari in loving memory of her mother, Martha L. Bartlett.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by the Hearing family in thanksgiving for Michael and Judy Barber.

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 22 | December 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Member Spotlight



Roy C.

Meet Roy! He is an 8th grader attending St. John's Middle School. We are so happy to have him!

Favorite thing about St John's: "I like that we all are really close, and know each other well."

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 3:1–12



LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays @ 6PM:
CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)
Location: Zoom
Contact: tampasal@gmail.com

Tuesdays @ 6:30AM:
Businessmen's Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: grimard.max@gmail.com

Wednesdays @ 3:30PM:
Adult Formation
Location: Zoom
Contact: parish@stjohnstampa.org

Thursdays @ 11:45AM
Men's Weekly Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: dlnrctpa@verizon.net

Alt. Tuesday @ 10AM:
Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: harpwings@aol.com

STAY CONNECTED

- 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.**
- **Subscribe to The Weekly Scroll** and other email lists by emailing Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org
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