



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | FEBRUARY 22, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Jambalaya & Jazz

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

More than 200 people gathered for our 3rd Annual Jambalaya & Jazz, enjoying incredible New Orleans cuisine prepared by the Kitchen Krewe and live jazz that kept the parish hall buzzing. It was a joyful evening of good food, great music, and strong community at St. John's.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

FEB 22 | AFTER THE 9:30 A.M. MASS



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Our Annual Parish Meeting takes place today immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service. Join us for a light lunch and a joyful celebration of all God is doing in and through our parish. This Wednesday, our Lenten programming begins—gather with us at 5:30 p.m. for Stations of the Cross, dinner, and the start of our series, *Witness Unto Death: Patristic Martyrs & the Early Church*. Next Sunday, Youth Confirmation classes begin (for 7th grade and up); contact Ayana Grady if your student would like to be confirmed. Also next Sunday, our Sunday morning adult formation series, *Praying in the Wilderness*, begins after the 9:30 a.m. service.

Worship at St. Johns

Sundays: Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | *Rite II at 9:30 a.m.

**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.*

Confirmation Prep • Spring 2026

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 1
SUNDAYS | 4:00–5:00 P.M.
(BEFORE EYC)
7TH GRADE & UP

Questions/Sign Up: Ayana Grady •
agrady@stjohnstampa.org

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: MAY 17, 2026

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Easter flower dedications are now available. Honor a loved one or give thanks for a blessing by contributing to the flowers that adorn our church on Easter Day. Please submit your dedication using the QR code by Sunday, March 15 at noon.



BUSINESSMEN'S

Bible Study



BEGINS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 6:30-8:00 A.M. | LOWRY ROOM
SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



The Reconciliation of a Penitent (Private Confession)

In the Episcopal Church, sacramental confession is a private and confidential rite in which a person confesses their sins to God in the presence of a priest and receives absolution. While we confess corporately in the liturgy, this rite offers the opportunity for personal examination, counsel, and the assurance of Christ's forgiveness spoken directly to you. **Confession is never required, but always available: all may, some should, none must.**

Confessions are offered by appointment throughout Lent and (by appointment) following the Good Friday Liturgy. Please contact the parish office or a member of the clergy to schedule.

LENTEN TEACHING
SERIES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 18

Witness Unto Death:

PATRISTIC MARTYRS & THE EARLY CHURCH
BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH

FEB. 25 – SPAGHETTI
PREPARED BY KITCHEN CREWE

MARCH 4 – RIB NIGHT
SPONSORED BY THE FATHER'S MINISTRY

**MARCH 11 – SOUP &
SANDWICHES**
PREPARED BY KITCHEN CREWE

**MARCH 18 – PARISH-WIDE
CHILI COOK-OFF**
ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

— PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FORMATION AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER TOWARD HOLY WEEK —
5:30 P.M. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 6:00 P.M. – SUPPER | 6:30 P.M. – TEACHING SERIES | CONCLUDES BY 7:15 P.M.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION
LENT 2026

Praying in the Wilderness

Sundays in Lent | Begins March 1
After the 9:30 a.m. Service
Taught by the Clergy



ADULT FORMATION

Tue.
Zoom

CWBS (Contemporary
Women's Bible Study)
tamasa@gmail.com

08:00 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

CHILDREN & YOUTH

No Sunday School Today!

Children are invited to watch a movie in the Lowry Room and youth are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

Movie Night EYC!

Today, Sunday, February 22 4:00-7:15 p.m. | Westshore AMC

Join us to see *I Can Only Imagine 2* at Westshore. The tickets are \$15 per person, so we suggest bringing \$35 total (for snacks, etc.). We'll be carpooling from the church, leaving at 4:00 p.m. from the Parish Hall.

Stay up to date with
our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

Lenten Supper Series	Sunday Adult Formation	Youth Confirmation Classes	Cornerstone Kids Annual Fundraising Gala	Feast of the Annunciation
<p>Begins Feb 25 Parish Hall Wednesdays in Lent</p> <p>This Lent, our Wednesday supper series will explore the witness of the early Christian martyrs, drawing on the faith, courage, and theology of the patristic Church as we prepare our hearts for the Paschal feast. Mark your calendars and join us.</p>	<p>March 1 Parish Hall Sundays in Lent</p> <p>Join us after the 9:30 a.m. service each Sunday in Lent as our clergy walk us through the Church's prayer practices — from silence and Scripture to the Daily Office and intercession.</p>	<p>Begins March 1 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Confirmation classes begin March 1! We'll meet Sundays from 4:00–5:00 p.m., just before EYC. If your 7th grader (or older student) is ready to be confirmed, contact Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org for details.</p>	<p>March 12 Centro Asturiano 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>An evening supporting Cornerstone Kids, a local after-school program. St. John's is sponsoring two tables (16 seats total), first come, first served. To reserve a seat or make a donation, contact Andrew Abrams at andrewabrams@gmail.com</p>	<p>March 25 Church 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for the celebration of the Annunciation of our Lord—our final Wednesday gathering before Holy Week begins. All are welcome.</p>

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

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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

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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