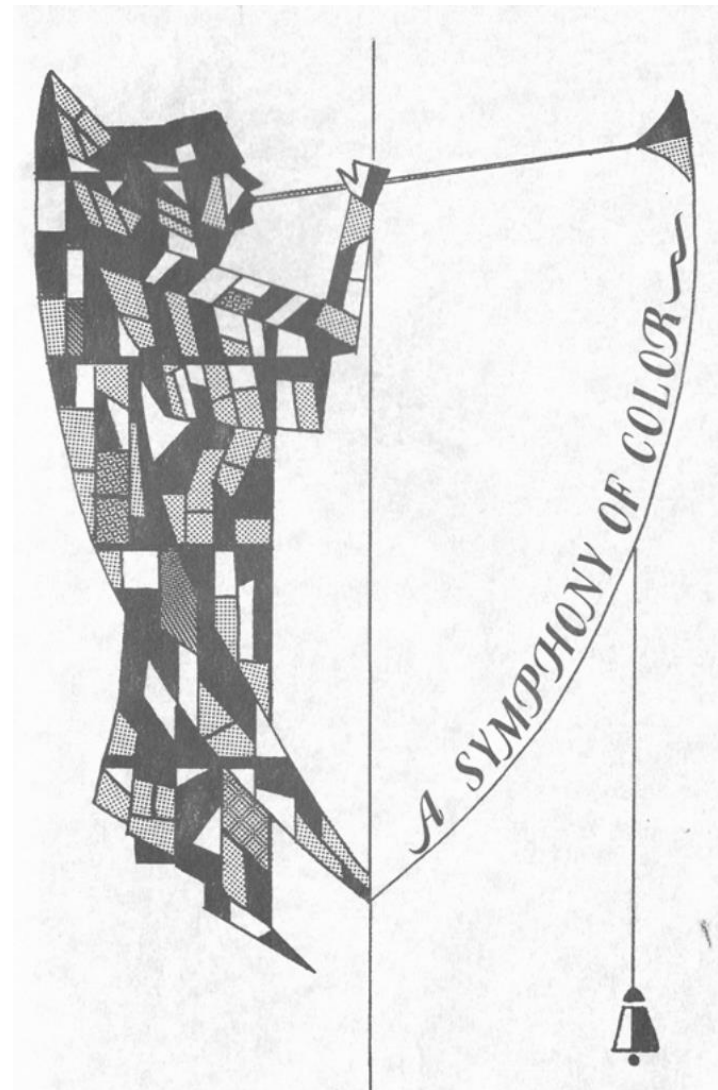
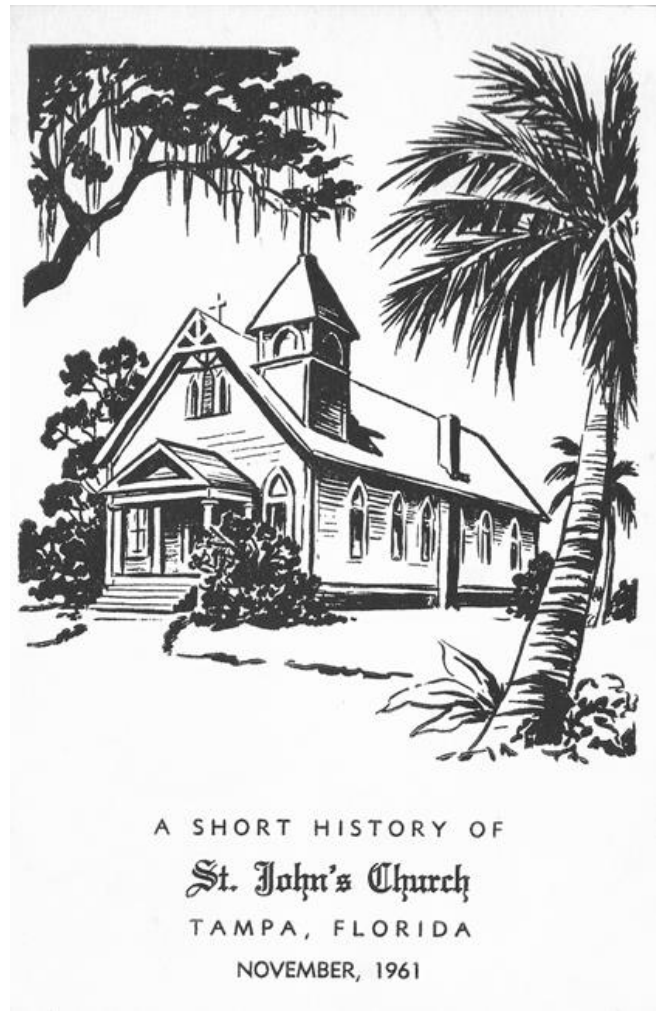


St. John's Episcopal Church, Tampa

1912-2023



St John's History - publications

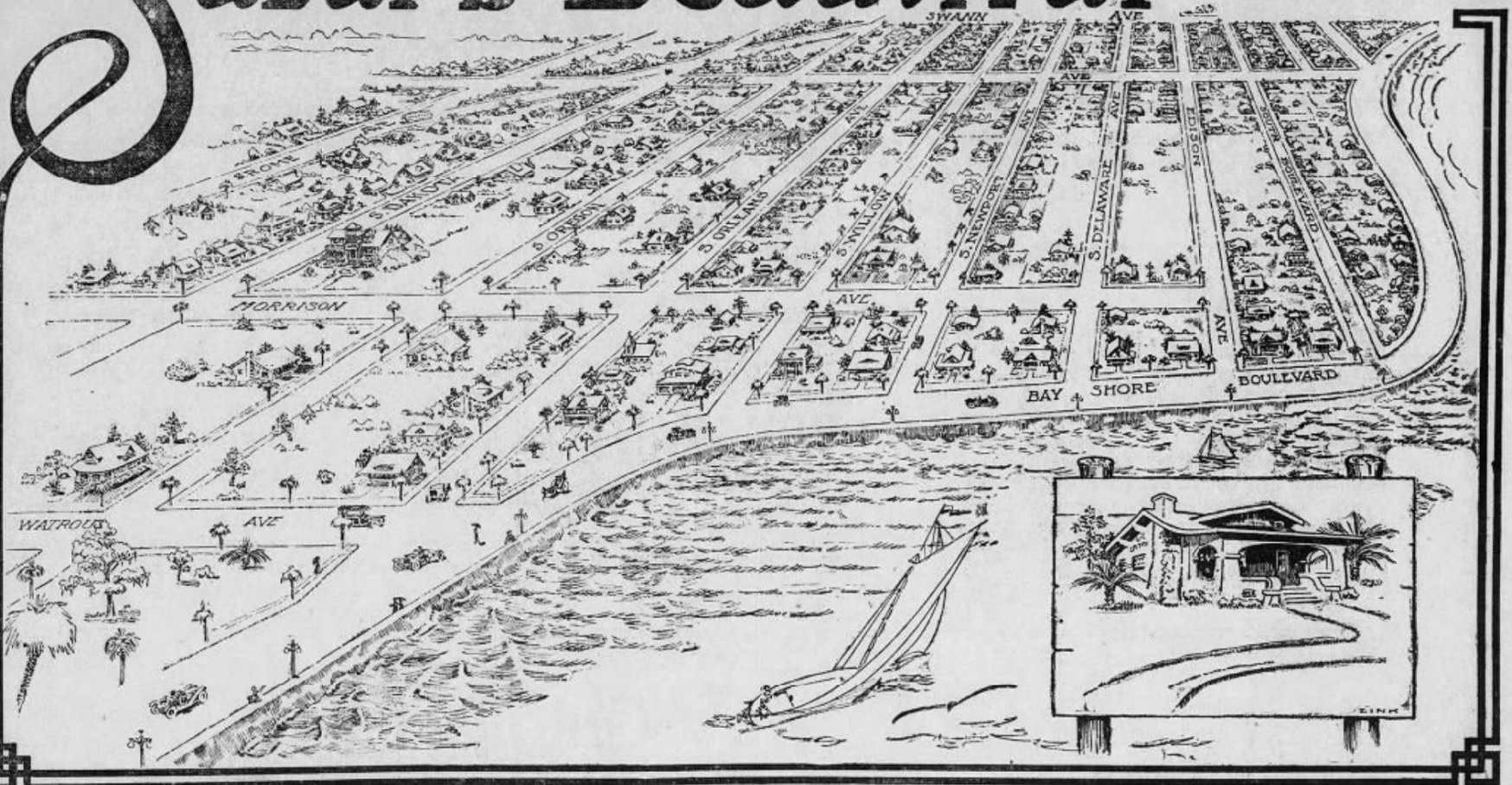


St. John's Clergy

RECTORS WHO HAVE SERVED ST. JOHN'S

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| • The Rev. John F. Porter | 1912-1913 |
| • The Rev. A.E. Cornish | 1913-1916 |
| • The Rev. L. Irving Insley | 1917-1921 |
| • The Rev. William B. Curtis | 1922-1929 |
| • The Rev. Mortimer Glover | 1930-1931 |
| • The Rev. Harcourt Johnson | 1932-1933 |
| • The Rev. Richard I. Brown | 1933-1937 |
| • The Rev. Sidney M. Hopson | 1937-1943 |
| • The Rev. George H. Bennett | 1943-1947 |
| • The Rev. Clarence W. Brickman | 1947-1956 |
| • The Rev. William S. Brace | 1957-1962 |
| • The Rev. Dorsey G. Smith | 1963-1968 |
| • The Rev. Hoyt B. Massey | 1968-1978 |
| • The Rev. John R. Peterson | 1979-2000 |
| • The Rev. Jess Petty (Interim) | 2000-2002 |
| • The Rev Douglas E. Remer | 2002-2013 |
| • The Rev. Charles E. Connelly | 2014-2020 |
| • The Rev. Dr. Fredrick A. Robinson (Interim) | 2021 |
| • The Rev. Christian Wood | 2022- |

Suburb Beautiful



St. John's By the Sea, consecrated May 28, 1912



Original Interior, St. John's By the Sea



St John's By the Sea – from Seville Apts.



Plans for a new church – 1926

designed by F.J Kennard & Son



THE NEW CHURCH UNDER WAY

Our Work Outlined

TO COMPLETE AND EQUIP THE NEW CHURCH BUILDING
TO MOVE AND REMODEL THE PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING
FOR A PARISH HOUSE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL
TO BUILD A RECTORY ON THE SOUTHERLY PORTION OF
OUR SITE

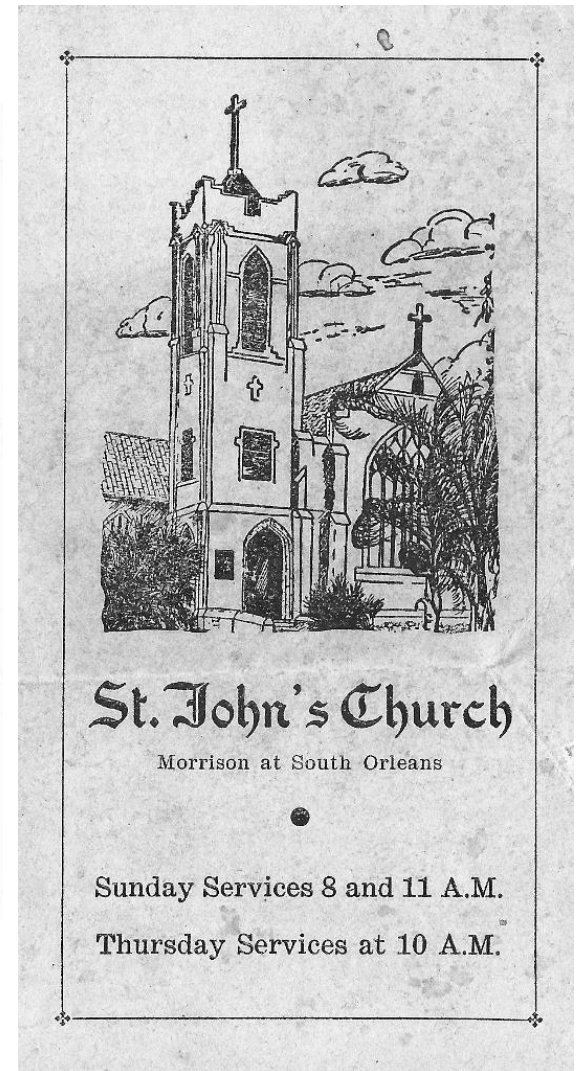
How We May Do It

RAISE \$100,000 BY SUBSCRIPTIONS
PUT OUR HEARTS IN THE WORK AND OUR SHOULDERS TO
THE WHEEL UNTIL IT IS DONE



1928 Dedication of New Church Building and Informational Flyer

The Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen
of
St. John's Parish
Tampa, Florida
Invite your participation in
The Dedication
Of your new Church Building
At Eleven O'clock
Palm Sunday Morning, April the First
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty Eight



New building interior - sanctuary



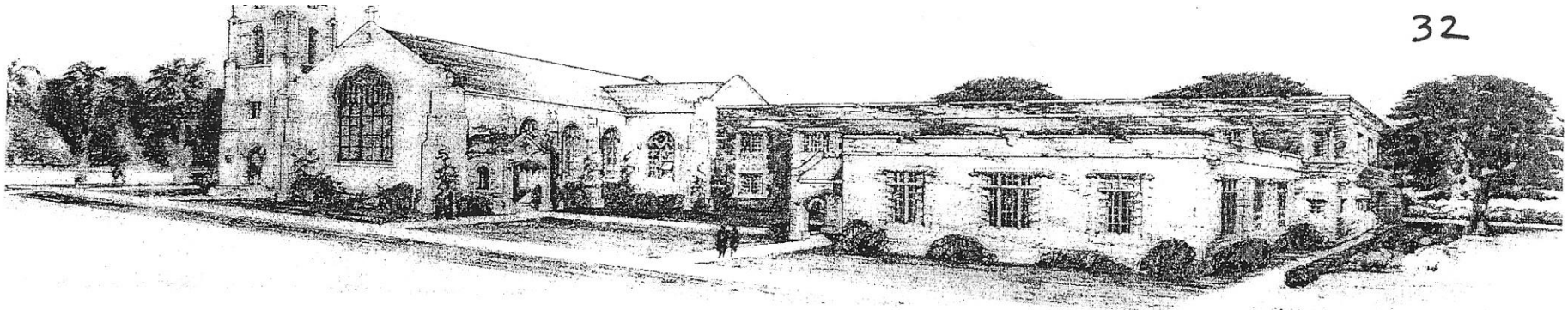
Work on interior – facing S. Orleans



Old and New



St John's expansion – 1949 letter from FR Brickman



St. John's Church

906 SOUTH ORLEANS
TAMPA 6, FLORIDA

March 10th, 1949

Dear Member and Friend of St. John's:

We of St. John's have a man-sized job to do. Here is a man-sized letter to tell you about it.

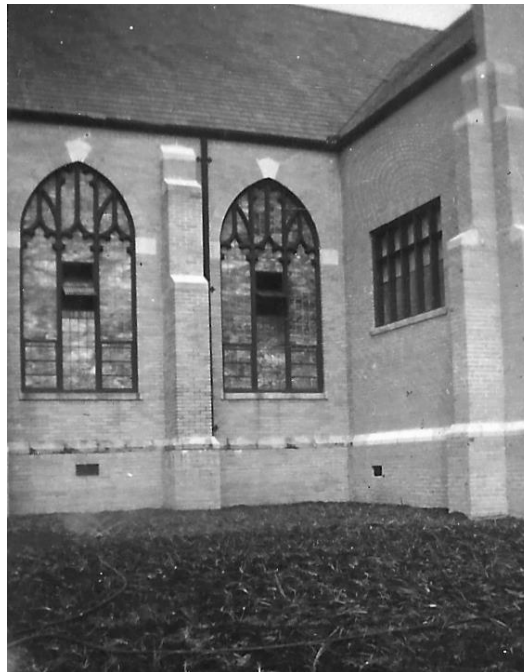
We have long needed additional parish facilities. One by one the proper steps to attain our goal have been carefully and deliberately taken. Now we are ready to take the greatest step of all—that of subscribing to our Building Fund need of \$175,000. Our Building Fund Committee has given serious consideration to the problem of raising the necessary Building Fund. After studying the matter from all angles, we have enlisted the services of a group of trained Christian Visitors who will participate in the visitation for this fund. Their names and pictures are printed at the bottom of this letter so that you may recognize them when they call on you. Please cooperate with them. They are our representatives. More than that, they are God's representatives in this work.



Rev. Clarence Brickman

Each of us must support this undertaking by giving and subscribing as much as possible. We cannot leave it to the others in the parish to do our share. It is OUR parish. Each one of us has his share of its responsibilities as well as his share of its privileges. ONLY the united effort of all parishioners and friends of St. John's Church will make this endeavor a success. We are to make our gift to the Building Fund over A FIVE YEAR Subscription Period. Some of you will want to give a dollar a day or more, some fifty cents to a dollar; others from twenty-five to fifty cents, some will be able to give only five, ten or twenty cents a day. Some may prefer to make their contribution on an annual basis, or in a lump sum. Regardless of the method of payment which we select, remember that this is OUR responsibility and privilege. LET US GIVE IT OUR SINCERE CONSIDERATION AHEAD OF TIME SO THAT WE WILL BE PREPARED WHEN OUR REPRESENTATIVE CALLS ON US.

Photos from 1950



Mary Ellen & John Germany June 15, 1951

Father Clarence Brickman, Rector



Patsy and Buddy Carte wedding-June 27 1953

-no air conditioning-



Ann Lowry & David Murphey Wedding December 01, 1954



Church honors 60th anniversary

By MARY COOLIDGE
Times Staff Writer

It all began on Whitsunday, May 26, 1912, with a notation in the diary of the Rt. Rev. William Crane Gray, bishop of the missionary jurisdiction of southern Florida: "I am most thankful for this church and pray for God's blessing on this forward movement."

The "forward movement" he referred to was the newest Episcopal mission in Tampa, St. John's which he consecrated that day and where he had confirmed a class of four people.

That church, located at 906 S. Orleans, will celebrate its 60th anniversary as a parish tomorrow. From these four people confirmed that day, the church has grown to 1,075 communicants.

The celebration will begin at 5 p.m. with choral Evensong. The guest preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Harwood Sturtevant, retired bishop of Fond du Lac, Wis. There will be a covered dish supper after the service and all friends of the church are invited to join and share in the occasion.

Sturtevant was a member of the parish for many years and was always available to serve the parish either as the leader of the services or to counsel parish decisions. He moved to St. Petersburg two years ago, but is still a close friend of the parish.

The staff of St. John's includes the rector, the Rev. Hoyt B. Massey; the Rev. Jon A. Caridad, curate; the Rev. George L. Burchill, headmaster; the Rev. W. Russell Bragg (ret.) assistant; and James Biggers, organist and choirmaster.

Early church records show that on Dec. 5, 1910, the Bayshore Realty Co. deeded to the missionary jurisdiction a lot on the southeast corner of Orleans and Morrison, with the provision that on it should be erected a church to face west and cost not less than \$3,000.

In March 1912, the guild of St. John's gathered for the first meeting in the new church, known as St. John's by the Sea. The new church was completed and in celebration of its consecration, special notice was printed and distributed by the first vestrymen of the church; Sumter L. Lowry, L. B. Woods, Hilton S. Hampton, Dr. William Richardson, Dr. John D. MacRae and Dr. Albert C. Ives.

It was in 1913 that St. John's was first listed as an organized mission with the Rev. A. E. Cornish as the priest in charge. The mission became a parish in 1917 with 108 communicants and with the Rev. L. Irving Insley as the priest in charge.

In 1922 the parish bought an additional lot and on Nov. 16, 1924 grounds was broken for the present church building.



It was while the Rev. Clarence W. Brickman was rector that the original wooden building was removed from the church site to make way for new parish hall and school building, which was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. Henry I. Louttit, present bishop of the diocese of South Florida, on Oct. 30, 1949.

Brickman was also the rector when St. John's Parish Day school was established. It began as a kindergarten class in 1951 and opened the 1961-62 school year with an enrollment of 195 students in grades 1-6.

The Rev. George S. Burchill has served the day school since 1954 and became its headmaster in 1957. The school today has approximately 390 students divided into classes from 4-5 year olds in the kindergarten at the old Texaco service station on the corner of Rome and Watrous Ave., referred to as Texaco U. by the children and adults. The grades 1-8 are located on the church grounds at the corner of Orleans and Morrison.

Britt Whitaker is senior warden of the parish. Recently a new pipe organ, designed and built for the church building, was installed.



The old and the new—St. John's Episcopal Church as it looked in around 1915, bottom, and top, as it looks now.

From 60th anniversary article



Father Dorsey Smith, Rector - 1963



INSTITUTION OF THE RECTOR
THE REV. DORSEY G. SMITH, JR.
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA JUNE 30, 1963

Mid 1960's Easter



1960's (Rose Window dedicated April 26, 1964)



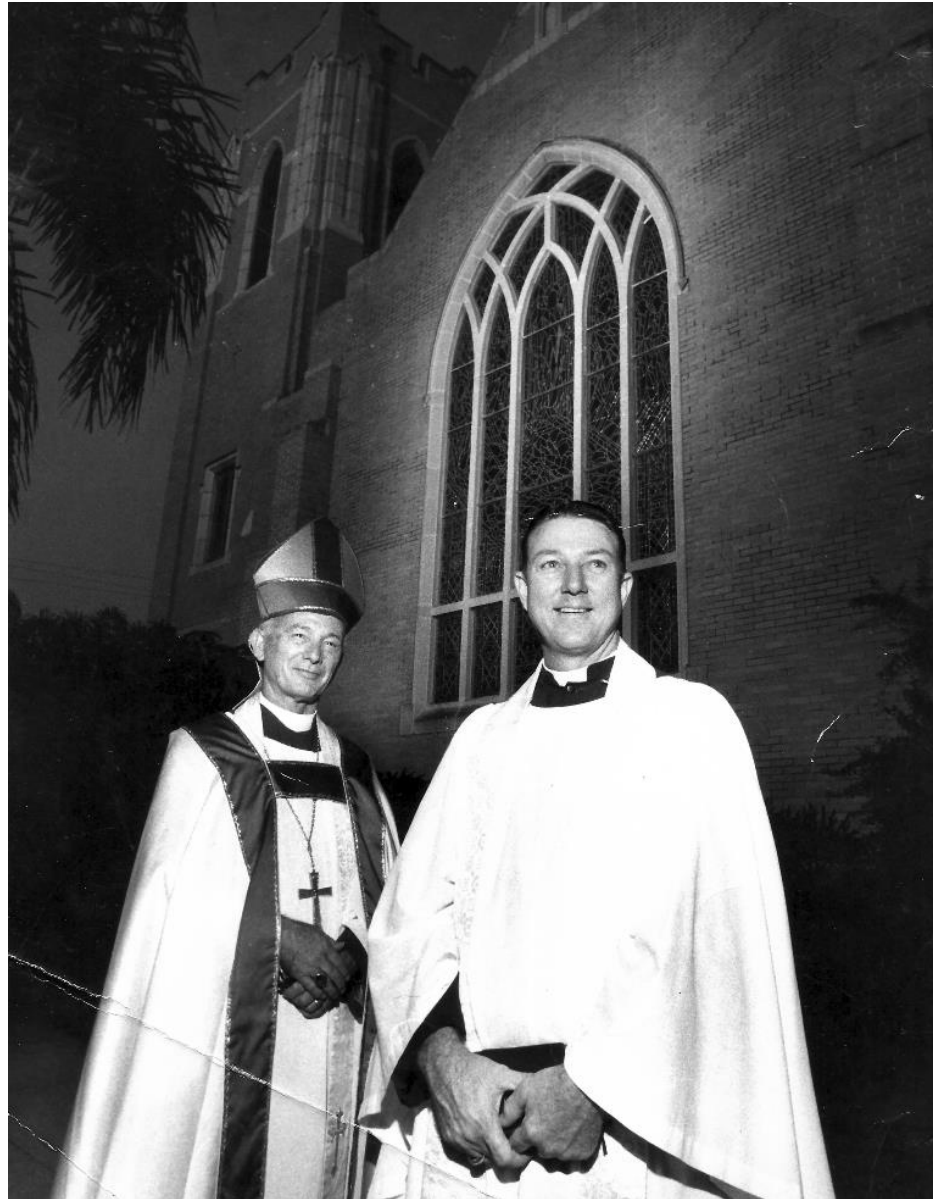
Confirmation Class: December 5, 1965



Jim Biggars Choir of Men and Boys



1974 Hoyt Massey, Rector



Mid 1980's the next generation
Carte (Bisbee) & Germany (Gruetzmacher)



St John's Pre-Chapel Addition



St John's Renovation – Second Century – late 1980's

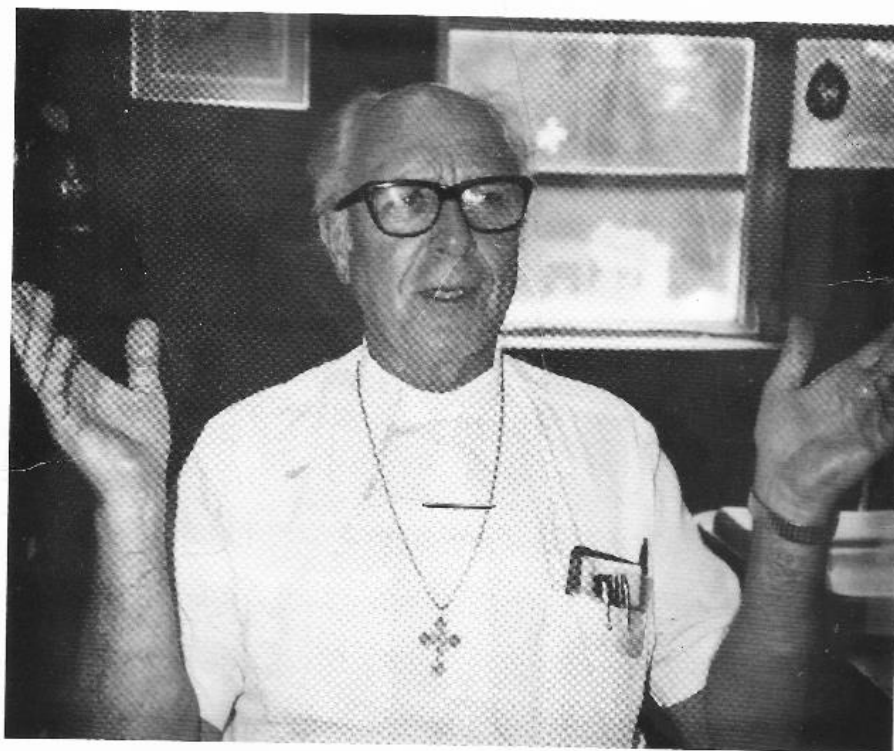


More changes to St. John's - Hobby, Stanford & Carastro Weddings



The Rev George S. Burchill: Headmaster 1954-1992

I'M A FATHER BURCHILL FAN!

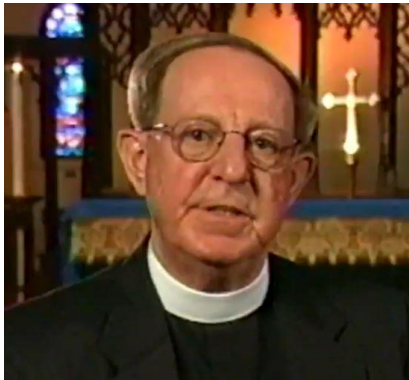


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St. John's Little School (aka Texaco U)– 1930 and today (Rome & Watrous)



Share the Light –2000

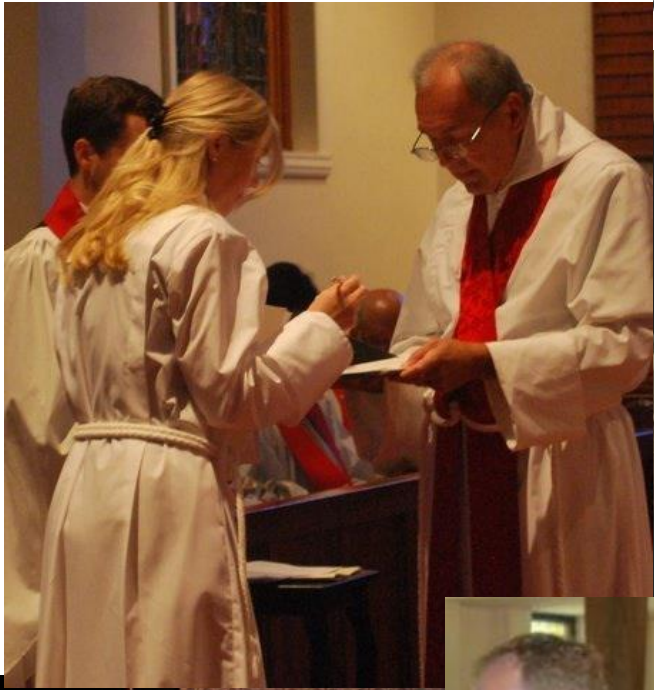


Plant Ave Campus-Middle School - 2023



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL PARISH DAY SCHOOL

Clergy – 2000's



Clergy/staff post 2012



Parish Life



Repairs to Windows



Choir today with Simon Morley



2022-2023





Tampa Bay History Center



St. John's – exterior today









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A PLAN FOR ST. JOHN'S TAMPA