



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 8, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Wednesdays in Lent

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

Our Wednesday Lenten evenings have been such a gift so far—Stations of the Cross, meaningful formation, and shared meals together as a parish family. Thank you to everyone who has helped make it possible, especially our Kitchen Krewe and the Fathers Ministry for keeping us well fed. We hope to see you again this week at 5:30 p.m., and we'd love to welcome some new faces too.



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This week at St. John's, we continue several opportunities for formation and community. Today, our adult class *Praying in the Wilderness* continues after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall, with Mthr. Caroline teaching about the practice of self-examination. On Wednesday, our Lenten programming continues with Stations of the Cross at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner—soup and sandwiches provided by our Kitchen Krewe—and formation opportunities for all ages, including our adult formation series, *Witness Unto Death: Patristic Martyrs & the Early Church*.

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.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

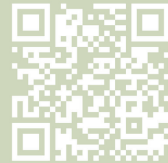
Saint Michael's Conference is a week-long summer gathering in West Hartford, Connecticut for young people ages 13–21, centered on daily worship, thoughtful conversations about Jesus, and joyful community, inviting participants to seek a deeper and more vibrant life in Christ.

See Fr. Chris or Kate Wood for more details.



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

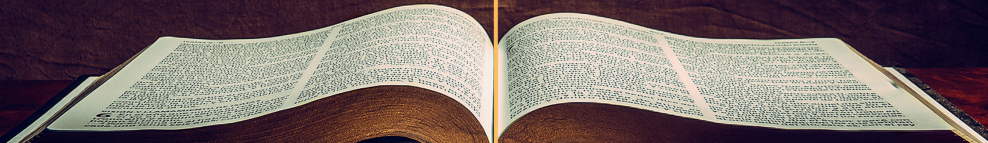
Bible Study



TUESDAYS IN LENT

6:30-8:00 A.M. | LOWRY ROOM

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFO



St. John's EYC Presents

PARENTS VS YOUTH KICKBALL

**MARCH
08
5-7 PM**

— ANNUAL GAME —
HYDE PARK
SOFTBALL FIELD



Series tied 1-1

Dinner + snacks provided

All skill levels welcome

RSVP to Ayana Grady | agrady@stjohnstampa.org

ALL-AGES PARISH WORKDAY AT BIKES FROM THE HEART

HELP REFURBISH BIKES FOR FAITH CAFE GUESTS

REMOVE USABLE PARTS FROM DONATED BIKES SO THEY CAN BE USED TO REPAIR BICYCLES FOR PEOPLE IN NEED.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED | TOOLS AND INSTRUCTION PROVIDED
🍕 PIZZA AFTER THE WORKDAY



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
3515 N. FLORIDA AVE**



ALL AGES WELCOME
PARTICIPANTS UNDER 16 MUST
ATTEND WITH AN ADULT

Witness Unto Death:

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

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.



Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

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

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, February 11. The class will continue its study of the Gospel according to Matthew using Interpretation Bible Studies – Matthew by Alyce M. McKenzie as the study guide. Chris McAdams will be leading the discussion of Unit 5, "Would-Be Disciples and a Lesson about Discipleship". This Unit 5 study, covers Matthew 8:18-27; 15:21-28, Pages 50 – 60 in our study guide. The class meets on alternate Tuesdays through May 19. For questions, contact Sharon Stoll (harpwings@aol.com), Margaret Brokaw (margaretb132@hotmail.com), or Sally Wiley (wiley48sm@gmail.com). All women are invited to attend.

The Crucifixion by John Stainer

The Crucifixion by John Stainer is a powerful musical meditation on the Passion of Christ, recounting the final hours of Jesus's life, including the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Written in 1887 for choir, organ, and soloists, the work draws inspiration from the Passion settings of J.S. Bach and invites the congregation to join in hymns throughout.



*Presented by the
Choir of St. John's
Palm Sunday | March 29
5:00 p.m. | In the Church*

Join us for this moving devotion as we begin Holy Week.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORMATION | LENT 2026

Praying in the Wilderness

Sundays in Lent after the 9:30 a.m. Service
Taught by the Clergy



ADULT FORMATION

Tue.
Zoom

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

08:00 PM

Wed.
Zoom

Wednesday Adult Formation
parish@stjohnstampa.org

03:30 PM

Thurs.
Lowry Room

Men's Bible Study
dfrncrtpa@verizon.net

11:45 AM

Alternate Tue.
Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study
harpwings@aol.com

10:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH Sunday School Today!

All Sunday School students and teachers will go first for Communion, and then come into the side hallway for Check-In and nametags.

Parents vs. Youth Kickball Game Tonight!

5:00-7:00p.m. | Hyde Park Softball Field

Our 3rd Parents vs. Youth Kickball game is TODAY, and the stakes are high! It's going to be a fun, sporty day—including snacks and dinner. See you there!

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

Lenten Supper Series	Cornerstone Kids Annual Fundraising Gala	Feast of the Annunciation	All-Ages Parish Workday	The Crucifixion by John Stainer
<p>Wednesdays in Lent Church/Parish Hall</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. Begins with Stations of the Cross in the Church.</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 andrewabramsj@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>	<p>March 28 Bikes from the Heart (3515 N. Florida Ave.) 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>All ages are invited to a parish workday helping refurbish bicycles for guests of Faith Café. No experience needed. Join us in serving our neighbors in Tampa.</p>	<p>March 29 Church 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Crucifixion by John Stainer will be presented by St. John's Choir. This moving musical meditation on the Passion of Christ recounts the final hours of Jesus's life and helps us enter into Holy Week. 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

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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.

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parish@stjohnstampa.org

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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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