



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 19, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Easter Prank Fun

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

Our moms pulled off a hilarious Easter prank—matching shirts and socks for dads and kids! We love moments of joy and laughter at St. John's. Want to get involved in our parent ministries? Contact Ayana Grady.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today, April 19, join us for a full day of formation.

Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Adult Formation (Parish Hall) will feature a St. Michael's Conference presentation from our youth. Adult Confirmation (Chapel) and the Newcomers' Class (Lowry Room) meet at 10:45 a.m. Children's and Youth Sunday School (the final session of the year) meets from 10:30–11:15 a.m. Youth Confirmation meets from 4–5 p.m., followed by combined, Youth Council led EYC from 5–7:00 p.m., both in the Parish Hall.

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.



ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

PRESENTED BY THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH ATTENDEES FROM ST. JOHN'S

Join us next Sunday, April 19 at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, as St. John's youth who attended the St. Michael's Conference share reflections on their experience. Come hear how God has moved in their time away and what they bring back, year after year, to our parish community.



St. John's Book Club

April Meeting - Tuesday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m.

The St. John's Book Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. in the Lowry Room. All women of the parish and their guests are invited. Our selection this month is **The Lion Women of Tehran** by Marjan Kamali, and Peg Ross, in collaboration with Janice Chapman, will lead the discussion. We will begin selecting our books for the 2026-27 year, so please bring ideas or email them to chris.mcadams@gmail.com.



MINISTRY MINUTE: KAIROS

Stop by the Kairos table in the courtyard between services today to learn about this meaningful prison ministry and how you can get involved. John Jenkins and Bob Alter will serve at the Men's Kairos Weekend, May 14–17 at Sumter Correctional.

"...bring offerings & come into his courts"
Psalm 96:8



MAKE A
DEDICATION
TODAY

Dedications

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by Amanda Samson in memory of Bruce Samson.

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: April 26, May 10 & 24

NEWCOMERS' CLASSES CONTINUE

All who are new or seeking a deeper connection at St. John's are invited to our Newcomers' Class Series, meeting Sundays following the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. These informal gatherings offer a chance to meet clergy and ministry leaders, connect with other newcomers, learn about parish life, and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the church. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be available. Questions? Contact Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CONTINUE TODAY

10:45 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. Mass) | The Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel

Adult Confirmation classes continue today through May 10. These sessions are an opportunity to deepen your faith, explore the teachings of the Church, and prepare to reaffirm your baptismal vows.

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 17, when The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, our bishop, will be with us to preside.

If you are interested in being confirmed but have not yet signed up, please speak with a member of the clergy

MAY 3

SENIOR
SUNDAY

9:30 A.M.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY, MAY 3 AS WE CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AT THE 8:00 AND 9:30 A.M. SERVICES (WITH A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE 9:30). SENIORS WILL SHARE REFLECTIONS AND TAKE ON LEADERSHIP ROLES IN THE LITURGY, AND THE PARISH HALL WILL FEATURE THEIR "MORTARBOARD" PHOTO DISPLAYS FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

SENIORS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING OR SPEAKING ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT YOUTH MINISTER AYANA GRADY.



UPCOMING MAJOR FEASTS

with Holy Eucharist in the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

St. Mark the Evangelist
Saturday, April 25 | 10:00 a.m.

St. Philip & St. James
Friday, May 1 | 12:15 p.m.

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** |

Zoom | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM

Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room |

alazv@stjohnstampa.org | 6:30 AM

Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom |

parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM

Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room |

dlnrcpa@verizon.net | 11:45 AM

Alt Tues. | **Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study** | Lowry

Room | harpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Last 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.

Youth Council Led EYC Tonight!

5:00–7:00 p.m.

Your St John's Youth Council (Leadership Team) is leading EYC this Sunday! This is a combined (6th-12th) EYC. We'll have cool games, a Bible lesson about faith, and lots of fun.

Stay up to date with
our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

St. Michael's Conference Presentation	Feast of St. Philip & St. James Mass	Senior Sunday	Confirmation Sunday
<p>April 19 Parish Hall 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>During the adult formation hour, Maggie Wood and other youth from St. John's who attended the St. Michael's Conference will share about their experience. Join us as they reflect on their time, what they learned, and how it has shaped their faith. All are welcome.</p>	<p>May 1 Chapel</p> <p>Join us at 12:15 p.m. for Holy Eucharist in observance of this major feast.</p>	<p>May 3 Church 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Senior Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service. Our graduating high school seniors will offer their senior addresses and take on leadership roles in worship as we give thanks for them and mark this milestone.</p>	<p>May 17 Church 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service. The Rt. Rev. Doug Scharf will preach and preside as members of our parish affirm their baptismal vows and are confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.</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.

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

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Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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