



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 26, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

VBS Registration is Open!



Register Here!

VBS registration is now open for St. John's VBS 2026! Join us July 20–24 for a fun-filled week at Rainforest Falls, where kids will grow in faith through music, crafts, games, and adventure. Don't miss this exciting summer experience!



IT'S BREAKFAST SUNDAY!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Join us for Breakfast Sunday after the 9:30 service—a wonderful time to gather, connect, and enjoy breakfast together. We've reserved tables in front especially for newcomers, making it easy to meet others and feel at home. Adult Confirmation also continues after the 9:30 service, offering a meaningful opportunity for learning and faith formation.

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.



**SCAN FOR
MORE DETAILS**



St. John's VBS 2026

July 20-24, 2026 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Step into Rainforest Falls—a wild adventure of waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures! Kids will discover the nature of God and what it means to be rooted in a lifelong relationship with their Creator.



A LADIES' MAHJONG GATHERING



**MONDAY, MAY 11
5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
IN THE PARISH HALL
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!**



REGISTER HERE:



**“...bring offerings &
come into his
courts”** Psalms 96:8



**MAKE A
DEDICATION
TODAY**

Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Susan Lang in thanksgiving for our St. John's clergy, staff, vestry, and growing parish family;

by Elaine and Fred Clarke in thanksgiving for our lovely daughter, Roddy Belfatti, and the celebration of her birthday;

and by Marci Thomas in honor of the prayerful women who are members of the Daughters of the King.

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by John Shepard in loving memory of Caroline N. Shepard.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

by Cary Brown and family in loving memory of his mother Virginia Brown.

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: May 10 & 24

NEWCOMERS' CLASSES CONTINUE NEXT WEEK

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 CONTINUES 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.

May 1-2 | DaySpring Conference Center

Join Bishop Doug Scharf, Bishop Phyllis Spiegel, Bishop Phyllis Spiegel, and Bishop Brian Prior for a two-day conference focused on deepening faith, mission, and love of God.



Water and the Word Conference

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

VBS Registration

See newsletters for registration details!

EYC Tonight!

Middle School (6-8): 5:00-6:30 p.m. | High School (9-12): 6:00-7:30 p.m.

This semester, our youth will explore how movies and TV shape—and reflect—our faith. Join us for games, discussion, dinner, and a raffle. Friends welcome.

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

Feast of St. Philip & St. James Mass	Senior Sunday	A Ladies' Mahjong Gathering	Confirmation Sunday
<p>May 1 Chapel 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. 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 11 Parish Hall 5:30 p.m. A Ladies' Mahjong Gathering. All levels are welcome for an evening of fellowship, fun, and friendly Mahjong in the Parish Hall. Whether you're an experienced player or just learning, come enjoy a relaxed and welcoming night together.</p>	<p>May 17 Church 9:30 a.m. 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: rstlrmom2@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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