



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Through the
Lens: The
Triduum

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mtbr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

We are grateful for a holy and beautiful Paschal Triduum, and for the gift of these sacred moments so thoughtfully captured by photographer Dawn Ryder. We are thankful for her work among us and look forward to sharing more images in the days and weeks ahead—follow along on our social media.

CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Kate Mitchell Compton
Harrison Corcell
Rowan Cruse
Annie Graff
Madeline Hall
Grace Hunter
Cabe McCraw
Annabelle Normandeau
Josie O'Brien
Charlotte Phillips
Finley Roberts
Grace Tellekamp
Bailey Turnquist
Maggie Welch

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

This Sunday, we give thanks for and celebrate our graduating high school seniors, who will be offering their Senior Addresses from the pulpit. Join us in honoring them at a reception hosted by the junior parents following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Also after the 9:30 a.m. Mass, Newcomers' Class continues in the Lowry Room, and Adult Confirmation Class meets in the Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel. Continue reading *The Compass* for more of what's happening in the life of the parish.

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.



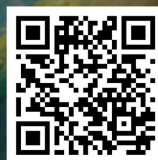
**SCAN FOR
MORE DETAILS**



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:



SUBSCRIBE

550 AND COUNTING!

HELP US KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING



FOLLOW

We've reached nearly 550 YouTube and Instagram followers & subscribers—thank you! Let's keep growing on all our platforms so even more people can encounter the Good News and the life of St. John's. Every follow helps us make Jesus Christ known, worshipped, and adored in Tampa and beyond!

**"...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 John K. Shepard, and daughters Helen and Kendall in loving memory of Caroline N. Shepard;

by the Hobby Family in memory of Lynda M. Vawter;

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Mary Jane Stagi in loving memory of Joseph Stagi and Stephany Austell;

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

by MC Jenkins in thanksgiving for her husband John on his birthday in May.

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

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. Mass 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

★ JOIN US AS WE GATHER IN GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION FOR 250 YEARS OF LIFE IN THIS NATION ★ INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

& Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS
PARISH PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS

★ PATRIOTIC HYMNS • GUEST PREACHER • PARISH PICNIC • GRILL OUT • FELLOWSHIP ★



Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, May 5 | 10:00-11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study resumes this week. 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. Mother Caroline Devitt will be leading the discussion of Unit 9, "The Betrayal and Trial of Jesus". This Unit 9 study, covers Matthew 26:47 - 27:26, Pages 83-90 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.

Youth



YOUTH & PARENT SURVEY

Parents



As we wrap up the school year, we invite both parents and youth to share your feedback to help shape the future of St. John's Youth. Please scan the appropriate QR code to complete a brief survey.

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM
Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | alaz@stjohnstampa.org | 6:30 AM
Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom | parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM
Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room | dlhrtpa@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!

Final EYC Tonight!

Combined Middle & High School 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Messy Games Night, from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall! Current 5th graders are invited to this final EYC as well--so we hope that everyone can participate, and welcome them into our community! This year, we're adding a FOAM PARTY! Dress to get messy (and wet), bring a towel, and invite your friends!

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

A Ladies' Mahjong Gathering	Confirmation Sunday	Kairos Men's Weekend	Youth Mission Trips
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.	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.	May 14–17 Sumter Correctional Institution Please keep John Jenkins, Bob Alter, and all who will participate in this four-day Kairos weekend in your prayers, as they share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.	June 1–8 & June 13–20 Our high school students will serve in the Dominican Republic June 1–8, and our middle school students will serve in Atlanta June 13–20. All missionaries will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on May 31—please keep them in your prayers.

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

Weekly Email – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* and other email lists by emailing Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org or scan the QR code to fill out your SJE email preferences online

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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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