



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 5, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Independence Day Sunday

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthbr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

Our Independence Day Sunday celebration was a blast! Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so special—from our volunteers and cooks to everyone who joined us for worship, food, fellowship, and fun. It was a joyful reminder of the wonderful community we share at St. John's.

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We hope you had a safe and happy Fourth of July! Today, we are pleased to welcome Ann Stephenson-Moe as our guest organist. As summer continues, there are plenty of opportunities for worship, fellowship, and service, including Holy Smokes Men's Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Baseball with the Bishop, and more. Keep reading to see what's happening in the life of St. John's!

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.

Save the Date: Baseball with the Bishop



Join your St. John's family for an evening of baseball and fellowship as the Tampa Bay Rays take on the San Diego Padres on Friday, August 28 at Tropicana Field. Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets and sit with the St. John's group. Registration closes August 16.



A LADIES' MAHJONG GATHERING



MONDAY, JULY 13
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
PARISH HALL



PLEASE NOTE: THESE GATHERINGS ARE DESIGNED FOR THOSE WHO ALREADY KNOW THE BASICS OF MAHJONG AND ARE NOT INTENDED AS BEGINNER INSTRUCTION SESSIONS.

REGISTER HERE:



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.



- HOLY SMOKES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP -
JULY 11 • ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS •
11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

LIGHT LUNCH FOLLOWED BY CIGARS AND BEVERAGES, WITH SOME INSTRUCTION FOR THOSE NEW TO STOGIES!

PLEASE WELCOME OUR GUEST ORGANIST

ANN STEPHENSON-MOE



ANN STEPHENSON-MOE HAS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC FROM UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ORGAN PERFORMANCE. FOR FORTY-SIX YEARS, ANN WAS THE ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER AT CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER IN SARASOTA AND, FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MUSIC FOR THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.

ALTHOUGH MS. STEPHENSON-MOE RETIRED IN 2021, SHE HAS SERVED AS THE ORGANIST AT VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON VENICE ISLAND SINCE 2022.

IN AN ECUMENICAL SPIRIT, SHE HAS ALSO CONTINUED TO SERVE AS MUSIC DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST FOR TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL ON LONGBOAT KEY, WHERE SHE HAS SERVED FOR THIRTY YEARS.



SANDWICH SUNDAY HOSTS NEEDED

St. John's is looking for volunteers to host Sandwich Sunday at Faith Café on **August 16** and **October 18**. Each month, St. John's prepares and serves sandwiches for our neighbors through this longstanding outreach ministry. Hosting is a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, or ministry groups to serve together. Expenses are reimbursable up to \$300.

To sign up or learn more, please contact Cindy Martin at

cdmcasa@gmail.com.

550 AND COUNTING!



 **SUBSCRIBE**

HELP US KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING

We've reached over 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!



 **FOLLOW**

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 | barpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM (on pause for summer)

Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Miriam Faircloth for her loving family;

by Chuck Sansone in loving memory of his wife Julie and of his and Julie's parents, Claude, Cherie, Jack and Edith and in thanksgiving for his children and grandchildren;

by Morgan Gibbons Watson in Thanksgiving for the abundant blessings of her husband, Charlie, their children and grandchildren.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God

by Evelyn, Sacha, and Charles in loving memory of Billye Sue Harden.

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



SAVE THE DATES

Holy Smokes Cigars & Men's Fellowship	Vacation Bible School: Rainforest Falls	Feast of St. James Mass	Upcoming LEV Training
July 11 St. John's Campus 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Light lunch followed by cigars and beverages, with some instruction for those new to stogies!	July 20–24 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. Children are invited to join us for a week of faith, fun, music, games, and adventure as we journey through Rainforest Falls and discover what it means to be rooted in God's love. Registration is now open. Be sure to join us on Sunday, July 26, for a special VBS celebration at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.	July 25 Chapel 10:00 a.m. Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Holy Eucharist in observance of this major feast.	A Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV) training and refresher course will be offered in July for both current and prospective LEVs. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this ministry, please contact Mother Caroline (cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org).

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

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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