



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 31, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Get Ready to Rally!

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

*This week's photo takes us back to Rally Sunday in the church—a joyful celebration of our ministries and community. We can't wait to bring this beloved parish tradition to life again next week! Be sure to join us, bring a friend, and check out more details below.*

## RALLY DAY IS NEXT WEEK!

**Sunday, Sept. 7 | After the 9:30 Service**

Join us for a parish-wide picnic with the Fathers' Ministry on the grill, a waterslide for the kids, and a joyful showcase of all the ways you can get involved in our church community.

**What to bring:** A side or dessert to share.

**What to wear:** Comfy clothes—and for the kids, don't forget swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen.

Come celebrate, reconnect, and get excited about the season ahead!

## ST. JOHN'S RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 7



## Worship at St. Johns

**Sundays:** Rite I at 8:00 a.m. | \*Rite II at 9:30 a.m.

*Sunday School returns Sept. 14th*

*\*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](mailto:dgem@stjohnstampa.org).*



## ADULT FORMATION THE NICENE CREED

### FORMATION RETURNS - SEPTEMBER 14

*All ages are invited to dive back into Sunday Formation at 10:30 a.m., following the 9:30 Mass.*

### ADULT FORMATION: THE NICENE CREED

What do we believe—and why? Join the clergy for a deep dive into the Nicene Creed:

**Sept. 14 & 21, Oct. 5, 12, & 19** | Parish Hall

### CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Sunday School resumes for all children and youth!  
*High School Spotlight:* High schoolers will study *Draw the Circle* by Mark Batterson with Kate Wood, Leland Baldwin, and Anne Compton.

**Location:** Innovation Room, upstairs.

### NEWCOMERS' CLASSES BEGIN - SEPTEMBER 21

New to St. John's or looking to get more connected? Join us for a four-week Newcomers' Class series beginning **Sunday, Sept. 21**, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. Meet clergy and fellow parishioners, explore the church, and learn how to get involved. Childcare and light refreshments provided. Questions or want to register? Email Donna Gem ([dgem@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:dgem@stjohnstampa.org)).

## NEWCOMERS CLASSES

Begins September 21st  
after the 9:30 a.m. service  
in the Lowry Room

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



## MAKE A DEDICATION TODAY

### Dedications

**Church Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by:

Nicholas Nitch in loving memory of his wife,  
the Venerable Dr. Kathleen M. Moore

The Divers Family in loving memory of their parents, Jean and Jerry Divers and  
Roy Childers

Sally Olsson in prayerful hope for her daughter, Mary Padgett Ryan, on her birthday

**Chapel Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by:

Patricia B. Ferguson in loving memory of Jim Ferguson

*To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact  
[jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570*

*Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: \$50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: \$35 | Sanctuary  
Candle: \$20*

*Available dates: September 14 & 28*



# HOPE LISTENING SESSIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Lowry Room (light lunch)

Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00–7:30 p.m.  
Parish Hall (light dinner)

## HOPE LISTENING SESSIONS

St. John's, a member of HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress & Equality), invites you to join a Listening Session this September.

Contacts: Shirley Susich ([sjsusich@gmail.com](mailto:sjsusich@gmail.com)), Laura & Hugh Cruse ([lmcruse@gmail.com](mailto:lmcruse@gmail.com)), or Dcn. Tania ([twilkes@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:twilkes@stjohnstampa.org)).

Learn more: [hillsboroughhope.org](http://hillsboroughhope.org)

## NO EYC TONIGHT!

Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend!

Stay up to date with all of our upcoming events in our *Youth Newsletter* >>



*Children's Chapel  
Parent Sign-Up*  
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## BEDS FOR KIDS

The St. Clare Chapter of the Daughters of the King is collecting new Bible story books (English/Spanish) and small stuffed animals for Beds for Kids. Donations may be ordered via the Amazon Gift List or dropped off in the office. Contacts: Melissa Ariss-Menendez ([melissa.ariss@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.ariss@gmail.com)) or Trish McKay ([jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com)).



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*About Beds for Kids*  
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DOK Service Project

## BEDS FOR KIDS

*Collecting new Bible story books  
(English/Spanish) and small stuffed  
animals through September 18*



## ADULT FORMATION

**Tue.**  
Zoom

CWBS (Contemporary  
Women's Bible Study)  
✉ [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com)

06:00 PM

**Wed.**  
Zoom

Wednesday Adult  
Formation  
✉ [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

03:30 PM

**Thurs.**  
Lowry Room

Men's Bible Study &  
Lunch  
✉ [dlnctpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlnctpa@verizon.net)

11:45 AM

## THANK YOU FROM MOTHER CAROLINE

I am deeply grateful to everyone who made my ordination day so meaningful. Thank you to Norm Allen for spearheading the reception and making it all run so smoothly, and to Jan Kelly, Cindy Hadlow, Chris McAdams, Alvie Casey, Ann Hyatt, Bear Galavis, Rod and Armando, and Laurie Lawther for their generous and faithful support behind the scenes. A special thank you to Fr. Chris for making the ordination itself happen during an incredibly full season, and to Paul Brokaw for ensuring the church was ready to welcome us all. To Simon Morley and the choir—thank you for the incredible music that lifted our worship and gave glory to God in such a beautiful way. I am also so grateful for the altar guild, ushers, flower guild, acolytes, vergers, and everyone who had a hand in making the day beautiful. Truly, there are far too many people to name, but to every person who gave, served, or simply showed up—your presence meant the world. I thank God for each of you, and I am so thrilled to be here at St. John's.



# SAVE THE DATES

Women's Mid Morning Bible Study	St. John's Book Club	Cursillo Weekend	Education for Ministry (EfM)	DR Adult Mission Trip
Resumes Sept 9 • 10:00–11:15 a.m.   Lowry Room (Zoom available) Studying <i>1 &amp; 2 Samuel for Normal People</i> Contact: <a href="mailto:barpwing@aol.com">barpwing@aol.com</a>	First fall meeting: Sept 16 • 3:00 p.m.   Lowry Room 3rd Tuesday monthly, Sept–Nov & Jan–May Discussing <i>James</i> by Percival Everett Contact: <a href="mailto:chris.mcadams@gmail.com">chris.mcadams@gmail.com</a>	Sept 25–28   DaySpring 3-day retreat to renew faith and grow in service Contact: <a href="mailto:barpwing@aol.com">barpwing@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:sssstoll@aol.com">sssstoll@aol.com</a> More info: <a href="http://cursilloswfla.org">cursilloswfla.org</a>	Mondays • 6:00–8:30 p.m.   Cathedral Church of St. Peter (in person or Zoom) New one-year daytime option available • Scholarships available Contact: <a href="mailto:mthomas@spcathedral.com">mthomas@spcathedral.com</a> More info: <a href="http://efm.sewanee.edu">efm.sewanee.edu</a>	Nov 8–14, 2025   La Caleta, Dominican Republic Join St. John's team to help build Iglesia de la Gracia Contact: <a href="mailto:tampasal@gmail.com">tampasal@gmail.com</a> More info: <a href="http://thbeddg.org">thbeddg.org</a>

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*The Compass*, and  
*The Scroll*



## Blessing of a Child

Parents of newborns are invited to schedule this brief service of thanksgiving from the Book of Common Prayer (p. 439). Contact the clergy at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or 813.259.1570.

## Stay Connected

**Weekly Email** – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. Caroline at [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)

**Social Media** – Follow us @stjohnstampa on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

**Sermons** – Watch weekly sermons on YouTube, Facebook, or via the link in our Instagram bio

## 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](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741 | Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Tania: 443.742.6542

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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