



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 3, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Our 2025 Vacation Bible School was filled with joy, games, crafts, and Bible stories as kids learned that Jesus is our True North! Thank you to all the volunteers and families who made it such a wonderful week!

## PIC OF THE WEEK:

VBS: True North Was a Blast!

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

## VBS CELEBRATION TODAY!

During the 9:30 a.m. service, our VBS kids will sing songs they learned at VBS this week as our offertory anthem. After the service, celebrate a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School with Ice Cream Sundaes in the courtyard!



## Worship at St. Johns

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

*Sunday School and Children's Chapel are paused for the summer*

*\*Livestream Options: Website | Facebook | YouTube*

**Wednesdays & Thursdays:** Holy Eucharist at 12:15 p.m. | 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).

# REQUIEM MASS & CHAPEL CONSECRATION



## Requiem Mass for Fr. John Peterson

Saturday, August 9th  
2:00 p.m. | St. John's

Join us in giving thanks for his life and ministry. The chapel will be consecrated in his honor.

All are welcome.

We give thanks for the life and faithful ministry of The Rev. John R. Peterson, Jr., who served as Rector of St. John's from 1979 to 2000. Bishop Scharf will preside at the Requiem Mass, and Fr. Chris will preach. The chapel will be consecrated and named in Fr. Peterson's honor during the service.

## SUPPORT CORNERSTONE KIDS BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

Help us raise \$1,200 to provide backpacks and school supplies for 35 children.

Give online (QR Code - *Fund: Cornerstone Kids*), place a check in the collection plate (memo: Cornerstone Kids), or drop it off at the Parish Office by **August 17**.

Questions? Contact MC Jenkins at 813.503.4605.

### Support Cornerstone Kids' Back-to-School Drive!



SCAN CODE TO  
GIVE NOW!

(select Cornerstone Kids from  
the Fund menu)

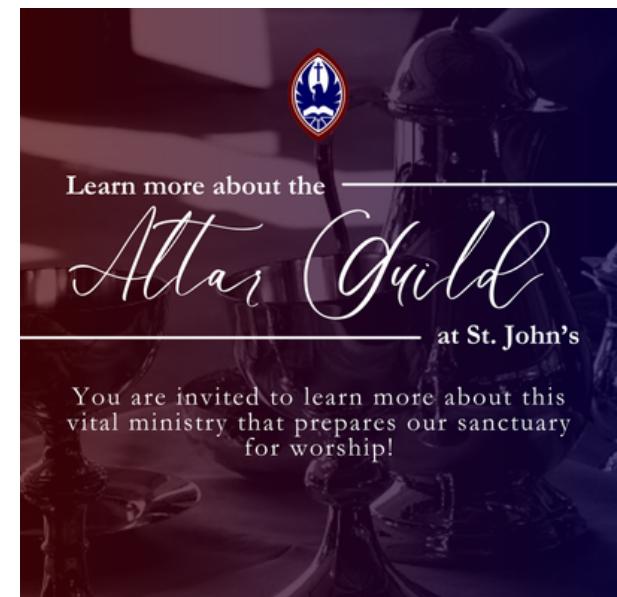


The Altar Guild prepares the sanctuary for worship each week, serving about once a month and for special services. To learn more or to visit one weekend, contact Trish McKay ([jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com)) or Laura Silva ([laurasilva4@yahoo.com](mailto:laurasilva4@yahoo.com)).



**FORMATION FOR ALL AGES**

Day	Activity	Location	Contact	Time
Tue.	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)	Zoom	<a href="mailto:tampasal@gmail.com">tampasal@gmail.com</a>	06:00 PM
Wed.	Wednesday Adult Formation	Zoom	<a href="mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org">parish@stjohnstampa.org</a>	03:30 PM
Thurs.	Men's Bible Study & Lunch	Lowry Room	<a href="mailto:dlrnertpa@verizon.net">dlrnertpa@verizon.net</a>	11:45 AM (Paused for summer - returns Sept. 9th)
Alternate Tue.	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study	Lowry Room	<a href="mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com">patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com</a>	10:00 AM (Paused for summer)
Youth & Children	EYC and Sunday School are paused for summer. Nursery is open during services.			



**Learn more about the**  
**Altar Guild** at St. John's

You are invited to learn more about this vital ministry that prepares our sanctuary for worship!

# BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY!

Join us on **Sunday, August 10** at the 9:30 a.m. service for a special blessing of the backpacks as we kick off the school year.

Bring your backpack—and stick around after the service for Kona Ice!



## Ordination of The Rev. Caroline Devitt

to the Sacred Order of Priests

Friday, August 15 | 6:00 p.m.  
St. John's

All are welcome to attend this joyful celebration.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Confidential, Christ-centered care for parishioners and families in seasons of grief, illness, or life change.

Contact Fr. Chris ([cwood@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cwood@stjohnstampa.org)), Marci Thomas ([marcithomas2018@gmail.com](mailto:marcithomas2018@gmail.com)), or Sharon Stoll ([harpwings@aol.com](mailto:harpwings@aol.com)) to learn more.



## PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

Dcn. Caroline will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin, **Friday, August 15** at 6:00 p.m. at St. John's. All are invited to attend this joyful celebration!



## Upcoming Burial Office: Adelaide Few

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adelaide Few, who died October 18, 2024. A service will be held Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's.



## Dedications

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

Carolyn and Kenneth Lane, Jr. in loving memory of their parents Don and Ann Menard, and Carolyn and Kenneth Lane, Sr.

Trish & John McKay in memory of Joan and Howell McKay and Joseph Marek

### Chapel Altar Flowers are given by:

Janis Elliott in honor of and in loving memory of her husband the Rev. Robert J. Elliott

### The Sanctuary Candle is given by:

Carolyn and Kenneth Lane, Jr. in loving memory of their parents Don and Ann Menard, and Carolyn and Kenneth Lane, Sr.

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: August 17 and 31.

# Prayer Requests

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

**All bishops and other ministers:** Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish. **Those who govern:** Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Southwest Florida and our companion dioceses: Dominican Republic, Georgia, South Carolina, and Western Louisiana. Also: Tampa: St. James' House of Prayer, St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; Holy Innocents Church, Valrico; St. Paul's Wesley Chapel, and St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills. **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines. **Also remembering in prayer:** Our Parish Day School, our Pastoral Care Team, healthcare workers, first responders, and all who serve the common good, peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

**Members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families:** Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, David, and Tyler (Libya).

**Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:** August 3: Judi Shepard, Abby Burden, Brady Mercer; August 4: Ken Lane, Holly O'Malley, Robin Adair, Pickens Price, Annabel DeOrio, Aries Coll, Molly Corum; August 5: Rachel Belden, James Judy, Thomas Patmintra; August 6: Sam Russ, Deborah Jones, Oz Osborne, Madden Morales, Amy Hutkowski, Lydia Derbes; August

7: Elly Bacigalupo, Tom Fluharty, Bennett Pickette, Dawson Seider; August 8: Katie Leugers, Carolyn Yelverton, Kathleen Purdy, Richard Lawson, Harrison Corcell, Henry Moore, Brien Burkett; August 9: Abby Childdon, Cece Lane. **The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:** Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Carleton Compton, Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Jim B., Katy, Patrick D., Ron, Yvonne, Carey, Scott, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Juliette, Jack, Miriam, Terrie and Ric, Suzanne, Minnie, Jessica, Jackson, Will, Carlos, Kenneth, Peter, Armando, Berta, Elias, Charlie, Michael, Mary, Susan, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Donna Leatherman

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Assisting in Today's Services

**Altar Guild:** Laura Silva, Francie Brooks, Lelia Clewis, Katey Brown, Lois Smith, Jeannie Kenyon, Pam Divers, Phyllis Mitchell, Miriam Faircloth; **Linens:** Laura Silva, Pat Wilson; **Acolytes:** 8:00 Helen Turnquist, 9:30 Bailey Turnquist, Charlie Williams, Tommy Brickleyer;

**Lectors:** 8:00 Greg Gaar, Helen Turnquist; 9:30 Drew Graham, Lisa Leal, Steve Straske; **Ushers:** 8:00 Ben Nelson, Jr., Sandy Reif III; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell; **Verger:** Helen Turnquist; **Subdeacon:** Greg Gaar

## 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 | Dcn. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Dcn. Tania: 443.742.6542

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

## Stay Connected

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

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

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## Give



**Online:**

[stjohnstampa.org/stewardship](http://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship)

**Text:**

Text **SJE** to **73256**

**QR Code:** Scan here or in the service bulletin