



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Rallying with  
Thanks

*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).*

*What a joyful Rally Sunday! From worship to waterslides, it was a beautiful reminder of the life we share at St. John's. We also give thanks for Dcn. Tania on her last Sunday with us. As we step into a new season together, we carry gratitude for all that has been and hope for all that is to come!*

## Sunday Morning Faith Formation



Returns for all ages  
**TODAY!**

## FAITH FORMATION IS BACK!

*All ages are invited to dive back into  
Sunday Formation following the 9:30 Mass.*

-Adult Formation:

“What We Believe—and Why?” (Parish Hall)

-Pre-K–2nd: Room 105

-3rd–5th: Room 100 (Art Room)

-Middle School: Room 205

-High School: Upstairs Innovation Room

## 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).*

St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3 P.M. | COURTYARD

You and your pets are invited to our annual outdoor Blessing of the Animals. Bring your companions on leashes or in carriers as we give thanks for God's creation and the gift of all creatures, great and small.



## 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:  
Jane Williams in loving memory of her husband Jerry L. Williams

**Chapel Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by:  
John and Irene Few in memory of Adelaide G. Few, Richard D. Pointer, Patricia L. Pointer, Christina M. Kleiss, and Tami Wilson  
*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 28*



## 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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DOK Service Project

# BEDS FOR KIDS

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

ST. JOHN'S

# OKTOBERFEST

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FREE ENTRY!



1 OCT | 6 P.M.



SCAN TO  
REGISTER

PARISH FESTIVAL



## 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

[dlrncrtpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlrncrtpa@verizon.net)

11:45 AM

Alternate  
**Tue.**

Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

[patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com)

10:00 AM

## EYC TONIGHT!

Middle School (6th–8th) 5–6:30 p.m.

High School (9th–12th) 6–7:30 p.m.

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





# SAVE THE DATES

St. John's Book Club	Breakfast Sunday	Cursillo Weekend	HOPE Listening Session	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas
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 28   Parish Hall Join us for breakfast burritos, sides, and fellowship after the 9:30 service.	Sept 25–28   DaySpring 3-day retreat to renew faith and grow in service Contact: <a href="mailto:harpwing@aol.com">harpwing@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:sssstoll@aol.com">sssstoll@aol.com</a> More info: <a href="http://cursilloswfla.org">cursilloswfla.org</a>	Sept 25 • 6 p.m.   Parish Hall Light dinner • Contacts: <a href="mailto:sjsusich@gmail.com">sjsusich@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:lmcruse@gmail.com">lmcruse@gmail.com</a> More info: <a href="http://hillsboroughhope.org">hillsboroughhope.org</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://theddg.org">theddg.org</a>	Nov 9   13th year of The Giving Tree— choose a child to buy gifts for or purchase Walmart gift cards for parents. Contact: <a href="mailto:bucsjenkins@aol.com">bucsjenkins@aol.com</a>

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*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](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) |  
Lois Smith: [rstlrmom2@aol.com](mailto:rstlrmom2@aol.com)

## Stay Connected

**Weekly Email** – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. 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

## 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

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Dcn. Tania: 443.742.6542

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

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