



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Another Wonderful Rally Day!

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthbr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org



A wonderful Rally Day at St. John's! If you haven't already, pick up a Ministry Booklet in the Parish Office and scan the QR code to Take Your Place or complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment and discover where your gifts might be a good fit in the life of our parish. Thank you to all who made last Sunday possible.

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A new season of Sundays begins today at St. John's! Sunday School and Adult Formation return, with adults gathering in the Parish Hall for What Do You Want?—a conversation about what you'd like to see from formation this year—and children and youth meeting in their various locations; see the Youth & Children's newsletters for details. Today also marks the first Sunday of our new 11:15 a.m. Sung Rite I Mass. Looking ahead, next Sunday is Breakfast Sunday, so come hungry and enjoy breakfast and fellowship between services. We also have two special liturgies on the horizon: a Solemn High Mass for St. Michael and All Angels on Tuesday, September 29 at 6:00 p.m., and the Blessing of the Animals in the courtyard on Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m.

Worship at St. Johns

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

(11:15 a.m. begins on September 20, 2026)

*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.



BREAKFAST SUNDAY

EVERY 4TH SUNDAY BETWEEN THE 9:30 & 11:15 A.M. MASSES

NEWCOMERS' CLASSES

SEPT. 20 & OCT. 4, 11, & 18

NEW TO ST. JOHN'S, RELATIVELY NEW, OR
LOOKING TO GET MORE CONNECTED? JOIN
US FOR FOUR INFORMAL SUNDAYS TO
MEET OTHERS, GET TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S,
AND DISCOVER WAYS TO BECOME MORE
INVOLVED.

Between the 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Masses
Lowry Room

Coffee and light refreshments served.
Childcare available.

Questions?

dgem@stjohnstampa.org

Please note: We will not meet on Breakfast
Sundays, but please join us at the reserved
tables at the front of the Parish Hall.



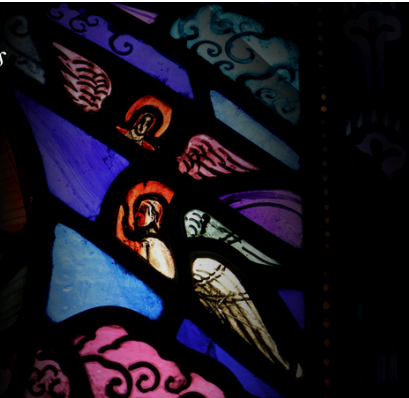
The Feast of ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

SUNG MASS
SEPTEMBER 29 · 6:00 P.M.

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RSVP FOR DINNER



UPCOMING MAJOR FEASTS

with Holy Eucharist in the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

Feast of St. Matthew
Monday, September 21 | 12:15 p.m.

Feast of St. Luke
Monday, October 19 | 12:15 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

EYC: Sunday, September 20 | Lowry Room

Middle School (6th–8th) 5–6:30 p.m.

High School (9th–12th) 6–7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Metropolitan Ministries Service Day | Sat, Sept 26 | 8:30–11:30 a.m. |

Metropolitan Ministries Headquarters

New Beginnings Retreat (Middle School) | Sept 25–27 | Dayspring

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:

OCTOBER ADULT FORMATION

MEMENTO MORI

DEATH, DYING, & RISING

Sundays · 10:45 a.m. · Parish Hall · October 4, 11, & 18

3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

GERMAN FOOD •
BEER • LIVE MUSIC
ALL AGES WELCOME

WEDNESDAY
OCT. 7



6:00-8:00 P.M.
FREE

REGISTER HERE
*Please register so we have
enough food & beer!*



St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3:00 P.M. | COURTYARD

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.



"Do you desire to be baptized?"

-BCP pg 301

Next Baptismal Feast: All Saints' Day

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Email Parish Coordinator, Sami Santos (ssantos@stjohnstampa.org)
to learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one



Dedications

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM
Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | grimard.max@gmail.com | 6:30 AM
Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom | parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM
Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room | dlnrctpa@verizon.net | 11:45 AM
Alt Tues. | **Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study** | Lowry Room | harpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Courtney Robinson and Brad Shellgren in loving memory of Craig Thomas Robinson.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Irene Few in memory of Richard D. Pointer, Patricia L. Pointer, Christina M. Kleiss, and Tami Wilson;
by Pete and Laurie Lackman in Thanksgiving for Trent and Sierra Lackman's 1st Anniversary.

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: September 27 & October 4, 11, 18, & 25

SAVE THE DATES

Blessing of the Animals

**October 4 | 3:00 p.m.
Courtyard**

Bring your four-legged, feathered, or otherwise beloved companions for our annual Blessing of the Animals in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi. We'll give thanks for the creatures who share our lives and offer a blessing for pets and the people who love them.

Third Annual Oktoberfest

**October 7 | 6:00 p.m.
Courtyard/Parish Hall**

Break out the lederhosen—or simply come hungry—for our Third Annual St. John's Oktoberfest! Join us for German food, cold beer, live music, pretzels, and a festive evening for the whole parish. Register Online.

Fall Festival Hosted by EYC

October 25 | 3:00 p.m.

Our annual Pumpkin Painting Party is getting a fall makeover! Hosted by our St. John's EYC, join us Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m. for pumpkin painting, games, crafts, hay rides, and more, with our friends from Cornerstone Kids joining the fun.

An Evening with Andy Squyres

**November 11 | 7:00 p.m.
Church**

Save the date for an evening with Andy Squyres—singer-songwriter, storyteller, and one of the funniest people you're likely to hear from the chancel steps. Co-sponsored by VU VI VO Ministries, the evening will be followed by a Q&A and a reception in the courtyard; scan the QR code for tickets (\$30) and more information.



Scan for online bulletins,
serving schedules,
The Compass, and *The Scroll*



With the addition of our new 11:15 a.m. Mass, nursery care will now be available during the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. services. Please note that nursery care will no longer be offered during the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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

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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

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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