



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL



Last Friday, 79 St. John's parishioners headed to Tropicana Field for Baseball with the Bishop, joining Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Southwest Florida for an evening at the ballpark. Thanks to everyone who came out and represented St. John's!

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Baseball with the Bishop

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthbr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

ST. JOHN'S ALL-PARISH

TRIVIA NIGHT

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ALL AGES!

Trivia for every generation. Bring your team or let us find you one. Dinner included.

SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:00-8:00 P.M.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!



MUSIC • SPORTS • HISTORY • POP CULTURE • ST. JOHN'S • & MORE

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

September is here, with plenty ahead at St. John's. Join us for All-Parish Trivia Night on September 9 and Rally Day on September 13. On September 11, we will mark the 25th anniversary of 9/11 with a special 12:15 p.m. Mass of remembrance and hope. Then, on September 20, Sunday School and Adult Formation return as we begin our new Sunday schedule, including the 11:15 a.m. Sung Rite I Mass. Keep reading for details on these and more!

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.

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JOIN US FOR

LADIES MAHJONG

MON. SEPT. 14 | 5:30-7:30



PLEASE NOTE:
THESE
GATHERINGS ARE
INTENDED FOR
LADIES WHO
ALREADY HAVE A
BASIC
UNDERSTANDING
OF MAHJONG,
INCLUDING THE
CARD AND TILES.



NEWCOMERS' CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20

**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.**

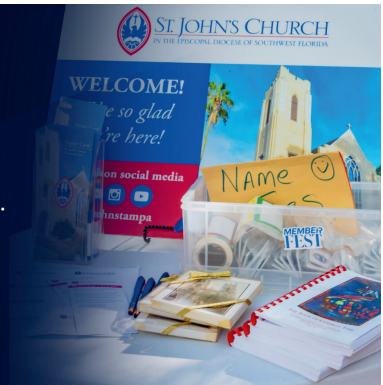
**Four Sundays beginning
September 20**

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

Coffee and light refreshments served.
Childcare available.

Questions?

dgem@stjohnstampa.org



2026 ST. JOHN'S YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 20 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.

**CHILDREN & YOUTH
NO EYC THIS WEEK! HAPPY LABOR DAY!
See you on September 13th!**

UPCOMING DATES:

Labor Day Weekend (No EYC) | Sun, Sept 6
Rally Day | Sun, Sept 13 | after 9:30 a.m. service
Sunday School Kickoff | Sun, Sept 20 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:

ST. JOHN'S RALLY DAY: TL;DR

July 17

Sunday, September 13



9:30 a.m. Mass + Banner Procession



Bring a side or dessert to share



Big Parish Cookout after Mass



New 2026 Ministry Booklet



Water Bounce House*



New Fall Parish Calendar

**Kids, wear bathing suits!*



Find your place at St. John's

A NEW SUNDAY MASS

Sundays at St. John's
8:00 · 9:30 · 11:15

11:15 A.M.
SUNG RITE I
Begins September 20

SEPTEMBER ADULT FORMATION

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SEPTEMBER 20 | 10:45 A.M.
PARISH HALL

**Tell us what you want to learn about
and help shape Adult Formation for
the rest of the year.**

IN REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

The 25th Anniversary of September 11

Friday, September 11 · 12:15 p.m.
Holy Eucharist at the High Altar
with Hymns

On the twenty-fifth anniversary of September 11, we gather before God to remember those who died, to pray for all who still bear the wounds of that day, and to proclaim our hope in Christ, in whom death does not have the final word. The congregation will be seated in the choir. Throughout the morning, the bells of St. John's will toll at the times the four planes crashed, marking in prayerful remembrance the lives lost twenty-five years ago.

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM
Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | alazo@stjohnstampa.org | 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
(resumes September 15)

Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by the Peterson families in loving memory of The Reverend John R. Peterson;
by the Divers Family in loving memory of our parents Jean and Jerry Divers and Roy Childers.

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

by Patricia B. Ferguson in loving memory of Jim Ferguson;
by the Peterson families in loving memory of The Reverend John R. Peterson.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God

by the Peterson families in loving memory of The Reverend John R. Peterson.
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 13, 20, 27 & October 4, 11, 18, 25

SAVE THE DATES

All Parish Trivia Night	St. John's Rally Day	A New Sunday Schedule	Newcomers' Classes Begin
September 9 Parish Hall 6:00–8:00 p.m. Wednesday Nights are back! Our monthly Wednesday Night Series kicks off this fall with an evening of parish trivia. Gather a team, enjoy dinner and fellowship, and put your St. John's knowledge to the test as we begin another season of midweek community.	September 13 Celebrate the life and ministries of St. John's at Rally Sunday! Join us after the 9:30 a.m. Mass for a parish cookout and the debut of our new Ministry Booklet, featuring ways to worship, learn, serve, and connect throughout the year.	Beginning Sunday, September 20 The return of our 11:15 a.m. service, now a Sung Rite I Mass, begins September 20, and formation for all ages returns between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Join us for worship, formation, and a fuller Sunday morning at St. John's.	Beginning Sunday, September 20 New to St. John's, relatively new, or simply looking to get more connected? Our Newcomers' Classes offer a relaxed way to meet others, get to know our clergy and parish, and discover ways to become more involved in the life of St. John's. The four-week series meets between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses in the Lowry Room, with childcare and light refreshments provided.

A Note From Simon

Dear People of St. John's,

Words cannot express my gratitude for the most extraordinary and overwhelming celebration of my twenty years as Organist and Director of Music here. As Fr. Chris said in his sermon, I have never been good at receiving compliments or accolades, but am, nonetheless, deeply touched to have been honored in this way. I am very conscious that a huge amount of work went into making the occasion happen, and especially since it had to be kept a secret from me! Naming people is dangerous, since I wouldn't want anyone to be left out, but I'm told that thanks are due particularly to Fr. Chris, Mother Caroline, Laurie Lawther, Lynn Fluharty and Bob Alter, who did an amazing job in organizing the day.

It has been a privilege to serve St. John's these past two decades. It is, as we all know, an extraordinary community of faith, which is going from strength to strength. Again, my heartfelt thanks for your support and friendship over the years, and here's to what I'm sure will be a bright future.

With my very best wishes,
Simon

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