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PIC OF THE WEEK



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Worship at Saint John's:

On Sundays...

Rite I @ 8AM
11:15AM (*Sung Mass)*

Rite II @ 9:30AM *(Sung Mass)*

Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 12:15PM:
Holy Eucharist
The Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

The Chapel of the Resurrection, located in the courtyard, is open 24/7 for prayer

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

What a week at St. John's! From the costumed furry friends at the Hyde Park Pet Parade to our successful Fall Festival, we had plenty to celebrate. **Thank you to Ayana, Sarah Bricklemyer, John and Trish McKay, Mike and Patty Hickey, Kate Shenk, Theresa Welch—along with EYC parents, and all of the Youth who volunteered.** We also celebrated the **Groundbreaking for St. John's Episcopal Day School!** Bishop Doug, Mayor Castor, and Father Chris joined in marking this exciting milestone for our school community.

On Monday, November 2nd, we'll remember and pray for the faithful departed at our All Souls' sung Mass, featuring Fauré's Requiem and incense.

We're also kicking off **Holy Smoke, our new adult formation** class exploring The Oxford Movement & The Making of Anglo-Catholicism. Make sure to attend after the 9:30AM service on November 8th and November 15th.



All Souls' Day

A Message from our Rector

All Souls' Day is the day the Church gives special thanks for those who have gone before us in faith and commends them to God's mercy and love. It is one of the great gifts of the Anglican tradition: we do not simply remember our departed as people we once knew and loved. We bring their names before the altar, place them into the hands of God, and pray in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

The Mass for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed is therefore both solemn and profoundly hopeful. In the midst of our grief and our remembrance, we proclaim the central Christian truth that death does not have the final word. We pray for the departed because we believe we remain united to them in Christ, and because God's love is stronger than death.

I hope you will join us for this special 6PM Mass on Monday. Bring with you the names of those you love, give thanks for their lives, pray for their souls, and come and stand with the whole Church—on earth and in heaven—as we proclaim our hope in Jesus Christ, who has conquered death and opened for us the way to everlasting life.

Fr. Chris Wood+

Father Christian M. Wood
Rector

Pet Parade & More!

Why, yes! That is a bishop pup and an angel with Father Chris at this year's Hyde Park Pet Parade!







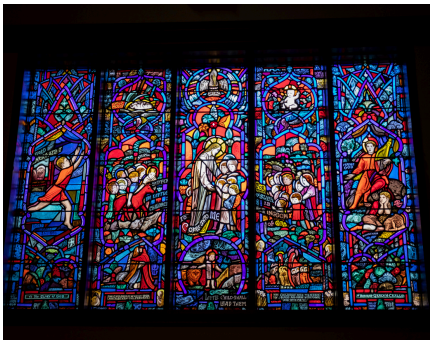
Pet Parade 2026

We had so much fun seeing all the animals in costume at the Hyde Park Pet Parade, including a pig dressed as a Tampa Bay Rays fan! Father Chris was even spotted with an angel! Be sure to join the fun next year. Our Fall Festival was another highlight! The hayride was a huge hit—thank you, **Ward family!** We look forward to making it a St. John's tradition. Thank you to everyone who joined us! Subscribe to the Children's and Youth Council newsletter for more photos.

Today at the 9:30 a.m. service, we joyfully welcome **Andrew Douglass Bucken, Luca James Potts, Malcolm Orion Mount-Johnson, Rigel Reeves Gamble Mount-Johnson, Luke Cole Rodebush, Claire Joy Rodebush, Joseph Anthony Reitz, James Brice Reid, and Rainey Reid** into Christ's family through Holy Baptism.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they begin this journey of faith.

Lead with Love



This year's pledge drive invites us to Lead with Love by supporting the life and ministry we share at St. John's. Every act of generosity helps sustain the worship, formation, fellowship, outreach and care that makes this parish such a meaningful place for so many. Scan the QR code below to make your pledge.

Save the Dates

Make sure to add these important dates to your calendar! Registration is required for certain events.

NOV 8

Cornerstone Christmas Giving Tree
Parishioners will be invited to choose a child to shop for or help support Cornerstone families by purchasing Walmart gift cards for parents.
Contact Info: bucsjenkins@aol.com.

NOV 26

Thanksgiving Day Mass @ 10AM
Join us for a beautiful Sung Mass with choir as we give thanks for God's abundant blessings before the day's festivities begin.

NOV 22

Christ the King & Breakfast Sunday
Please celebrate with us as we mark the final Sunday of the liturgical year. Breakfast Sunday will be taking place after the 9:30AM Mass.

NOV 29

Advent Wreath Making | Between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses
Gather with your parish family to make an Advent wreath to take home as we prepare our hearts and homes for the coming of Christ. One wreath per family will be provided.

An Evening with Andy Squyres



Andy Squyres at SJE 2025

Save the date! On Nov. 11th at 7PM, join us in the chapel for a special 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 here for tickets ($30) to see Andy Squyres!

November Adult Formation:
Holy Smoke
The Oxford Movement & The Making of Anglo-Catholicism

Sundays @ 10:45AM in the Parish Hall
November 8th & 15th

Youth Ministries

Want your kiddo to be featured in The Weekly Compass? Send your pictures to Ayana, agrady@stjohnstampa.org!







Look at how much fun we had at this year's Fall Festival!

UPCOMING DATES:

- 2027 Mission Trips Information Meeting Sun, Nov 8 | 4:30-5:00 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Faith Cafe Shampoo Kits Service Project (HS) | Sun, Nov 8 | 6:30-7:00 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Metro Ministries Holiday Tent (3rd-5th Graders) | Sat, Nov 14 | 9 a.m.-Noon | 4900 W Lemon St
- Stump the Priest (Combined EYC w/Fr Wood) | Sun, Nov 15 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Advent Wreath Making | Sun, Nov 29 | 10:45 a.m.-11:15 a.m. | St John's Courtyard
- Friendsgiving EYC (Combined)| Sun, Nov 29 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Lowry Room

Stay up to date with our newsletters:

Youth: *Children:*



Dedications & Blessings

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by *Emma Solaun in loving memory of her father, Mauricio Solaun. By Pat Ferguson in thanksgiving for His many blessings.*

The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God
by *Claudia Pate Young in loving memory of her grandparents Claudia Ross Lowe and Thomas Jefferson Lowe. Janis and the Guzzle family in memory of Tim Guzzle.*

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by Greg and Kamra Hearing in thanksgiving for the lives of Nicholas and Noah Hearing.

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: November 15 & 22

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

Member Spotlight

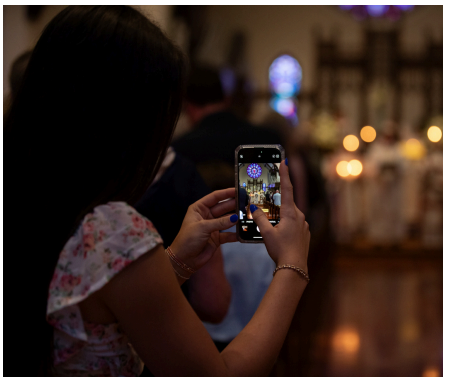


Carter C.

Meet Carter! He is an 8th grader attending St. John's Middle School. We are so happy to have him!

Favorite thing about St John's: "Every single person is supportive of one another."

Favorite Bible Verse: John 10:10



LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesdays @ 6PM:
CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)
Location: Zoom
Contact: tampasal@gmail.com

Tuesdays @ 6:30AM:
Businessmen's Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: grimard.max@gmail.com

Wednesdays @ 3:30PM:
Adult Formation
Location: Zoom
Contact: parish@stjohnstampa.org

Thursdays @ 11:45AM
Men's Weekly Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: dlnrctpa@verizon.net

Alt. Tuesday @ 10AM:
Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study
Location: Lowry Room
Contact: harpwings@aol.com

STAY CONNECTED

- 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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