

## Adult Christian Enrichment

### Contemporary Women's Bible Study (CWBS)

Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m., Zoom

The Contemporary Women's Bible Study (CWBS) group does a weekly virtual study on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. This is a Zoom meeting, so if you are interested in participating, contact Deacon Kathleen at 785.9400 or [kmoore@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoore@stjohnstampa.org) or Sally Thompson at [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com) or 254.3009 for the link.

### Women's Mid Morning Bible Study

Alternate Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Zoom

The Women's Mid Morning Bible Study has concluded their fall study of the first and second letters of Paul to the Thessalonians. The group will break for Advent and Christmas, resuming meeting on Tuesday, January 11. The venue is yet to be decided. They will be studying 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus for the first half of 2022. More information will be forthcoming.

To learn more, contact Sally Wiley at [wiley48sm@gmail.com](mailto:wiley48sm@gmail.com) or 244.4497 or Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com). All women of the parish and those whom they would like to invite are welcome to join them.

### Wednesday Adult Christian Formation

Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m., Zoom

The Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation group meets on Zoom on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. The group studies the work of a variety of Christian writers; group discussions are lively and substantive. All are welcome. For more information contact Deacon Kathleen at [kmoore@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoore@stjohnstampa.org) or 785.9400.

### Men's Interactive Bible Study

Thursdays at 11:45 a.m., Lowry Room and on Zoom

The Men's Interactive Bible Study meets every Thursday at 11:45 a.m. to study the readings for the coming week and for fellowship. The group will convene in person in the Lowry Room for those who are comfortable. If you prefer to continue joining virtually, email John in the Church Office at [jedgar@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jedgar@stjohnstampa.org) for the link.

### Women's Retreat: Hold the Date

The women of St John's and their friends are invited to attend our Women's Retreat at the Franciscan Center on Saturday, February 5, 2022. Mark your calendars now, details will follow. Questions? Contact Deacon Kathleen at [kmoore@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:kmoore@stjohnstampa.org) or 785.9400.

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## Worship in St. John's

### The Twelve Days of Christmas 2021

The 12 days of Christmas have within them several major feasts, some of which are little known by the average churchgoer. Of course, everyone knows of the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, which falls on 25 December, and the Feast of the Epiphany, which falls on 6 January, and which we will celebrate with the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., ending Christmastide. We will also celebrate the Feasts of St. Stephen on 27 December with a Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. (transferred from the 26th because it falls on a Sunday), St. John on 28 December with a Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., the Holy Innocents on 29 December with a Eucharist at 12:15 p.m., and the Holy Name on 1 January, with a Eucharist at 10am. These wonderful feasts give shape to the 12 days of Christmas and provide a depth of meaning to our celebration of the Incarnation. Won't you join us as we observe the fullness of the season?

## Action Items and Opportunities

### Support Your Parish with Gifts of Securities

Appreciated securities make a fantastic gift to the Operating Fund, the Endowment, or the Building Fund. You may be eligible to take advantage of a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of your stock. In addition, you receive a tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock on the date of the gift. John Edgar, our Parish Administrator, is available to help you, contact him at 259.1750.

## Youth and Children

### Sunday School

Sunday School continues this Sunday! Sunday School is for children from pre-K through 5th grade and takes place during the 10:00 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. The nursery is open as well.

### EYC News

EYC is on a holiday break and will resume on Sunday, January 8, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a combined Kickoff for 6th through 12th graders!

Our 2022 Youth Mission Trip is open! We will be serving in New Orleans from Thursday, June 2 through Thursday, June 9. The cost is \$550 per person. We will sign for 30 service hours, and a \$100 deposit will secure your spot! Contact Ayana at [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@stjohnstampa.org).

Don't forget to follow St John's EYC on Instagram! The EYC Instagram is updated multiple times a week, and is a great way to stay up to date with Youth activities and events. Visit [instagram.com/stjohnseyctampa](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnseyctampa).

## Compass Points

### Church Office Holiday Closures

We will close at noon on New Year's Eve and reopen for regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4.

### Pilgrimage to the Balkans

The St. Bartholomew Travel Society is excited to announce its much-anticipated pilgrimage/tour August 31 through September 14, 2022 to four Balkan countries: Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, and Bosnia & Herzegovina. These countries are visually stunning and contain several UNESCO World Heritage sites. This all-inclusive program promises to be both spiritually and culturally enriching. Departure on August 31 will be from Church of the Redeemer to Miami International Airport.

### Do We Have Your Information?

If your email has changed, or you are not sure if you have one on file with us, please contact the Church Office at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or call 259.1570. We do a great deal of communicating using this method and we don't want you to miss out!

## Outreach

### Save the Date: Kids Against Hunger Packing Event

Start out the new year by joining your parish friends for a food packing event on Sunday, January 2 in the Parish Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service! More information is available in our *Weekly Wednesday Scroll* email newsletter.

### Tornado Relief

Our hearts go out to all of the victims of the recent tornadoes in the Mississippi Valley, the Southeast, and the Midwest. If you wish to make a donation through the Church to help the victims, make your check out to St. John's Church, with the memo Tornado Relief Fund. Our donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief and Development, which is working with various local agencies dealing with this crisis.

### Metropolitan Ministries Donations Wanted

We continue to accept donations of food, clothing, games, and other items in the blue barrels, especially as the holidays approach. As you will have noticed, some of the donations are brought forward during the offertory to be blessed and then taken to Met Min.

### Cornerstone Kids Christmas!

Thanks to the St. John's community for supporting the children at this local after-school program! On December 16, the kids and their parents were given their gift cards and presents. The sacks of donated food for the afternoon meals were also very much appreciated. The Outreach Commission thanks everyone who so generously participated in this joyful annual undertaking!



## Prayer Requests

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

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Diocesan Bishop; the clergy and staff of our parish; Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

### The sick and others for whom our prayers have been specially requested

Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Jonathan; Pam and Shailee; Anna, her family and her medical team; Collin; Ray Olsson; Tory Stone and family; Nancy Watkins; Nita Hamric; Jayce Hicks; Howard Roberts; Stefanie Austell; Chris Parker; Pat and Rick LeVarge; and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity;

### The departed

Bruce Samson

*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.*

*And we pray also for*

**Those who celebrate the anniversary of their birth this week,**

December 24, none

December 25, Harry Hedges

December 26, Nancy Adams, Kim Wiese, Amy Yost, Constance Severn

December 28, Caden Hearing, Kevin Kellar, Jerry Maya, Graham Thomason

December 29, Winkie Game, Leslie Jennewein, Ben Graham, Barrett Browning

December 30, Pat LeVarge, Cindy Martin, Rob Kelley, Damian Stone

December 31, none

January 1, Tom Scarritt, Pat Rice, Lee Tuuri, Ganon White, Eleanor Graff

### Our Parish Day School

### Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key; All Saints', Tarpon Springs; All Souls', North Fort Myers; Annunciation, Holmes Beach; Ascension, Clearwater; Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach; Christ Church, Bradenton

**In the Anglican cycle of prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**The members of our armed forces deployed abroad,** especially Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, Taylor and Winston.

**Health care workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger.** We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

### We Are Available In Your Time of Need

If you have a pastoral emergency when the parish offices are closed, please call 906.5199.

**If you wish to receive our email newsletter, *The Weekly Wednesday Scroll*, contact Lee Lowry at [llowry@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:llowry@stjohnstampa.org). Submissions for the *Scroll* and the *Sunday Compass* should also be sent to Lee Lowry and are due by no later than Monday at 5:00 p.m.**

## This Week at St. John's

### Monday, December 27

10:00 a.m. The Feast of St. Stephen—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Chapel)

### Tuesday, December 28

10:00 a.m. The Feast of St. John—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Chapel)

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

### Wednesday, December 29

12:15 p.m. The Holy Innocents—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Chapel)

### Thursday, December 30

10:00 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Communion with the Reserved Sacrament (Church)

11:45 a.m., Men's Interactive Bible Study (Zoom and in the Lowry Room)

### Saturday, January 1

10:00 a.m. The Holy Name of our Lord—Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Church)

### Sunday, January 2

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) (Church)

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (first Sunday of the month Rite I) (Church)

## Regular Service Schedule

### SUNDAYS

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) (Church)

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II, Rite I on the first Sunday of the month) (Church)

*The nursery is open at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services.*

### WEEKDAYS

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday (Chapel)

The Holy Eucharist (with healing and anointing) is celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday (Church)

### HOLY DAYS

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, or at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday in honor of Holy Days during that week.

### Service and Safety Notes

The 10:00 a.m. service is streamed live [on Facebook](#) and [on our website](#).

All fully vaccinated parishioners, clergy, and lay people serving in the chancel are not required to wear masks. We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated to continue to wear masks and to get vaccinated if possible. Masks are optional for children.

A clearly marked seating area is available for those in the congregation who are not fully vaccinated or who prefer to continue mask wearing and social distancing for their own comfort and the safety of their loved ones.

### Sunday Sermon Audio

Audio versions of weekly sermons are [on our website](#) and uploaded on Tuesdays. Click on the **Worship** button on the top right of our homepage.

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

AND EPISCOPAL PARISH DAY SCHOOL

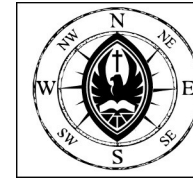
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*The Parish offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.*



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY, AND THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24 - 26, 2021

## This Weekend in St. John's

### Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Children's Pageant with Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

6:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with the Choir of St. John's

10:30 p.m. Pre-service String Quartet Music

11:00 p.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) with the Choir of St. John's

### Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) with congregational singing

### Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I), followed by Coffee Hour

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## Parish News and Announcements

### Parish Brunch

Our next monthly Parish Brunch is Sunday, January 16 (the third Sunday of the month). Join us following the 10:00 a.m. service!

### Adult Christian Formation

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### St. John's is Social!

Stay in touch with your parish by following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/stjohnstampa](https://facebook.com/stjohnstampa)), on our Instagram account ([@stjohnstampa](https://instagram.com/@stjohnstampa)), or on our Youth Instagram account ([@stjohnseyctampa](https://instagram.com/@stjohnseyctampa)). You'll get reminders, see great pictures of our youth and children and fellow parishioners, and more!

### Welcome, Newcomers and Visitors!

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, St. John's welcomes you. Please let us know you were here by signing the visitor's book at the right rear door of the Church. We also invite you to fill out a visitor card and hand it to an usher or a member of the clergy. Visitor cards can be found in the pews.

Members of our clergy look forward to greeting you after the service at the exits at the back of the church. They can also provide you with more information about St. John's and answer your questions.