



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | JANUARY 25, 2026

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



## PIC OF THE WEEK:

The Annual Parish Meeting

*Have a Pic of the Week?*

*We'd love to feature it!*

*Email your photo to*

*Mthbr. Caroline at*

*[cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)*

*A throwback to last year's Annual Parish Meeting—and a glimpse of how much has changed since then. From the church restoration to welcoming new clergy and staff, God has been at work in our midst. Join us **Sunday, February 22**, following the 9:30 a.m. service, for the 2025 Annual Parish Meeting as we give thanks and celebrate all God has done.*

## BREAKFAST SUNDAY



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today is Breakfast Sunday! Join us in the Parish Hall following the 9:30 a.m. service for a full breakfast and fellowship—many thanks to our Kitchen Krewe. Newcomers' Class will not meet today; reserved tables will be available at the front of the Parish Hall. Classes resume next Sunday, February 1, following the 9:30 a.m. service. Tomorrow, Monday, January 26, at 12:15 p.m., we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul in the Rev. John Peterson Chapel. EYC meets tonight, with additional ministries gathering throughout the week—keep reading *The Compass* for details.

## Worship at St. Johns

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

*\*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).*



## Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, January 27 | 10:00–11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 27. The class will continue its study of the Gospel according to Matthew using Interpretation Bible Studies – Matthew by Alyce M. McKenzie as the study guide. At this session, Margaret Brokaw will lead the discussion on “The Baptism and Testing of the Messiah.” The class meets on alternate Tuesdays through May 19. For questions, contact Sharon Stoll ([harpwings@aol.com](mailto:harpwings@aol.com)), Margaret Brokaw ([margaretb132@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretb132@hotmail.com)), or Sally Wiley ([wiley48sm@gmail.com](mailto:wiley48sm@gmail.com)). All women are invited to attend.

## The Feast of the Presentation of our Lord - Candlemas Eucharist

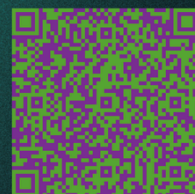
February 2, 2026 | 12:15 p.m.



# SAVE THE DATE JAMBALAYA & JAZZ FEB 17 | 6:00 P.M. | COURTYARD



**St. John's Third Annual Jambalaya & Jazz returns on Shrove Tuesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. for a festive evening of jambalaya, shrimp creole, and live jazz as we feast together before Lent. Scan code to register >>**



“...bring offerings & come into his courts”  
Psalm 96:8



**MAKE A  
DEDICATION  
TODAY**

### Dedications

**The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God**  
by Tim Pope in loving memory of James and Mary Pope and daughter, Gwen Roberts;

and by Abby and Anne Chillon in loving memory of Jeff and Jessica Chillon.

**The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God**  
by the Rev. Caroline Devitt in thanksgiving for and in celebration of the birthday of Graham and Reid Devitt;

and by Gwyn and Mark Schabacker in memory of Bob Schabacker.

**The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God**  
by James Judy Jr. in memory of Jane Hall Witt.

*To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact [ssantos@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:ssantos@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570*

*Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers: \$50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: \$35 | Sanctuary Candle: \$20*

*Upcoming available dates: February 1, 8, 15, & 22*



# Ash Wednesday Services

**February 18, 2026** 7:00 a.m. *Said Mass*

12:15 p.m. *Said Mass with Hymns*

6:00 p.m. *Sung Mass with Choir*

Please bring in your palm crosses from last year's Palm Sunday by **February 1** and place them in the Parish Office, so they may be prepared and burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

**LENTEN TEACHING  
SERIES**

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 18**

## *Witness Unto Death:*

**PATRISTIC MARTYRS & THE EARLY CHURCH**  
*BEGINS AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH*

**FEB. 25 – SPAGHETTI**  
*PREPARED BY KITCHEN CREWE*

**MARCH 4 – RIB NIGHT**  
*SPONSORED BY THE FATHER'S MINISTRY*

**MARCH 11 – SOUP &  
SANDWICHES**  
*PREPARED BY KITCHEN CREWE*

**MARCH 18 – PARISH-WIDE  
CHILI COOK-OFF**  
*ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE*

— PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND FORMATION AS WE JOURNEY TOGETHER TOWARD HOLY WEEK —  
5:30 P.M. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 6:00 P.M. – SUPPER | 6:30 P.M. – TEACHING SERIES | CONCLUDES BY 7:15 P.M.



## 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**

✉ [harpwings@aol.com](mailto:harpwings@aol.com)

**10:00 AM**

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### No Sunday School Today!

We invite everyone to join us for  
Breakfast Sunday in the Parish  
Hall! Sunday School will resume  
next week.

### EYC Tonight!

*Middle School (6–8): 5:00–6:30 p.m.*

*High School (9–12): 6:00–7:30 p.m.*

This semester, our youth will explore  
how movies and TV shape—and  
reflect—our faith. Join us for games,  
discussion, dinner, and a raffle.

Friends welcome.

*Stay up to date with  
our newsletters:*



*Youth:*



*Children:*



# SAVE THE DATES

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul	Candlemas Eucharist	Jambalaya and Jazz	Lenten Supper Series	Annual Parish Meeting
<p>Jan 26   The Rev. John R. Peterson Chapel   12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for Holy Eucharist, Rite II as we celebrate God's transforming grace and the call to proclaim the Gospel to the world.</p>	<p>Feb 2   Church   12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for a said mass with hymns to celebrate Candlemas (aka the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ). All are warmly invited to attend.</p>	<p>Feb 17   Courtyard   6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Save the date for St. John's Third Annual Jambalaya &amp; Jazz celebration on Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday. Join us for an evening of food, music, and festive fellowship as we prepare to enter the season of Lent.</p>	<p>Begins Feb 25   Parish Hall   Wednesdays in Lent</p> <p>This Lent, our Wednesday soup suppers will explore the witness of the early Christian martyrs, drawing on the faith, courage, and theology of the patristic Church as we prepare our hearts for the Paschal feast. Mark your calendars and join us.</p>	<p>Feb 22   Parish Hall</p> <p>The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will take place on Sunday, February 22, following the 9:30 a.m. service. At the Annual Meeting, four Vestry members will be elected (QR code below). The meeting will be held in the Parish Hall, and a simple lunch will be provided.</p> 

Scan for online Bulletins,  
*The Compass*, and  
*The Scroll*



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## 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: [rstlrsmom2@aol.com](mailto:rstlrsmom2@aol.com)

## Stay Connected

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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](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

Pastoral Emergencies: 813.726.3108

Fr. Chris: 917.822.9741

Fr. Andrew: 713.302.6262

Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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### Online:

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**Text:** Text SJE to 73256

**QR Code:** Scan here

