



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 12, 2025

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Last Sunday we gathered in the courtyard for our annual Blessing of the Animals, a joyful celebration of God's creation with brief prayers and blessings for beloved pets. Thank you for sharing your companions and renewing our call to care for all that God has made.

## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Blessing God's Creation

*Have a Pic of the Week?  
We'd love to feature it!  
Email your photo to  
Mthr. Caroline at  
cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org.*

## ST. JOHN'S PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY!

Sunday, October 19 | 3:00 p.m.  
Parish Hall

**BYOP: Bring your own pumpkin!**



## Worship at St. Johns

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

*Sunday School returns Sept. 14th*

*\*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*

## PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY!

Sunday, October 19 | 3:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Bring your own pumpkin (BYOP) and enjoy paint, brushes, activities, and snacks provided.

All St. John's families are welcome—invite friends. Youth: We need you! Help host (set up, supplies, drying station); This will take the place of EYC this week. Service hours available.

## 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.*



WITH SIMON MORLEY

## ADULT FORMATION: ORGAN DEMONSTRATION

SUN, OCT. 19

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 9:30 A.M.  
SERVICE • GATHER IN THE CHANCEL

Explore our restored organ—how 4 keyboards, pedals, and the console  
computer control 3,500 pipes.

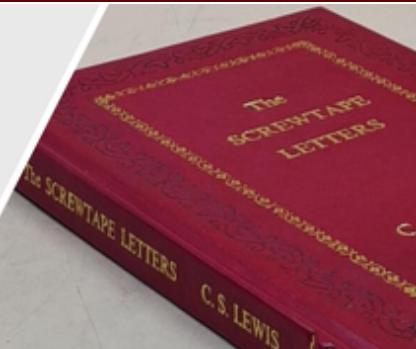
# The Gathering

Men's meetup—third Tuesdays, 5:30–7p.m.  
at Four Green Fields. Food, fellowship, and  
The Screwtape Letters.

Contact: [alazo@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:alazo@stjohnstampa.org)



More info and register:



## CANDLELIGHT COMPLINE (& COCKTAILS) A YOUNG PROFESSIONALS (YOPROS) GATHERING

Join us for Candlelight Compline (and Cocktails)—a brief, candlelit service of prayer in the Resurrection Chapel, followed by a walk to Bouzy in Hyde Park Village for happy hour drinks or snacks!  
Contact: [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)

TUESDAY  
OCT. 28  
6 PM



## “DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED?”

-BCP pg 301

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church—a bond that can never be broken. Our next opportunity for baptism will be on All Saints' Sunday, November 2nd.

EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE ([parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org))  
to learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one



## 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

[dlmertpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlmertpa@verizon.net)

11:45 AM

Alternate  
Tue.

Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning  
Bible Study

[patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com)

10:00 AM

## EYC TONIGHT!

Middle School (6th–8th) 5–6:30 p.m.

High School (9th–12th) 6–7:30 p.m.

Stay up to date with all of our upcoming

events in our *Youth Newsletter*:





# Choral Evensong

with the combined choirs of St. John's and St. Andrew's

Sunday, Nov 2 • 5:00 p.m.  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



## Commemorate Your Departed Loved Ones This All Souls' Day

November 3, 2025 | 12:15 p.m.



Submit Names to Be Remembered using the code:



or email [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org)

## ★ ALL PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT ★ NOV 5 | 6 PM

FUN & FRIENDLY COMPETITION  
FOR ALL AGES



## Ordination of 'Chaplain HQ'

Miranda Channing Harrison-Quillin, Chaplain to St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

Monday, Dec 1, 2025 • 7:00 p.m.  
Cathedral Church of St. Peter, 140 Fourth St N, St. Petersburg  
The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, presiding.  
Your prayers and presence are requested.

## Dedications

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



MAKE A  
DEDICATION  
TODAY

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God:  
by M. Leo Elliott, III in loving memory of Melanie Hewitt and John Norton Harrison;  
Mary Lou Bachman and John Harrison, Jr.; Beth Thompson and Leo Elliott, Sr.; Sheila  
Elliott Cummins and M. Leo Elliott, Jr. and Jane Harrison Elliott Lowry;  
and by Steve and Janice Straske in honor of Helen Straske in celebration of  
the occasion of her birthday.

Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God:  
by Donna Pacheco in loving memory of husband and father, Gary;  
and by Mary Jani Stagi in loving memory of Stephany Austell and Ryan Astell.

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

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

Available dates: October 19, 26 & November 9, 16, 23



# SAVE THE DATES

All Saints' Sunday	All Souls' Day	All Parish Trivia Night	Celebratio 2025	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas	Thanksgiving Day Mass
Nov 2   Church Celebrate the feast of All Saints and the sacrament of Baptism.	Nov 3   Church Join us at 12:15 p.m. for All Souls' Day Mass, with the reading of the parish necrology as we remember the faithful departed and commend them to God's eternal care.	Nov 5   Parish Hall Fun, fellowship, and friendly competition for all ages.	Nov 14   Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club Day School fundraiser with dinner, auctions, entertainment, and dancing Tickets: <a href="http://qtego.us/l/stjohnnagles/tickets/event-tickets">qtego.us/l/stjohnnagles/tickets/event-tickets</a>	Nov 8–14, 2025   La Caleta, Dominican Republic Join St. John's team to help build Iglesia de la Gracia. Contact: <a href="mailto:tampasal@gmail.com">tampasal@gmail.com</a> More info: <a href="http://theddg.org">theddg.org</a>	Nov 9   13th year of The Giving Tree—choose a child to buy gifts for or purchase Walmart gift cards for parents. Contact: <a href="mailto:bucsjenkins@aol.com">bucsjenkins@aol.com</a>	Nov 27   Church Join us at 10:00 a.m. for Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist as we give thanks to God for his many blessings.

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



*The Parish Office will be closed Mon, Oct. 13*

## 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: [rsthsmom2@aol.com](mailto:rsthsmom2@aol.com)

## Stay Connected

**Weekly Email** – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. Caroline at [cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org)

**Social Media** – Follow us @stjohnstampa on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube

**Sermons** – Watch weekly sermons on YouTube, Facebook, or via the link in our Instagram bio

## 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

*Support our ministry with a one-time or recurring gift:*

## Give

### Online:

[stjohnstampa.org/stewardship](http://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship)

Text: Text SJE to 73256

QR Code: *Scan here*

