



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 1, 2026

# THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



We give thanks for our growing parish family and for the faithful work of our Newcomers' Ministry, which helps welcome and connect those new to St. John's. If you're interested in getting involved, please contact Donna Gem. Newcomers' Classes continue today following the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room.

## PIC OF THE WEEK:

Newcomers' Ministry

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

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Today, Sunday School for children and youth and Newcomers' Classes continue following the 9:30 a.m. service, with Newcomers meeting in the Lowry Room. Adults are invited to enjoy coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall following both services. EYC meets this evening. Tomorrow, Monday at 12:15 p.m., we will gather in the church for a said Mass with hymns celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas). On Saturday, February 7, at 11:00 a.m., St. John's will host the XLIV Annual Mass and

Luncheon of the Society of King Charles the Martyr.

With much ahead—from Jambalaya & Jazz to Ash Wednesday, the Annual Parish Meeting, and our Lenten Supper Series—be sure to take this copy of *The Compass* home with you and keep reading for full 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.*

# NEWCOMERS' CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY

All who are new or seeking a deeper connection at St. John's are invited to our Newcomers' Class Series, meeting Sundays through February 15, following the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. These informal gatherings offer a chance to meet clergy and ministry leaders, connect with other newcomers, learn about parish life, and enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the church. Coffee and light refreshments will be served, and childcare is available. Questions? Contact Donna Gem at [dgem@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:dgem@stjohnstampa.org).

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

February 2, 2026 | 12:15 p.m. | Said Mass with hymns in the Church



## 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 Brett, Pam, and Hayley Divers in thanksgiving for Ryan Devereux Divers;

by Susan Lang in loving memory of Fr. John Peterson;  
and by Emily Strickland in loving memory of her mother, Blanche Puffer.

**The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God**  
by John and MC Jenkins in thanksgiving for our oldest granddaughter, Eden, who turns 14 this year.

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 8, 15, & 22



# Ash Wednesday Services

February 18, 2026   7:00 a.m. Said Mass  
 12:15 p.m. Said Mass  
 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



## Society of King Charles the Martyr Mass & Luncheon

St. John's will be hosting the XLIV Annual Mass and Luncheon of the Society of King Charles the Martyr on **Saturday, February 7**, at **11:00 a.m.** The event is sponsored and organized by the Society of King Charles the Martyr. The

Mass will be celebrated by the Rev. Fr. Dale W. Van Wormer, with guest preacher the Rev. Fr. Nicholas R. Johnson, S.S.C. Those interested in attending may register using the QR code; the cost to attend the luncheon is \$25.



## ADULT FORMATION

Tue.	CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)	06:00 PM
Wed.	Wednesday Adult Formation	03:30 PM
Thurs.	Men's Bible Study	11:45 AM
Alternate Tue.	Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study	10:00 AM

Lowry Room  
 Alternate  
 Lowry Room

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Sunday School Today!

All Sunday School students and teachers will go first for Communion, and then come into the side hallway for Check-In and nametags.

### 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

Candlemas Eucharist	Jambalaya and Jazz	Lenten Supper Series	Annual Parish Meeting	Feast of the Annunciation
<p><b>Feb 2   Church   12:15 p.m.</b> 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><b>Feb 17   Courtyard   6:00 p.m.</b> 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><b>Begins Feb 25   Parish Hall   Wednesdays in Lent</b> This Lent, our Wednesday supper series 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><b>Feb 22   Parish Hall</b> 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>	<p><b>March 25   Church   6:00 p.m.</b> Join us for the celebration of the Annunciation of our Lord—our final Wednesday gathering before Holy Week begins. All are welcome.</p>

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



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



## 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: [rslrsmom2@aol.com](mailto:rslrsmom2@aol.com)

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