



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Enjoy Breakfast Sunday at St. John's today after the 9:30 a.m. service! Formation for all ages will resume next Sunday as usual. Many thanks to our Kitchen Krewe for preparing and serving this wonderful meal.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

It's Breakfast Sunday!

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



OKTOBERFEST — THIS WEDNESDAY!

Join us for Oktoberfest at St. John's on **Wednesday, October 1**, from 6–9 p.m.! Enjoy an evening of authentic food, beer and wine, and live music as we gather in fellowship and celebration. Friends, neighbors, and guests are warmly invited to join the fun. All are welcome—please register your party using the QR code provided.

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

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.*

“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.

To learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one, please contact:

jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org



UPCOMING MAJOR FEASTS

with Holy Eucharist in the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

St. Michael and All Angels

Monday, September 29 | 12:15 p.m.

St. Luke the Evangelist

Saturday, October 18 | 12:15 p.m.

St. Simon and St. Jude

Tuesday, October 28 | 12:15 p.m.



ADULT FORMATION

Tue.

Zoom

CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)

tampasal@gmail.com

06:00 PM

Wed.

Zoom

Wednesday Adult Formation

parish@stjohnstampa.org

03:30 PM

Thurs.

Lowry Room

Men's Bible Study

dlrnrcrpa@verizon.net

11:45 AM

Tue.

Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

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*:



St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3 P.M. | COURTYARD

You and your pets are invited to our annual outdoor Blessing of the Animals. Bring your companions on leashes or in carriers as we give thanks for God's creation and the gift of all creatures, great and small.



BEDS FOR KIDS: AN ABUNDANCE OF DONATIONS AND GRATITUDE!

Our donation drive for the Daughters of the King (DOK) Bishop's Chapter service project supporting Beds For Kids was an abundant success! Thanks to the generosity of our amazing parishioners, our DOK Saint Clare Chapter collected 285 Bible stories, stuffed animals, blankets and other necessities for children in need of Christ's loving presence. Daughters, Melissa Ariss-Menendez and Trish McKay, delivered our haul on Saturday, September 20, at the DOK Diocesan Assembly of Southwest Florida's Fall Retreat, which took place at St. Wilfred Episcopal Church in Sarasota. We give special thanks for: parish secretary, Jan, who received our many donations; and Vice President, Trish, who prepared the bulk of our donations for delivery. Interested in learning more about the

DOK? Contact chapter president, Melissa at melissa.ariss@gmail.com.

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



MAKE A DEDICATION TODAY

Dedications

Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Courtney Robinson and Brad Shellgren in loving memory of Craig Thomas Robinson

and in celebration of the anniversary of our wedding at St. John's, with thanksgiving, Caroline & Colin Campbell.

Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

Caroline Campbell in memory of Father Peterson, who walked me down the aisle and officiated my wedding 35 years ago on Sept. 29th.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God by:

Colin, Caroline and Harley Campbell with gratitude for St. John's our parish home.

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact jdepinto@sjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570

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

Available dates: October 12 & 19



SAVE THE DATES

Diocesan Convention	All Saints' Sunday	All Parish Trivia Night	Celebration 2025	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas
Oct 10–11, 2025 Punta Gorda, FL Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida's 57th convention. Please keep our clergy and delegates in your prayers.	Nov 2 Church Celebrate the feast of All Saints and the sacrament of Baptism.	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: qtego.us/l/stjohnneagles/tickets/event-tickets	Nov 8–14, 2025 La Caleta, Dominican Republic Join St. John's team to help build Iglesia de la Gracia. Contact: tampasal@gmail.com More info: theddg.org	Nov 9 13th year of The Giving Tree—choose a child to buy gifts for or purchase Walmart gift cards for parents. Contact: bucsjenkins@aol.com

Scan for online Bulletins,
The Compass, and
The Scroll



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: rsthsmom2@aol.com

Stay Connected

Weekly Email – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* by emailing Mthr. Caroline at 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

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:

stjohnstampa.org/stewardship

Text: Text SJE to 73256

QR Code: Scan here

