



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 10, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Last Sunday we celebrated Senior Sunday at St. John's and recognized the graduating seniors in our parish community. We were grateful to hear reflections from our seniors at both services and to celebrate the many ways they have grown in faith, leadership, and service during their time at St. John's. Congratulations, seniors. We are proud of you and excited for what lies ahead.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Senior Sunday at St. John's

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthbr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

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We wish all a happy Mother's Day and give thanks for the women who shape our lives and faith. Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass, all are invited to remain in the church for a special organ demonstration with Simon Morley as part of our final Newcomers Class gathering, while our final

Adult Confirmation class of the spring meets in the Lowry Room. At the 9:30 a.m. Mass, eight women will also be admitted into The Order of the Daughters of the King, with flowers offered to the women of the parish following both services. Continue reading *The Compass* for more of what's happening in the life of the parish.

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.



YOUTH & PARENT SURVEY



As we wrap up the school year, we invite both parents and youth to share your feedback to help shape the future of St. John's Youth. Please scan the appropriate QR code to complete a brief survey.

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

JULY 26 - AUGUST 1

Saint Michael's Conference is a week-long summer gathering in West Hartford, Connecticut for young people ages 13–21, centered on daily worship, thoughtful conversations about Jesus, and joyful community, inviting participants to seek a deeper and more vibrant life in Christ.

See Fr. Chris or Kate Wood for more details.



**SCAN FOR
MORE DETAILS**



St. John's VBS 2026

July 20-24, 2026 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Step into Rainforest Falls—a wild adventure of waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures! Kids will discover the nature of God and what it means to be rooted in a lifelong relationship with their Creator.



A LADIES' MAHJONG GATHERING

MONDAY, MAY 11

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

IN THE PARISH HALL
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!



REGISTER HERE:



Simon would like to extend his profound thanks for the many calls, emails, cards and flowers received both here and in England, following his father's passing. The support from St. John's community has been overwhelming, and is greatly appreciated by Simon, his mother, and sister.

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



**MAKE A
DEDICATION
TODAY**

Dedications

The Chapel Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Chuck Sansone in loving memory of his wife Julie and of his and Julie's parents, Claude, Cherie, Jack and Edith and in thanksgiving for his children and grandchildren;

by Susan Lang in loving memory of Mary Alma Lang.

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

by Jan and Eric Williams in memory of Bonnie Cotier.

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact parish@stjohnstamp.org or call

813.259.1570

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

Sanctuary Candle: \$20

Available dates: May 24 & 31

★ JOIN US AS WE GATHER IN GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION FOR 250 YEARS OF LIFE IN THIS NATION ★

INDEPENDENCE DAY SUNDAY CELEBRATION

& Parish Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
FOLLOWING THE 9:30 AM MASS
PARISH PICNIC ON THE GROUNDS

PATRIOTIC HYMNS • GUEST PREACHER • PARISH PICNIC • GRILL OUT • FELLOWSHIP ★

"DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED?"

-BCP pg 301

NEXT BAPTISMAL FEAST: PENTECOST
SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

Email Parish Coordinator, Sami Santos (ssantos@stjohnstampa.org) to learn more or to arrange a baptism for yourself or a loved one



NEWCOMERS' CLASS - ORGAN DEMO

Following the 9:30 a.m. service, all parishioners are invited to remain in the church for a special organ demonstration with Simon Morley, Director of Music and Organist. Simon will share more about the history, mechanics, and music of St. John's magnificent organ and the role of music in our worship life. This presentation concludes our spring Newcomers Class, and all are welcome to attend.

Questions? Contact Donna Gem at dgem@stjohnstampa.org.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

10:45 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. Mass) | Lowry Room

Adult Confirmation classes conclude today.

Confirmation will take place next Sunday, May 17, when The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, our bishop, will be with us to preside. If you are interested in being confirmed, please speak with a member of the clergy.

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM
Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | alaz@stjohnstampa.org | 6:30 AM
Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom | parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM
Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room | dlnrtpa@verizon.net | 11:45 AM
Alt Tues. | **Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study** | Lowry Room | barpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM

CHILDREN & YOUTH

VBS Registration

See newsletters for registration details!

Summertime at St. John's

EYC has officially wrapped for the school year! Thank you to all of our youth, volunteers, and families for a wonderful year together. Be sure to stay connected through our youth and children's newsletters to keep up with summer events, gatherings, and opportunities in these ministries throughout the summer months.

Stay up to date with
our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

A Ladies' Mahjong Gathering	Confirmation Sunday	Kairos Men's Weekend	Youth Mission Trips
May 11 Parish Hall 5:30 p.m. A Ladies' Mahjong Gathering. All levels are welcome for an evening of fellowship, fun, and friendly Mahjong in the Parish Hall. Whether you're an experienced player or just learning, come enjoy a relaxed and welcoming night together.	May 17 Church 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. service. The Rt. Rev. Doug Scharf will preach and preside as members of our parish affirm their baptismal vows and are confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.	May 14–17 Sumter Correctional Institution Please keep John Jenkins, Bob Alter, and all who will participate in this four-day Kairos weekend in your prayers, as they share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.	June 1–8 & June 13–20 Our high school students will serve in the Dominican Republic June 1–8, and our middle school students will serve in Atlanta June 13–20. All missionaries will be commissioned at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on May 31—please keep them in your prayers.

Scan for online Bulletins, serving schedules, *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: rstlrsmom2@aol.com

Stay Connected

Weekly Email – Subscribe to *The Weekly Scroll* and other email lists by emailing Mthr. Caroline at cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org or scan the QR code to fill out your SJE email preferences online

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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

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

