



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL



PIC OF THE WEEK:

Trivia Night Champions!

Have a Pic of the Week?

We'd love to feature it!

Email your photo to

Mthr. Caroline at

cdevitt@stjohnstampa.org

More than 85 (!!) parishioners and friends joined us for a very fun St. John's "Pub" Trivia Night! Congratulations to the B-Team, whose victory earned them the Golden Thurible and three coveted reserved parking spots on Christmas Eve. A big thank-you to our Kitchen Krewe and Fr. Chris & Kate for the pasta and nachos—the perfect trivia-night combination!

RALLY DAY



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today is Rally Day! We celebrate the many ministries that make up the life of St. John's and give thanks for all the ways our parishioners worship, serve, learn, and care for one another. Be sure to pick up a Fall Parish Calendar and a Ministry Booklet—read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest it! Inside the front cover, you'll find a QR code to help us connect you with ministries at St. John's, including a Spiritual Gifts Assessment to help you discover where your gifts might be put to good use. After the 9:30 a.m. Mass, stay for our parish picnic and bounce-house fun for the kids! Then, next Sunday, September 20, Sunday School and Adult Formation return as we begin our new Sunday schedule, including the new 11:15 a.m. Sung Rite I Mass. Keep reading for details on these and more!

Worship at St. Johns

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

(11:15 a.m. begins on September 20, 2026)

*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.

JOIN US FOR

LADIES MAHJONG

MON. SEPT. 14 | 5:30-7:30



PLEASE NOTE:
THESE
GATHERINGS ARE
INTENDED FOR
LADIES WHO
ALREADY HAVE A
BASIC
UNDERSTANDING
OF MAHJONG,
INCLUDING THE
CARD AND TILES.



NEWCOMERS' CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 20

*NEW TO ST. JOHN'S, RELATIVELY NEW, OR
LOOKING TO GET MORE CONNECTED? JOIN
US FOR FOUR INFORMAL SUNDAYS TO
MEET OTHERS, GET TO KNOW ST. JOHN'S,
AND DISCOVER WAYS TO BECOME MORE
INVOLVED.*

**Four Sundays beginning
September 20**

*Between the 9:30 & 11:15 a.m. Masses
Lowry Room*

Coffee and light refreshments served.
Childcare available.

Questions?

dgem@stjohnstampa.org



2026 ST. JOHN'S YOUTH & CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sunday, September 20 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church's Annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCT 5 | 3:00 P.M. | COURTYARD

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.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

EYC: Sunday, September 13th | Lowry Room

Middle School (6th-8th) 5-6:30 p.m.

High School (9th-12th) 6-7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING DATES:

Sunday School Kickoff | Sun, Sept 20 | 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Metropolitan Ministries Service Day | Sat, Sept 26 | 8:30-11:30 a.m. |

Metropolitan Ministries Headquarters

New Beginnings Retreat (Middle School) | Sept 25-27 | Dayspring

Stay up to date with our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



UPCOMING MAJOR FEASTS

with Holy Eucharist in the Reverend John R. Peterson Chapel

Holy Cross Day

Monday, September 14 | 12:15 p.m.

Feast of St. Matthew

Monday, September 21 | 12:15 p.m.

A NEW SUNDAY MASS

Sundays at St. John's
8:00 · 9:30 · 11:15

11:15 A.M.
SUNG RITE I
Begins September 20

SEPTEMBER ADULT FORMATION

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SEPTEMBER 20 | 10:45 A.M.
PARISH HALL

Tell us what you want to learn about
and help shape Adult Formation for
the rest of the year.

3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

**GERMAN FOOD •
BEER • LIVE MUSIC
ALL AGES WELCOME**

**WEDNESDAY
OCT. 7**



**6:00-8:00 P.M.
FREE**



REGISTER HERE
*Please register so we have
enough food & beer!*

ADULT FORMATION

Tues. | **CWBS (Contemporary Women's Bible Study)** | Zoom | | tampasal@gmail.com | 6:00 PM
Tues. | **Businessmen's Bible Study** | Lowry Room | alazo@stjohnstampa.org | 6:30 AM
Wed. | **Adult Formation** | Zoom | parish@stjohnstampa.org | 3:30 PM
Thurs. | **Men's Weekly Bible Study** | Lowry Room | dlnrctpa@verizon.net | 11:45 AM
Alt Tues. | **Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study** | Lowry Room | harpwings@aol.com | 10:00 AM
(resumes September 15)

Dedications

The Church Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

by Jane Williams in loving memory of her husband Jerry L. Williams;
by Janis Elliott in loving memory of her husband the Rev. Robert J.
Elliott on the 6th anniversary of his death.

The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God

by Joan Lochridge in loving memory of Geneva Hopson Grubb;
by Thomas and Denise Cassedy in loving memory of his mother Donna
Cassedy.

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving,
contact parish@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570 | Suggested donations:
Church Altar Flowers: \$50 | Chapel Altar Flowers: \$35 | Sanctuary Candle: \$20 |

Available dates: September 20 & 27 & October 4, 11, 18, & 25

SAVE THE DATES

A New Sunday Schedule	Newcomers' Classes Begin	Feast of the Holy Cross	3rd Annual Oktoberfest!
Beginning Sunday, September 20 The return of our 11:15 a.m. service, now a Sung Rite I Mass, begins September 20, and formation for all ages returns between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses. Join us for worship, formation, and a fuller Sunday morning at St. John's.	Beginning Sunday, September 20 New to St. John's, relatively new, or simply looking to get more connected? Our Newcomers' Classes offer a relaxed way to meet others, get to know our clergy and parish, and discover ways to become more involved in the life of St. John's. The four-week series meets between the 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Masses in the Lowry Room, with childcare and light refreshments provided.	September 14 12:15 p.m. Rev. John Peterson Chapel Join us at 12:15 p.m. for Holy Eucharist in observance of this majory feast.	October 7 6:00 p.m. Oktoberfest returns to St. John's on Wednesday, October 7, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Join us for German food, beer, live music, pretzels, and a festive evening for the whole family. Prost!

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 by scanning 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
Mthr. Caroline: 941.320.6686
Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337
Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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