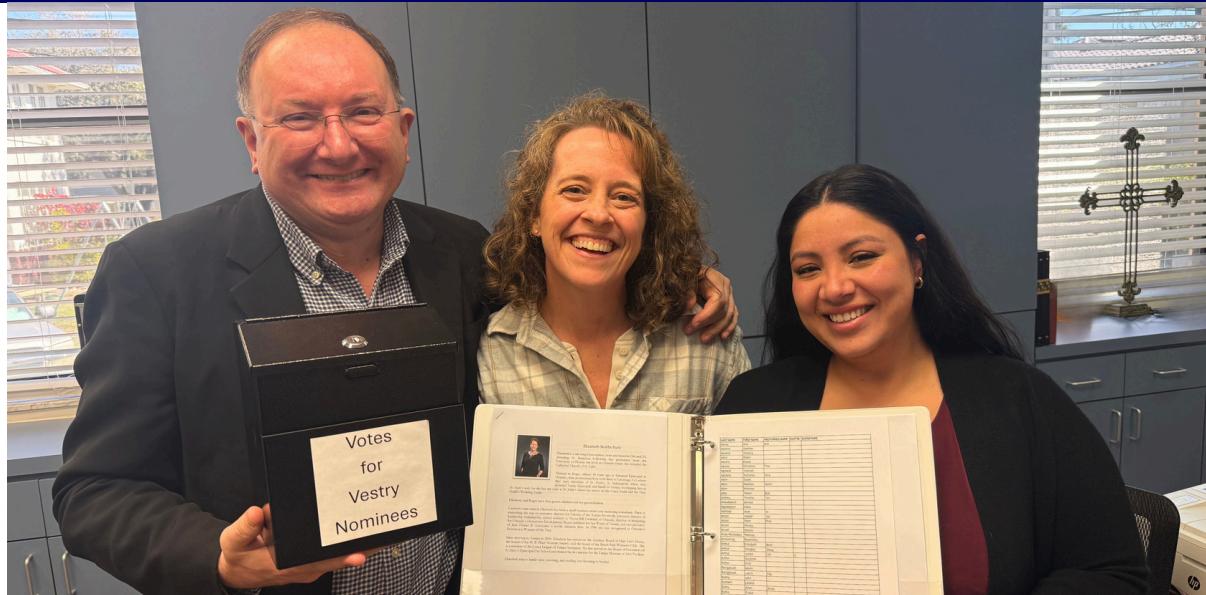




THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 8, 2026

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



Early voting for Vestry members is now open. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 22, following the 9:30 a.m. service, when four Vestry members will be elected. Voting is available on Sundays, February 8 and 15, or during regular Parish Office hours.

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Early Voting is Open!

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

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There's a lot happening at St. John's. Newcomers' Classes continue after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room, while EYC gathers on the deck for a

Super Bowl party in place of middle and high school Sunday School. Adult Formation continues in the Parish Hall with *What Do We Believe and Why?* with Mother Caroline, and early voting for Vestry members opens today. Keep reading this edition of *The Compass* to see more of what's coming up at St. John's!

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.



Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

Tuesday, February 11 | 10:00–11:15 a.m. | Lowry Room & via Zoom

The Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, February 11. The class will continue its study of the Gospel according to Matthew using Interpretation Bible Studies – Matthew by Alyce M. McKenzie as the study guide. At this session, Minda Frank will lead the discussion on "The Sermon on the Mount: Part One" (Matthew 5:1–5; pp. 29–38). The class meets on alternate Tuesdays through May 19. For questions, contact Sharon Stoll (harpwings@aol.com), Margaret Brokaw (margaretb132@hotmail.com), or Sally Wiley (wiley48sm@gmail.com). All women are invited to attend.

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 Sandy, Elizabeth and Katie Rief in loving memory of Marian "Didi" White Rief;

and in thanksgiving for Sharon Stoll, Melissa Ariss Menendez, Lois Smith, Chris McAdams, Scott Neumeister, Ruby McGowan and Shirley Susich, our Stephen Ministry team; and for Father Chris' loving support of the ministry.

The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God
by Peter Dawson in memory of his father, Sydney Dawson.

To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving, contact 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 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

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

YOPROS SIP & STROLL

FEB 15 | AFTER THE 9:30AM SERVICE | JET CITY ESPRESSO (HYDE PARK)

JOIN US AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE FOR A CASUAL COFFEE STOP AT JET CITY ESPRESSO WITH OTHER YOUNG PROFESSIONALS. WEATHER PERMITTING, WE'LL WALK TO AND FROM ST. JOHN'S—COMFORTABLE SHOES ENCOURAGED. COME AND GO AS YOU PLEASE. SEE YOU THERE!



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
IN THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

FEB 22 | AFTER THE 9:30 A.M. MASS

PARISH UPDATES, VESTRY ELECTIONS, A LIGHT LUNCH, AND A CELEBRATION OF ALL THAT GOD HAS DONE AMONG US.



Easter flower dedications are now available. Honor a loved one or give thanks for a blessing by contributing to the flowers that adorn our church on Easter Day. Please submit your dedication using the QR code by Sunday, March 15 at noon.

Youth Confirmation classes for 7th graders and older youth interested in being confirmed will begin Sunday, March 1, from 4:00–5:00 p.m., just before EYC. If your student is interested in participating, please contact Ayana Grady at agrady@stjohnstampa.org for more information or to sign up.



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
✉ dlrncrpta@verizon.net

11:45 AM

Alternate
Tue.
Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning
Bible Study
✉ harpwings@aol.com

10:00 AM

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 Super Bowl Party!

Today, February 8th 10:30-11:30 a.m. ON THE DECK
Our EYC Super Bowl Party is TODAY, in place of Middle and High School Sunday School. We'll have snacks, flag football, and lots of fun!

Stay up to date with
our newsletters:



Youth:



Children:



SAVE THE DATES

Jambalaya and Jazz	Lenten Supper Series	Annual Parish Meeting	Cornerstone Kids Annual Fundraising Gala	Feast of the Annunciation
Feb 17 Courtyard 6:00 p.m. Save the date for St. John's Third Annual Jambalaya & 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.	Begins Feb 25 Parish Hall Wednesdays in Lent 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.	Feb 22 Parish Hall 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.	March 12 Centro Asturiano 6:00 p.m. An evening supporting Cornerstone Kids, a local after-school program. St. John's is sponsoring two tables (16 seats total), first come, first served. To reserve a seat or make a donation, contact Andrew Abrams at andrewabrams@gmail.com .	March 25 Church 6:00 p.m. Join us for the celebration of the Annunciation of our Lord—our final Wednesday gathering before Holy Week begins. All are welcome.

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: rslrsmom2@aol.com

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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:

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