



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

THE WEEKLY COMPASS

St. John's Episcopal Church & Parish Day School



It's Rally Day! Today we kick off a new season of life together at St. John's, and next week all of our Sunday formation offerings return. From children and youth to adults, there's something for everyone. Come be part of the fun this fall!

PIC OF THE WEEK:

Rallying & Gathering

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

FORMATION RETURNS NEXT SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 14

All ages are invited to dive back into Sunday Formation at 10:30 a.m., following the 9:30 Mass.

ADULT FORMATION: THE NICENE CREED

What do we believe—and why? Join the clergy for a deep dive into the Nicene Creed.

CHILDREN & YOUTH FORMATION

Sunday School resumes for all children and youth!

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



ADULT FORMATION THE NICENE CREED

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 BEGIN - SEPTEMBER 21

New to St. John's or looking to get more connected? Join us for a four-week Newcomers' Class series beginning **Sunday, Sept. 21**, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Lowry Room. Meet clergy and fellow parishioners, explore the church, and learn how to get involved. Childcare and light refreshments provided.

Questions or want to register? Email Donna Gem (dgem@stjohnstampa.org).

NEWCOMERS CLASSES

Begins September 21st
after the 9:30 a.m. service
in the Lowry Room

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Rehearsals: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. &
Sundays 8:30 a.m. (before the 9:30
Eucharist).

Sing for Choral Evensong, Advent Lessons
& Carols, and other Holy Days.

*All voice parts welcome—experience helpful
but not required. Must be able to match pitch
and commit to rehearsals and services.*

Contact: smorley@stjohnstampa.org



“...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:
Lisa & Richard Jacobson in thanksgiving for the restored sanctuary

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

Thomas and Denise Cassedy in loving memory of their parents
Marshall and Donna Cassedy and Denis and Kathleen Duggan
To sponsor altar flowers or the sanctuary candle in memory or thanksgiving,

contact jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org or call 813.259.1570

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

Available dates: September 14 & 28

HOPE LISTENING SESSIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Lowry Room (light lunch)

Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall (light dinner)



HOPE LISTENING SESSIONS

St. John's, a member of HOPE (Hillsborough Organization for Progress & Equality), invites you to join a Listening Session this September.

Contacts: Shirley Susich (jsusich@gmail.com), Laura & Hugh Cruse (lmcruise@gmail.com), or Dcn. Tania (twilkes@stjohnstampa.org).

Learn more: hillsboroughhope.org

EYC RETURNS 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* >>



*Children's Chapel
Sign-Up
>>*



BEDS FOR KIDS

The St. Clare Chapter of the Daughters of the King is collecting new Bible story books (English/Spanish) and small stuffed animals for Beds for Kids. Donations may be ordered via the Amazon Gift List or dropped off in the office.

Contacts: Melissa Ariss-Menendez (melissa.ariss@gmail.com) or Trish McKay (jmckay05@tampabay.rr.com).



*Amazon Wishlist
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About Beds for Kids
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DOK Service Project

BEDS FOR KIDS

Collecting new Bible story books (English/Spanish) and small stuffed animals through September 18



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

dlrcrtpa@verizon.net

11:45 AM

**Alternate
Tue.**

Lowry Room

Women's Mid-Morning Bible Study

patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com

10:00 AM

CORNERSTONE KIDS RECEIVE BACKPACKS

At the start of the school year, all 35 children went back to school with new backpacks which were filled with required supplies, thanks to the generosity of St. John's parishioners. We exceeded our goal of raising \$1,200 to help fund this project, so thanks to everyone who made this effort a success!



SAVE THE DATES

St. John's Book Club	Cursillo Weekend	Oktoberfest	DR Adult Mission Trip	Cornerstone Christmas
<p>Sept 16 • 3:00 p.m. Lowry Room 3rd Tuesday monthly, Sept–Nov & Jan–May Discussing <i>James</i> by Percival Everett Contact: chris.mcadams@gmail.com</p>	<p>Sept 25–28 DaySpring 3-day retreat to renew faith and grow in service Contact: harpwing@aol.com or ssstoll@aol.com More info: cursilloswfla.org</p>	<p>Oct 1 • 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall/Courtyard Enjoy music by the DeLeon Oktoberfest Band, pretzels, sausages, and festive German beer as we celebrate together!</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Nov 9 13th year of The Giving Tree—choose a child to buy gifts for or purchase Walmart gift cards for parents. Contact: bucjenkins@aol.com</p>

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. Tania: 443.742.6542

Dcn. Mary Alice: 813.493.8337

Fr. Goodheart: 321.446.4934

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