



2017 Calendar for Children's and Youth Ministries

Date		Activity
Sunday, January 1		New Year's Day – Combined Service, 10:00AM No Sunday School
Saturday, January 21	Y	Youth Explosion Saturday ("YES!" 6 th – 12 th Grade) <i>Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota</i>
Sunday, January 29		Family Service - 9:15AM, Parish Hall
Sunday, February 5	Y	Confirmation Classes Begin (Age 12 and Up)
Sunday, February 12		Combined Service, 10:00AM (Sunday School Offered During Service) Annual Meeting & Lunch following Service, Parish Hall (Nursery hours will be extended to include Annual Meeting)
Friday, February 24		Parents Night Out 6:00PM – 7:30PM, Location TBA
Sunday, February 26		Family Service - 9:15AM, Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 28		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
LENT: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 – SATURDAY, APRIL 15		
Wednesday, March 1		Ash Wednesday
March 3 – 5	Y	"New Beginnings" #61 (6 th – 8 th Grade Experience) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
Sunday, March 26		Family Service – 9:15AM, Parish Hall
Saturday, April 8	C	Easter Egg Decorating Party 3:00PM – 5:00PM, Parish Hall
Sunday, April 9		Palm Sunday
Friday, April 14		Good Friday
Sunday, April 16		Easter Day Easter Egg Hunt Outside, Following 9:15AM Parish Hall Service
Sunday, April 23		Combined Service, 10:00AM (Sunday School Offered During Service) Parish Picnic Outside, Following Service
April 28 – 30	Y	"Happening" #74 (9 th – 12 th Grade Experience) <i>DaySpring – Parrish FL</i>
Saturday, April 29		Parish Family Day (All Day) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
Sunday, May 7	Y	Bishops Annual Visitation & Confirmation
Sunday, May 14	Y	Senior Sunday
June 11 – 16	Y	Middle School Summer Camp (6 th – 8 th Grade) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
June 18 – 23	Y	High School Summer Camp (9 th – 12 th Grade) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
June 19 – 23	C	Vacation Bible School at St. John's
June 25 – 30	Y	Mission Camp <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
July 23 – 28	Y	Youth Leadership Camp (9 th – 12 th Grade) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>

Sunday, August 13		Backpack Blessing during 9:15AM Service in Church
Sunday, August 20	Y	EYC Kick Off <i>Discovery House, Time TBA</i>
Sunday, August 27		Family Service Reconvenes (Last Sunday of Each Month)
Sunday, September 10	C	Sunday School Kick-Off 9:15 AM Check-In, Parish Hall 10:30 AM Registration & Festivities, Parish Hall
Saturday, September 16	Y	Acolyte Festival <i>Cathedral Church of St. Peter, St. Petersburg</i>
Friday, September 22	C	Family Game Night, Dinner Provided <i>6:00PM – 7:30PM, Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, September 24		Family Service
September 29 – October 1	Y	“New Beginnings” #62 (6 th – 8 th Grade Experience) <i>DaySpring – Parish, FL</i>
Sunday, October 1	C	Christmas Pageant Sign-Ups Begin (During Sunday School Check-In)
Wednesday, October 4		Feast of St. Francis – Pet Blessing <i>3:15PM, Courtyard</i>
Sunday, October 22	C	Pumpkin Painting Party <i>4:00PM – 6:00PM, Parish Hall</i>
Sunday, October 29		Family Service Last Day to Sign-Up for Christmas Pageant
November 3-5	Y	“Happening” #75 (9 th – 12 th Grade Experience) <i>DaySpring – Parrish, FL</i>
Sunday, November 5	C	Christmas Pageant Kick-Off Brunch <i>Following 9:15AM Service, Courtyard</i> (Roles Announced, Scripts & Schedules Distributed)
Thursday, November 23		Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 26		Family Service
ADVENT: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24		
Sunday, December 3		Advent Wreath Making <i>Following 8:00AM & 9:15AM Services, Courtyard</i>
w/o December 11	Y	Cornerstone Christmas Party <i>Date and Time TBA</i>
Sunday, December 24	C	Christmas Eve Children’s Pageant During 4PM Service
Monday, December 25		Christmas Day
Sunday, December 31		Family Service

Key

“C” Designates Events that are Specific to the Children’s Ministry (5th Grade and Under)

“Y” Designates Events that are Specific to the Youth Ministry (6th Grade and Above)

All other events are relevant to both ministries.



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Nursery

Our Nursery is available during the 9:15AM and 11:15AM Sunday services for children under 3 years old.

Sunday School

Our Lectionary-based Sunday School program is offered to Children in Pre-K through 5th Grade, year-round during the 9:15AM Service. Parents and children check-In in the Parish Hall after which parents are asked to take their children back to the classrooms. Children are returned to their Families during the Peace/Greeting so they can participate in the Eucharist with their families.

Family Services

The Family Service occurs on the last Sunday of each month. There will be no Sunday School on the days when we have Family Service as this is a time for families with small children to worship together in a kid-friendly and supportive environment.

EYC – Episcopal Youth Community

The aim of Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) at St. John's is fellowship and discipleship for youth in 6th through 12th grades. The groups are designed to give youth a place where they can have fun, meet life-long friends, be supported, and deepen their faith in Christ. For more information about this program and other opportunities for youth from 6th through 12th grade, please contact Father Chase Ackerman at cackerman@stjohnstampa.org.

DaySpring

Owned by the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida, DaySpring is one of the country's finest camp and conference centers, and plays a vital role in the mission and ministry of the Diocese. DaySpring's mission is "to be a sacred place in the heart of our diocesan community that exists to enrich and empower all people in Christ." DaySpring offers guests an unparalleled opportunity to experience peace and tranquility, stunning natural beauty and a sacred place where spirits are renewed, refreshed and made ready to re-enter the world.

Check out our Website

For more information about events for the Children's and Youth Ministries, to see photos from past events and download important documents and registration forms, please visit: www.stjohnstampa.org. Go to the "Information" tab and scroll down to the Ministry you'd like to explore.

Get Involved!

For more information or to volunteer for any of the upcoming events, please contact: Whitney Wolf at wwolf@stjohnstampa.org (312-244-0871) or Father Chase Ackerman at cackerman@stjohnstampa.org (813.259.1570)