



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

## Worship at St. John's Today

- 8:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite I) in the Parish Hall  
9:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist (Rite II) in the Parish Hall

*Children's Chapel will take place in the Chapel during the 9:30 a.m. service*

*Sunday School for children takes place after the 9:30 a.m. service (except the fourth Sunday), as does Coffee Hour fellowship for adults*

### Service Notes

Our regular Sunday services are the Holy Eucharist, Rite I, at 8:00 a.m. and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. is streamed live [on Facebook](#), [on our website](#) and [on YouTube](#).

### Sunday Sermons

Available [on our YouTube channel](#) and from the link in our bio [on Instagram](#).

### Pastoral Care

**Parish Office:** 813.259.1570

**Pastoral Emergencies:**  
813.726.3108

**Fr. Chris:** 917.822.9741

**Deacon Lopez:** 813.493.8337

**Fr. Dale:** 607.481.4702

**Deacon Tania:** 443.742.6542

**Fr. Goodheart:** 321.446.4934

## Worship and Formation During the Week

### The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Chapel at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Thursdays include Healing Prayers.

### Adult Faith Formation

#### Women's Mid Morning Bible Study: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays

This group meets on alternate Tuesdays in the Lowry Room during the school year. Contact Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com).

#### Contemporary Women's Bible Study: 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays

CWBS holds a weekly study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Sally Thompson at [tampasal@gmail.com](mailto:tampasal@gmail.com) to get the link.

#### Wednesday Afternoon Adult Formation: 3:30 p.m.

The group meets on Wednesdays on Zoom. Contact the Parish Office at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) for more information and the link.

#### Men's Interactive Bible Study and Lunch: 11:45 a.m. on Thursdays

The group meets in the Lowry Room to discuss readings for the upcoming Sunday. Questions? Contact Lanny Russell at [dlrncrtpa@verizon.net](mailto:dlrncrtpa@verizon.net).

### Youth and Children's Ministries

EYC meets on Sunday afternoons during the school year. The nursery is open at services year-round. Sunday School for children takes place following the 9:30 a.m. service (except the fourth Sunday) during the school year. Contact Youth Minister Ayana Grady at [agrady@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:agrady@stjohnstampa.org)!

### Giving to St. John's

There are many ways to make a one-time or recurring gift to our parish. Visit [stjohnstampa.org/stewardship](http://stjohnstampa.org/stewardship) to give online. You can give safely by text. In the "To" field of the text message, type **73256**. Then in the message, type **SJE**. You will immediately receive a text back with a link to complete payment. Or use the QR code!



## Stay in Touch with St. John's!

Want to receive our e-newsletter, the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll*? Contact us at [lloewry@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:lloewry@stjohnstampa.org). You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

# Compass Points

## Jambalaya & Jazz

St. John's Second Annual Jambalaya & Jazz will take place on Fat Tuesday/Shrove Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 p.m.! Join us for an evening of delicious food, fun, and tunes by the Scott Murley Trio. Please bring an appetizer and/or bottle of wine to share. You are welcome to invite friends, but please register on Realm (link at the QR code) so we have a headcount for food. See you there!



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### **Discover and Connect: New and Returning Members, Join us Today!**

Whether you're new to St. John's or a long-time member who wants to reconnect, we invite you to join us in the Lowry Room after the 9:30 a.m. service today and next Sunday, March 2. These informal gatherings offer a chance to meet fellow parishioners and learn about our various ministries, with coffee, breakfast food, and engaging conversations. Childcare will be available if needed. Contact Donna Gem at [donnaagem@aol.com](mailto:donnaagem@aol.com) with questions.

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### **St. Matthias Feast Day Tomorrow**

Join us for Mass tomorrow Monday, February 24 at 12:15 p.m. in the Chapel for St. Matthias, Apostle. Our feast day celebrations are a great way to worship during the week.

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### **The Daughters of the King Lenten Quiet Day Next Saturday**

The Daughters of the King will host its Lenten Quiet Day on Saturday, March 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. It will include Morning Prayer, time for reflection, and the Eucharist. The theme for this year is *Servant Leadership*. RSVP to Marci Thomas ([marcithomas2018@gmail.com](mailto:marcithomas2018@gmail.com)) or call the Parish Office.

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### **St. John's Lenten Dinner Series: Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus**

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series beginning March 12. Each week we'll gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and delicious meals prepared by our parish family. Schedule: 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in the Church (optional); 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. - Dinner in the Parish Hall; 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. - Lenten program for adults, separate children's program. No RSVP needed, you can drop in to all or some of the series events.

### **Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child: Welcome, Luke!**

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion and we invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for a brief and beautiful service in the Church. Contact us at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570. **This week, we pray and give thanks for the birth of Luke McRae Nolen, born on 2/11/2025, to proud parents Caroline and Tim Nolen and grandparents, Gwyn and Mark Schabacker.**

### **Will You Say "I Do" to the Wedding Guild?**

*"The union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is intended by God for their mutual joy...."* BCP, p.423  
Come be a part of that joy! Join the Wedding Guild team to bring warmth, confidence, and joyful support to couples at a momentous time in their lives. Volunteering involves being available for rehearsals and weddings, as your schedule permits, and especially during peak season in May and June. No previous experience needed — simple training will be provided. For more information, contact our Wedding Guild Coordinator, Mary Jo Shenk, at [mjshenk@yahoo.com](mailto:mjshenk@yahoo.com) or call Jan in the Parish Office at 813.259.1570.

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### **Flower and Candle Dedications**

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church Altar are financially supported by individuals and families. If you would like to honor a memorial or give a gift in thanksgiving, please contact [jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570. Suggested donations: Church Altar Flowers—\$50; Chapel Altar Flowers —\$35. **Chapel Altar Flower donations are needed for March 2.**

## **Prayer Requests**

*Your prayers are bid today and throughout the week for:*

**All bishops and other ministers:** Stephen, the Archbishop of York; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Douglas, our Bishop; and the clergy and staff of our Parish.

**Those who govern:** Donald, our President; Ronald, our Governor; and Jane, our Mayor;

**The sick and others for whom our prayers have been especially requested:**

Maureen and Ken Johnston; Jackie Faircloth and family; Jeff LeVines; Pam, Shailee, and Courtney; Anna, her family and her medical team; Jayce Hicks; Richard; Michael Wood; Tor, Collin, Lee, David, Sam, Absley, Karin, Jim B., Katy, Mike M., Patrick D., McKenzie N., Hillary M., Marjorie, Nancy M., Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Suzanne, Carey, Donna L., Brad, Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Wayne and Joan, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Brad Spring, Dr. David Sherwood, The Rev. Michael O'Donnell

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Our Companion Diocese in the Dominican Republic**

**Our Parish Day School**

**Our Pastoral Care Team**

**Those celebrating the anniversary of their birth:**

February 23, Con Foley, Ruth Giordano, Karen Lassey, Lawson Lewis

February 24, Pamela Price, Isabella Blewitt, Julie Creighton, Ed Szczepanik

February 25, Gina Shelton

February 26, Tom Davidson, Mary Margaret Dolcimascolo, Tom Giddens, Jack Guyton

February 27, Kris Pento

February 28, Sandy Rief, III, Patricia Ferguson, Michael Rodemsky, Max Lassacher

March 1, Bill Lax, Jr., Phyllis Lax, Justin Williams, Ed Page, Ed Neugaard, Connor Mitchell

**The members of our armed forces deployed abroad and their families,** especially Rich, Mike, Jake, Matthew, and Rusty.

**The people and peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.**

**Healthcare workers, first responders, and all others whose work puts them in danger.** We give thanks for their many sacrifices for the common good. Protect them from injury and illness; renew their wisdom, compassion, and strength.

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Diocese of Southwest Florida — The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf; Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Companion Diocese of Georgia; Companion Diocese of South Carolina; Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana; St. Andrew's, Boca Grande; St. David's, Englewood; Church of the Good Shepherd, Punta Gorda; St. Nathaniel's, North Port; St. James', Port Charlotte; Good Shepherd, Venice, and St. Mark's, Venice.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil



## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICES

**ALTAR GUILD:** Jan Williams, Gwyn Schabacker, Chris McAdams, Debbie Tozier, Jan Kelley, Madeleine Tellekamp, Lyz Pickette

**LINENS:** Laurie Lackman

**ACOLYTES:** 8:00 Helen Turnquist; 9:30 Declan Keller, Tommy Bricklemeyer, John Lawson, Taylor Johnson

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Betsy Wood; 9:30 Lisa Leal, M.C. Jenkins, Drew Graham

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 George Sprenkle, Charles Harden; 9:30 Keith Lindquist, Norm Allen, Cary Brown, Roger Kurz, Eric Williams, Bruce Yost

**VERGER:** Helen Turnquist

## FLOWER DEDICATIONS

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Brett, Pam, and Hayley Divers in Thanksgiving for Ryan Devereux Divers.**

**The Flowers at the Church Altar are given to the Glory of God by Susan Lang in loving memory of Fr. John Peterson.**

**The Flowers at the Chapel Altar are given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all blessings, seen and unseen.**

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