



# The Weekly Compass

St. John's Episcopal Church and Parish Day School

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 30, 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 for on 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](#).

## 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)!

### 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

### 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 [llowry@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:llowry@stjohnstampa.org). You can also stay in touch on [our Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [our YouTube channel](#), all @stjohnstampa!

## **Compass Points**

### **St. John's Lenten Dinner Series "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus" Continues this Week**

You are invited to St. John's Lenten Dinner Series again this week, 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 (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.

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### **Easter Flowers Dedications**

We are accepting dedications and donations for Easter Memorial Flowers. The deadline for submissions is April 10. Please send information to Jan in the Parish Office at [jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:jdepinto@stjohnstampa.org), or at 813.259.1570.

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### **The Soiree**

What is St. John's Soiree? - The St. John's Soiree is for St. John's folks who want to gather for food, fellowship and fun. The age group ranges from mid- to late-50s to who knows how old. No one will dare say what the upper age range is. We are empty nesters, parents, grandparents, some great grandparents, singles, couples . . . anyone and everyone who wants to get together. We welcome you!

The next event is Friday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Fr. Chris and Kate Wood. RSVP to Mary Hulse at [mmhulse@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:mmhulse@tampabay.rr.com) or Pat Wilson at [patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:patwilson68@tampabay.rr.com).

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### **Stephen Ministry: Christ-Centered Caregiving**

Stephen Ministry offers a heartfelt, Christ-centered approach to caring for adult parishioners and their immediate families. This deeply meaningful care program involves a dedicated team of lay people, guided by our clergy, who provide one-on-one support to those in our congregation facing life's challenges.

We kindly ask for your help in connecting with those who might benefit from this compassionate care. If you know someone who could find comfort and support from a caring presence as they navigate grief, loss, illness, hospice care, or any of life's difficulties, please consider referring them to the Stephen Ministry. With their permission, you can let Fr. Chris, Marci Thomas, or Sharon Stoll know, so they can reach out and explore how our ministry can best support them. Together, we can ensure that no one in our community feels alone in their journey. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

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### **St. John's School Open House**

St. John's Episcopal Parish Day School warmly welcomes interested parishioners and vestry members to an Open House on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the school, interact with students and teachers, hear from the Head of School, and learn more about future plans. A light sandwich lunch is provided. Please be sure to bring your ID with you as it is school policy to check in all visitors on campus. Register with the link in the *Weekly Wednesday Scroll!*

### **Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child**

The birth of a child is a joyous occasion so we invite all parents of newborns to schedule a time for a brief, beautiful service to celebrate. Contact us at [parish@stjohnstampa.org](mailto:parish@stjohnstampa.org) or call 813.259.1570.

### **Flower and Candle Dedications**

Flowers and the candle adorning the Altar and the flowers at the Church/Parish Hall 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. Sanctuary Candle — \$20 *For the season of Lent, as is customary, there will be no flowers adorning the Altar. The Sanctuary Candle continues to be available for dedications during this time.*

## **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, Peggy C., Ron, Yvonne S., Carey, Donna L., Elizabeth, Scott, Pat, Nancy C., Joan, Lane, Irene, Juliette, Suzanne M. and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

**The departed:** Patricia Richards, Dennis Hilton

*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:**

March 30, Wyatt Leonard

March 31, Bryn Leonard, Cole Bryant, Greg Merritt, Everlee Pittman

April 1, Ron Walker, Pete Arcuri, Luke Sevelius, Mason Valdes, Eliot Miller

April 2, Jim Arthur, Jr., David Martin, Jr., Kelly Horan, Janis Chapman, Emily Godinho

April 3, none

April 4, Alexandra Greacen, Kevin Holmberg, Henry Dorsch, Claire Hunter, Lisa Leedy

April 5, Steve Cheeseman, Tim Andreu, Kim Osborne, Joceli Hicks, Andy Gustafson, Jr., Stacy Dunlap

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

**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; Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; St. John's, Clearwater; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

## **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 Donna Gem; 9:30 Declan Keller, Witt Graff, Allison Decelles, Trenten Decelles

**LECTORS:** 8:00 Richard Hadlow; 9:30 Paul Brokaw, Norman Allen, M.C. Jenkins

**CHALICE BEARERS:** 9:30 Clergy

**USHERS:** 8:00 Rusty Shenk; 9:30 Jim Whittlesey, Lee Casey, Tom Cassedy, Brett Divers, John Marston, Jeff Mitchell

**VERGER:** Donna Gem

## **DEDICATIONS**

**The Candle in the Sanctuary Light is given to the Glory of God in thanksgiving for all blessings, seen and unseen.**

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