



# St. John's Chimes

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 7, 2023

## TODAY AT ST. JOHN'S

### Tour St. John's Historic Cemetery

3 TO 4:30 PM | SELF-PACED TOURS

This afternoon, the St. John's Historical Society invites you to visit our parish's historic cemetery.

Established in 1840, it is one of the earliest Christian burial sites in Florida. Chat with docents to hear vibrant stories of religious commitment, trailblazing souls, wars, and shipwrecks, and learn how we maintain this historic space so it will be around for generations to come. After the tour, please return to St. John's for lemonade and fellowship before Choral Evensong.

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### Service of Choral Evensong

5 PM ORGAN RECITAL | 5:30 PM SERVICE

This evening, join us for a pre-service Organ Recital and Choral Evensong. One of the oldest services in the Anglican tradition, Choral Evensong is drawn almost entirely from holy scripture. Tonight's Evensong will feature St. John's Choristers and Joyful Noisemakers singing alongside our adult choir. Come hear the voices of our young leaders highlighted as we worship God through this rich liturgy.

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### Youth Group Pool Party

5 TO 7 PM | THE SHIPPENS' BACKYARD

Our final Youth Group of the school year is tonight at the home of Bo and Sara Beth Shippen (3776 E. Millers Bridge Rd.). Wear a bathing suit, and bring a towel AND a friend for a night of swimming, shaving cream baseball, and dinner.

## SAVE THE DATE

**TUES**  
5/9

**"Tower Bell Tuesdays" Continue**  
12 PM CONCERTS | TUESDAYS IN MAY  
*Bell tower and church history tours at 12:30 PM.*

**SAT**  
5/20

**New Members' Retreat**  
8:30 AM TO 1 PM | RSVP ONLINE  
*see back panel for details*

**THURS**  
6/15

**SPUDS Summer Gathering**  
6:30 PM | THE MATTIMORES' HOME  
*"St. John's Parishioners United for Dining & Spirit"*

**MON**  
6/26

**Vacation Bible School Begins**  
5:30 TO 7:30 PM | REGISTER TODAY!  
[saint-john.org/event/vbs2023/](http://saint-john.org/event/vbs2023/)

## NEXT WEEK

### Mtr. Leslie's First Sunday

Since our exciting announcement back in March, we have been anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Rev. Leslie Roraback, St. John's new Associate Rector. We are so blessed to have Mtr. Leslie joining the clergy team. She will oversee the areas of Parish Life, Outreach, and Pastoral Care, and her first day in the office is Monday, May 8. Mtr. Leslie will preach at St. John's for the first time on Sunday, May 14. Plan to stay after worship to greet her and introduce yourself. Be sure to wear your nametag! It's also Festal Eucharist Sunday, so a reception will be held in Eve's Garden after the 10 AM service.



## REGISTER NOW

### "The Good Funeral"

Why are Episcopal funerals held in the church? Why are altar arrangements the only flowers in the church at St. John's funerals? These questions and more will be answered when Fr. Lonnie and the St. John's Foundation share the theology of a funeral at St. John's – the choices, decisions, and support one will encounter as they make plans.

This presentation—on Thursday, May 11, at 5:30 PM in Killeen Hall—is for ALL ages and stages, because the best time to learn about planning a funeral is before you are called to do so! Fr. Lonnie will also distribute a booklet featuring helpful forms for planning funerals at St. John's, including a list of scripture and hymns that can be selected for funeral services. Call the office or RSVP online by Wednesday.

[saint-john.org/event/goodfuneral2023/](http://saint-john.org/event/goodfuneral2023/)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Seeking Readers for Pentecost Morning

Please consider joining the joyful cacophony of the Tongues of Fire tradition on Pentecost – Sunday, May 28 this year! If you speak a foreign language well enough to read a short lesson, contact Debby McNamara at [debbymc4@gmail.com](mailto:debbymc4@gmail.com), and she will provide the reading so you can practice in your preferred language. We will hold a brief rehearsal at 9 AM that morning so you are ready to make a joyful noise from your pew in the nave, transepts, or choir loft at the 10 AM service!

### Education for Ministry Open House – May 9

Have you ever wondered about the Education for Ministry (EfM) program? Join us this Tuesday, 5/9, at 5:30 PM, in Killeen Hall to learn more about this small-group course that studies scriptural, historical, theological reflection, and relational ministry. St. John's offers three weekly EfM classes during the academic year.

### Next New Members' Retreat – May 20

Interested in learning more about St. John's and becoming a member? Our quarterly half-day retreat is coming up on Saturday, May 20! Join us as we discuss the Episcopal faith and its traditions; St. John's church history; and how you can get involved in the life of our parish. Lunch will be provided. Email [claire@saint-john.org](mailto:claire@saint-john.org) or RSVP online:

[saint-john.org/event/nm-may2023/](http://saint-john.org/event/nm-may2023/)



## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>No Sunday Forum</i>		11 AM The Knitters		7 AM Men's Bible Study		
3-4:30 PM Cemetery Tour		12 PM Tower Bell Tuesdays		11 AM Dream Group		
5 PM Choral Evensong	5:30 PM Weekly Yoga	1:30 PM Meditation	6 PM Bible Stories for Grownups	12 PM Good Book	12 PM Friday Book Study	
5 PM Youth Night	7 PM Centering Prayer	5:30 PM EfM Open House		5:30 PM "The Good Funeral" Event		

