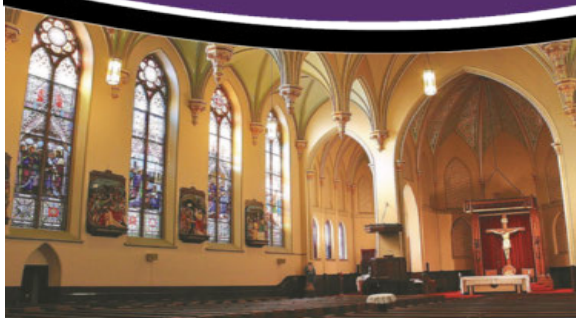




# THE BASILICA OF STS. PETER & PAUL

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March 26, 2023 — Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

## MASS SCHEDULE

5:30 PM SAT. VIGIL	English Mass (spoken)
7:00 AM SUN.	Spanish Mass (spoken)
9:00 AM SUN.	English Mass (sung)
11:30 AM SUN.	Missa Cantata in Latin (sung)
1:30 PM SUN.	Spanish Mass (sung)
7 AM WED & FRI	English Mass (spoken)
12 PM MON-FRI	English Mass (spoken)

- ♦ Church open 7:30 am-5:30 pm daily
- ♦ Morning Prayer 7:30 am Wed. & Fri.
- ♦ Vespers 5pm Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri
- ♦ Nursery open 8:45am - 12:45pm Sun. (as staff are available)
- ♦ Our sung Masses often include incense.
- ♦ The Missa Cantata is celebrated *ad orientem*, whereby the priest and people together face *liturgical east*, the symbol of the Church awaiting Christ's return in glory.



## STAY CONNECTED WITH THE BASILICA!



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Also, "like" us on **Facebook** to see what is happening!

Access the Basilica's **FORMED** Catholic media subscription on our website or at [stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org).

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<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b>	1st Friday and Lenten Fridays following the noon Mass to 5:30 pm and 9 pm - 7 am
<b>Baptisms:</b>	Contact the parish office
<b>Confessions:</b>	30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
<b>Marriages:</b>	Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
<b>RCIA:</b>	Sun. 10:15-11:15 am Dan Pacitti <a href="mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com">rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com</a>
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## Mass Intentions

Sat. Mar 25	Spanish	10:30am	Benjamin Laurell and Family
		5:30pm	✠ Ralph Rais
Sun. Mar 26		7:00am	People of the Parish
		9:00am	✠ Barbara DeGaetano
		11:30am	✠ Mark Simonton
		1:30pm	✠ Diane Gonzalez
Mon. Mar 27		12:00pm	Healing for Jamie Gavlenksi
Tue. Mar 28		12:00pm	The Geraci Family
Wed. Mar 29		7:00am	✠ Sandra Wiebe
		12:00pm	✠ Erlinda Ramirez
Thur. Mar 30		12:00pm	✠ James and Corinne Swanson
Fri. Mar 31		7:00am	✠ Msgr. Bill Gahagan
		12:00pm	✠ Vito DeGaetano
Sat. Apr 1		5:30pm	✠ Albert DiPippo
Sun. Apr 2		7:00am	People of the Parish
		9:00am	✠ Benjamin Joseph
		11:30am	✠ Victoria Orr
		1:30pm	For All Souls

### Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
 Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11  
 Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30  
 Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42  
 Thur: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42  
 Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56  
 Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit [missalemeum.com](http://missalemeum.com)

The Parish has mailed 2022 contribution statements to donors who contributed \$6,000 or more. Bishop's Appeal and Home Campaign contributions are not included. The Diocese will mail a separate statement. To receive a statement, regardless of amount, call the office at 423-266-1618. Thank you for your generous support.

## To Give Online

[stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org](http://stspeterandpaulbasilica.weshareonline.org)

OR text keyword **basilica** to 800-950-9952

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date  
7/1/22– 3/19/23

Envelopes & Loose	404,025.00
Online	265,055.00
Total	669,080.00
	1,338,160.00
YTD Funds Required	668,610.00
	470.00
Year-to-Date Variance	

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

Donations may be made on Weshare or sent to the parish office.

April 2: Haiti Collection

April 7 (Good Friday): Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land

April 9: Diocesan Seminarian Education

April 30: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Please pray for the sick and suffering of our parish, especially:

Tony Ackaouy, Angel Alicea, Marc Aramian, Oliver Michael Bass, Michael Bartell, Mike Bennett, Trudy Blake Medley, Keely Briggs, Christina Cone, Jim Cooper, Morgan Cordell, Marion Davis, Madeline Eve Doyal, Laura Duford, Jay and Omar Duggan, Lynn Elverd, Ryan Elverd, Rosie Exum, Richard Fleming, Lori Fountain, Mark Gerry, Fr. Bertin Glennon, James Virgil & Johnnie Gomez, Carlos Guerra, John Hilgeman, Jacob Holub, Ann Hunter, Charles Johnson, Reginald Kimbell, Felicia King, Jackey King, Isaac Kyle, Robert L. Martin, Jason McCulley, Amy McKay, Jeff Moore, Simon Anthony Moss, Cate Mueller, Barry Neil, Denise Nelligan, David Pennebaker, Alex Reynolds, Charlene Reynolds, Alexis Ippolito, Jan Rodriguez, Cardinal Rigali, Kimberly Russell, Fred Schert, Daniel Sharkey, Joseph Shramko, Joan Spears, Jim Stewart, John Anthony Street, Jeff Terrell, Brian Tierney, Marie Turner, Frank Villegas, Terri Ward, Elizabeth Wilhoit, James Waters, Jim & Barbara Wright

Visit our Pray for Us page to learn of some of their needs.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Children must be accompanied by a PARENT or ADULT guardian at all times while on the Basilica campus. This includes every visit to the restroom, the nursery, the parking lot, the sidewalk, and even walking to class and leaving class.

### Safe Haven Certification Required for Basilica Volunteers

All adults who serve in ministries that involve youth must be certified under the "Safe Haven" program, which has replaced VIRTUS for the Diocese of Knoxville. Access the online training from the Diocese menu of our parish website.

Mass Attendance	Vigil	7:00	9:00	11:30	1:30	Total
Mar. 11-12, 2023	142	253	385	310	664	1754
Mar. 18-19, 2023	132	264	389	274	564	1623

## Under One Roof Campaign

Total Pledged: \$1.94 million Total Received: \$1,457,215 (75%)

Please contact the parish office if you would like to pledge. We encourage you to set up Online Giving for your recurring donations.

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God, our Father, our ancestors in the faith built this beautiful edifice that You might be worshiped here with dignity and reverence, that Your children might have a shelter from the storms of this world, and that it might be a refuge for sinners and the lost who come under its protection. We are now called to continue our mission to proclaim Jesus Christ the font of all Truth, Beauty, and Goodness and to bring all the nations under the one roof of Your Church. May our goal of preserving this Basilica be realized through the generosity of this present generation and make it a lasting legacy, so that our children's children may continue to be united Under One Roof in our Catholic faith, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our **St. Mary Magdalene Bereavement Ministry** provides accompaniment to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Our grief support program includes prayer partners, and coping resources. To learn more, visit our website or contact the parish office.

### CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

#### Join Our New Email and Google Chat!

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website to participate in our meal trains, prayer intentions, and more, and contact [basilicamotherhood@gmail.com](mailto:basilicamotherhood@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Download the Google Chat app and send your email address to Katie Bird ([birdkatiec@gmail.com](mailto:birdkatiec@gmail.com))

### THINKING ABOUT HOMESCHOOLING?

**St. Ambrose Catholic Homeschool Co-Op**, a community of veteran Catholic homeschoolers, can help you navigate home learning. Meeting on Fridays 8:30-11:45am at the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul. Optional afternoon life skills classes will be offered 1:30-2:30pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays each month.

We welcome all ages, Pre-K-HS. Classes for 2023-24 are:

**Pre-K/Kindergarten:** Little Lambs, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **Grades K-8:** Latin or Sign Language, Theology, Core Enrichment, Art and Music; **Grades 9-12:** Latin, Theology, Science with Lab. **Registration is open now until May 5th.**

Visit the Basilica website, select the Ministries tab, and click on Homeschool Co-op for the handbook, schedule, calendar, fees, and registration. To schedule a visit or for additional questions, email [stambrosecoop@gmail.com](mailto:stambrosecoop@gmail.com).

### Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

- If you are interested in **learning more about the Catholic Faith** (whether you're already Catholic or not!) or know someone who is, please contact Dan Pacitti to discuss.
  - **Registration is open on our website.** Classes are 10:15-11:15am Sundays. Classes will begin again in September.
  - **Mystagogia Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin May 17.
- Dan Pacitti: [rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com) 865-335-3076

### Film Premiere Party for Fr. Patrick Ryan: A Higher Call

**Saturday evening, April 15, at Notre Dame High School**

2701 Vermont Avenue Chattanooga, TN 37404

The docu-drama, *Father Ryan: A Higher Call*, by Crunch Entertainment, has thus far been selected to screen at two prestigious Christian Film festivals and has garnered two award nominations. Visit [frpatrickryan.com](http://frpatrickryan.com) for more info and to donate to the Cause for Canonization of Fr. Patrick Ryan

#### TICKETS AVAILABLE AT

[eventbrite.com/e/588718712517](https://eventbrite.com/e/588718712517) (access on Basilica website)

**General Admission:** \$5

Doors open 7pm / Screening 7:30pm

**VIP Experience:** \$20 or 2 for \$30

Champagne Reception with film's cast & crew and priority seating. VIP Entry: 6:30pm / Screening: 7:30pm

### The Deacon's Table Adult Faith Formation

**Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the new Dcn. Tom McConnell Room** at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact [tomandbrenda@epbf.com](mailto:tomandbrenda@epbf.com).

### MARRIED AND ENGAGED MINISTRY—All ages welcome!

Join the "Basilica Married and Engaged Ministry" group on Facebook to keep up with events.

For info, email Katie & Nathan Bird at [birdkatiec@gmail.com](mailto:birdkatiec@gmail.com); or Amelia & Doug Weissman at [amelia.smith4815@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.smith4815@gmail.com).

### PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

- **ADOPTION Services** now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit <https://ccetn.org/adoption-services> for info.
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.
- Sign **both petitions** against Planned Parenthood on our website or in the vestibule. Please help us collect more signatures and return them to the Basilica.

To make a donation for Easter flowers for our Altar in memory or honor of a loved one in any amount, please indicate with names on the payment envelope or contact the parish office if donating online.

### Basilica Monthly Potluck at Jim & Bonnie Gajewski's

Jim and Bonnie Gajewski are inviting the whole parish for the next monthly Basilica potluck at their home on Signal Mountain on **Sunday, Apr. 2, from 2pm-7pm**. Come and enjoy fellowship with your fellow Chattanooga Catholics, and invite your non-Catholic friends to come as well! The address will be posted in the myParish app as we get closer to the date. Bring whatever your family would enjoy eating and drinking, and grilled meats and vegetables will also be provided. Desserts also welcome.

### The Roueché Chorale and Orchestra "Colors of Grace"

The Roueché Chorale and Orchestra, an interdenominational Christian Chorale based here in Chattanooga, will present a sober and somber Holy Week work entitled, "Colors of Grace." The program will include chorus, orchestra, cast, and narrator. The work will portray the lessons to be learned from the example of Christ and are visually represented by a colored cloths and appropriate symbols. "Take My Yoke Upon You", taken from the Gospel of Matthew, is stated after each anthem in the work. The program will be held on Tuesday Night, April 4 at 7pm at Brainerd United Methodist Church, 4315 Brainerd Rd. THE PROGRAM IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC. For more information or directions to the church please call and leave a voice message at 423-774-0317 or [www.therouechechorale.org](http://www.therouechechorale.org).

### Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery

Where will your mortal remains will lie until the day when Christ comes again and our bodies are raised? You are invited to consider purchasing a plot or a niche at **Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery** alongside generations of Chattanooga Catholics. Visit [mountolivet.net](http://mountolivet.net) and call David Hale at (423) 622-0728 for more information.

## WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP

- **Chattanooga Community Kitchen** 423-756-4222 to serve.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** get help/donate 423-999-6332.
- **Ladies of Charity** call 423-622-3222 to get help/donate.
- **St. Alexius Outreach Ministries** serves seniors in isolation. Give/receive help: 423-755-3446 or stalexiusoutreach.org
- **Chattanooga Food Bank**: visit [ChattFoodBank.org](http://ChattFoodBank.org).
- **Pregnancy Help Center**: call 423-826-0673 to volunteer.
- **Catholic Charities of East TN** offers "Telehealth" online counseling for mental health at [counseling@ccetn.org](mailto:counseling@ccetn.org).
- **Chattanooga Workforce Development** - Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at [wfdchatt.org](http://wfdchatt.org) or [wfd@chattanooga.gov](mailto:wfd@chattanooga.gov) or 770-548-5997.
- **Meals on Wheels and MY Ride for seniors/disabled**—To volunteer, contact Janet Sullivan, 423-424-4286 or [jsullivan@sedev.org](mailto:jsullivan@sedev.org). To get help, visit [setaad.org/www](http://setaad.org/www)
- **Paid Job Training for People 55+** Call 423-629-2501 x3130 Kimberly Crider; offered by Goodwill Industries.
- **RiseUP Cooperative works to engage and equip teens and young adults**, all over the Chattanooga area, with life & leadership workshops. There are many ways to support RiseUP and the youth they serve - [riseupcooperative.org](http://riseupcooperative.org)

## Religious Education Grades PreK-12

Register now on our website!

Sundays 10:15-11:15am during the school year.

(Age 3-5 class Fridays 4:30-5:30pm)

Class attendance required for 1st Holy Communion (2nd grade) &amp; Confirmation (6th grade), encouraged for all grades.

Contact Florence Porter [dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com](mailto:dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com)

## Sts. Peter &amp; Paul Street Festival

Saturday, May 20, 2023 5:30-9:00pm

SAVE THE DATE - RSVP &amp; Volunteer Sign-up coming soon!

Contact Debbie Cliche, 770-722-0957

## Confirmation for Adult Catholics

Baptized Catholic adults can sign up and prepare for Confirmation on Pentecost (May 28, 2023). Find out more on our website under Sacraments, Confirmation.

## LENT SCHEDULE

- **Adoration** Fridays of Lent 12:30-5:30pm and 9pm-7am
- **Stations of the Cross** Fridays after 5:30pm Benediction
- **Fish Fry** Fridays 6:15-8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall 313 Sylvan St.
- **Penance Service at the Basilica** —Tues. March 28 6:30pm
- **Form a "Quad"** of 4 men or 4 women to pray/study together during Lent (see flyer for details)
- **Moms' Lenten Book Study** Tuesdays 8-9pm by Zoom (contact Nikki Pacitti 423-718-2843)
- **FORMED** programs for Lent —*Eternal Rest, Fearless* & more
- **40 Cans for Lent Food Drive** for the Chattanooga Food Bank by Knights of Columbus

## Forever Young Catholics (age 40+)

RSVP for all events to Cathy Palisoc: 423-322-6482

Find out more on [stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young](http://stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young), and join the Forever Young Catholics Facebook Group.April Event

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6:30pm VIP reception \$20 / 7pm general admission \$5  
7:30pm screening

YOUNG ADULTS — Catholic Chatt

If you're a young person looking for community and friendships, Catholic Chatt is a place for young adults ages 18-39 to grow in faith, support each other, and build Catholic community in Chattanooga. We plan hiking, game nights, socials, bonfires and more throughout the year and would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at [CatholicChatt.com](http://CatholicChatt.com)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS6th-12th graders: Downtown Youth Ministry w/Fr. CarterWed., April 19 6-8pm @ Miller Park & The BasilicaSat., May 13 10am-1pm @ Wildwood, GA outdoor eventMore info to come...Sts. Peter and Paul 8th-12th graders join St. Jude Youth GroupSundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude929 Ashland Terrace, Hixson, TN 37415 (back entrance)Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed.

*Struggling with Same-Sex Attraction? Courage International is a Catholic apostolate that helps men and women who experience same-sex attractions to strive for chastity. Encourage is for family and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ, who are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact. Visit [couragec.org](http://couragec.org)*

## Holy Week at the Basilica

Palm Sunday: April 1-2

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| Sat | 5:30 pm  | Palm Sunday Vigil Mass                             |
| Sun | 7:00 am  | Palm Sunday Mass ( <i>Spanish</i> )                |
|     | 9:00 am  | Palm Sunday Procession and Mass                    |
|     | 11:30 am | Palm Sunday Missa Cantata ancient form             |
|     | 1:30 pm  | Palm Sunday Procession and Mass ( <i>Spanish</i> ) |

The Sacred Triduum: April 6-8

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| Thu | 6:30 pm  | Holy Thursday Mass (Multilingual)<br><i>The Washing of the Feet</i><br><i>Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament</i><br><i>Adoration in Rectory Chapel until Midnight</i> |
| Fri | 1 - 3 pm | Confessions  |
|     | 6:30 pm  | Good Friday Liturgy (Multilingual)   |
| Sat | 8:30 pm  | Easter Vigil Mass (Multilingual, incense)  |

Easter Sunday: April 9 (incense at all Masses)

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| Sun | Regular Mass schedule |
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*Dcn. Joe Hartz joined our parish family in the fall of 2021. Since then, he has been involved in many ministries here at the parish. However, this year, he reached the venerable age of 75, at which the Church requires of all of her ministers to submit letters of retirement. Having requested retirement with faculties, Bishop Stika was happy to allow him to continue service at our parish on an as-needed basis. Please join me in congratulating Dcn. Joe on his retirement, but also in thanking him for his continued service to our parish, even if he may be concentrating on fewer areas of service.*

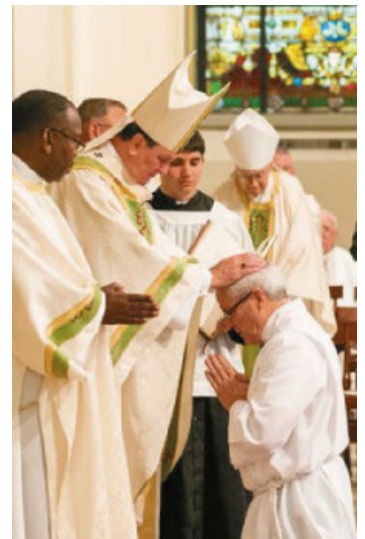
*As a nod to Divine Providence, even as we have had one deacon step back from full-time ministry, we have gained another: Dcn. Joe Roy has recently moved into the Diocese of Knoxville and has jumped in, rendering assistance to us in the form of our Marriage Preparation ministry, something he shares also with Dcn. Joe Hartz. These two deacons, with their wives, have done a wonderful job of preparing the many couples who are seeking out the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They are all to be commended for their wonderful work in this ministry. Dcn. Joe Roy recently received permission from his Bishop in Alabama to serve in our Diocese, and so Bishop Stika has graciously extended to him faculties to serve as a deacon in our Diocese. You will soon see him serve in an official capacity as a deacon here at the Basilica. I invite you to read his biography below and get to know him better, and please join me in congratulating Dcn. Joe Roy and his wife Amanda in this new stage of their lives.*

### **Introducing Deacon Joe Roy**

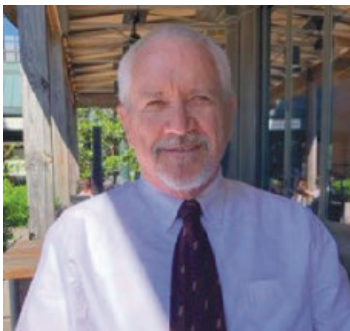
*Rev. J. David Carter*



Deacon Joe Roy has been officially assigned to the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul as of February 28, 2023. Deacon Roy comes to us from the Archdiocese of Mobile, where he was ordained at the Cathedral-Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, Alabama on June 13, 2013. After Ordination he was assigned to his home parish, St. Joseph's in Prattville, AL, just a few miles north of where he grew up in Montgomery.



Both he and his wife of 31 years, Amanda, were very involved in Parish life at St. Joseph's. Amanda served as the Parish Catechetical Leader, overseeing over 300 students for Religious Education. Together they conducted Sacramental Preparation for parents of children receiving their first Sacraments, RCIA classes, Marriage Preparation, as well as processing applications for Declarations of Nullity.



After their 5 children were grown and out of college they pulled up roots and followed three of their six grandchildren here to Chattanooga and ultimately to Cleveland, Tennessee. They began attending the Basilica in 2020 and fell in love with it right away. Currently they have been involved in the Marriage Preparation process for the Basilica.

Deacon Roy is currently employed as the Assistant Director of the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police, which coordinates executive level training for the Police Chiefs and support staff in Alabama. For 28 years prior to that he was a Law Enforcement training instructor both nationally and internationally, specializing in terrorism. He has also worked extensively in Civil Rights litigation, private investigations, and was formerly a Robbery Homicide Detective in Montgomery, AL.

"Amanda and I are excited to be a part of the Basilica and are looking forward to serving in the Knoxville diocese."



*Deacon Joe and Amanda Roy at the Baptism of their granddaughter on March 4, 2023*



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**423-265-2251**

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Parishioners

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