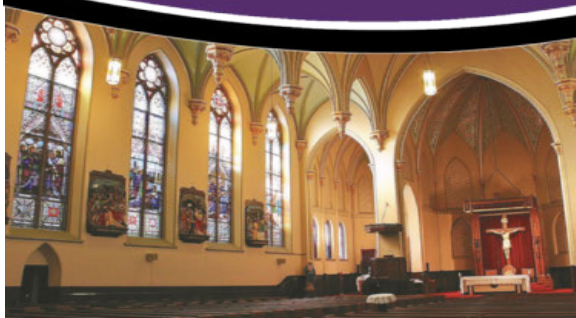




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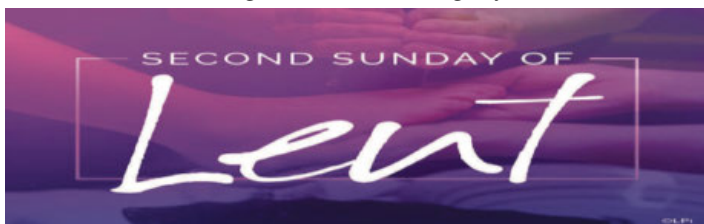


February 25, 2024 — Second Sunday of Lent

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)
7 AM TUE & THU English Mass (spoken) - during Lent
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.



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Access the Basilica's **FORMED** Catholic media subscription on our website or at stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org.



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- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** 1st Friday and Lenten Fridays following the noon Mass to 5:30 pm and 9 pm - 7 am
- Baptisms:** Saturdays 10:30 am, contact the parish office
- Confessions:** 30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
- Marriages:** Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
- RCIA:** Sun. 10:15-11:15 am Dan Pacitti rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com
- Religious Education:** Sundays 10:15-11:15 am
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Sat. Feb 24	5:30pm	Healing for James Blake
Sun. Feb 25	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	✠ Joyce Ann Campbell
	11:30am	✠ Ernie Steele
	1:30pm	For All Souls
Mon. Feb 26	12:00pm	Nicholas Hickman
Tue. Feb 27	7:00am	Healing for Charles Chambers
	12:00pm	✠ James and Corinne Swanson
Wed. Feb 28	7:00am	✠ Shirmer and Agnes Brown
	12:00pm	Elizabeth Knickrehm
Thur. Feb 29	7:00am	Healing for Anne and Taylor Lunn
	12:00pm	Communion Service
Fri. Mar 1	7:00am	✠ Rev. Paul Altman Hostettler
	12:00pm	✠ A.C. Sebastian
Sat. Mar 2	5:30pm	✠ Martha Skelly
Sun. Mar 3	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	✠ Carmen Luisa Alicea
	11:30am	Robin Rudd and Family
	1:30pm	For Christians in the Holy Land

Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/
Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thur: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43,
45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/
1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD

- **Moms' Lenten Book Study** Tuesdays 8-9pm by Zoom (contact Nikki Pacitti 423-718-2843)
- **Bible in a Year** at Nancy Fisher's Saturdays 2-4pm (RSVP for address to JuliAnna Hills 931-581-7527)

Join Our 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 to be added to the list.

Download the Google Chat app and send your email address to basilicamotherhood@gmail.com

"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group" on Facebook - Parishioners are encouraged to join and post items or services to give away/receive for free providing a convenient channel for practicing charity and solidarity within the Basilica community.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781>

50th Class Reunion

The OLPH Class of 1974 is looking for classmates for a 50th Reunion. Did you or someone you know graduate from OLPH in 1974 or attend any years with this class? Please call or email Pam Franklin 423-622-7232 or pfranklin@myolph.com

To make a donation for Easter flowers 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.

2024 Chattanooga Deanery Penance Services

Tue., Feb. 27—Sts. Peter & Paul, Chattanooga, 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 28—Holy Spirit, Soddy-Daisy, 7 p.m.
Thur., Feb. 29—St. Stephen, Chattanooga, 6 p.m.; St. Bridget, Dayton, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., March 4—St. Augustine, Signal Mountain, 7 p.m.
Tue., March 5—St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Tue.-Wed., March 5-6—Notre Dame High School, Chattanooga
Tue, March 12—St. Jude, Chattanooga, 7 p.m.
Mon., March 18—St. Mary, Athens, 7 p.m.
Wed., March 20—Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Chattanooga, 5:30 p.m.

The Deacon's Table Adult Bible Study

discussing and learning about All Things Catholic
Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the Dcn. Tom McConnell Room at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda at brendahartmcconnell@gmail.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 birdkatiec@gmail.com; or amelia.smith4815@gmail.com.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

- **ADOPTION Services** now offered by Catholic Charities of East TN! Visit alovingoptionadoption.org for info.
- **Sign the petition to defend the Human Life Protection Act** https://www.tnrtl.org/hlpa_petition (on Basilica Pro-Life page)
- Please join in support of our pro-life efforts by praying the prayers on the Pro-Life Ministry page of our website.

The Basilica's support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is so appreciated as hundreds are being helped across the city, that if not for the collaboration of the Catholic parishes to assist them would not have food, rent, utilities or other items needed to keep them going. In January, through donations of funds and food, SVDP was able to assist 72 families, providing \$4,328 in food value, \$11,053 for rent, utilities, and other bills. Thank you so much for your generosity! Lent is a call not just to give up something, but more important, to give something for the poor. Your almsgiving to SVDP this Lent is truly an example of being the hands and feet of Christ to the poor in our area. Scan here to donate.

**Calling Women for the Seven Sisters Apostolate**

*The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop—a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. **The Holy Hour can be before any Tabernacle for a set day of each week, for one year.***

To find out more, visit sevensistersapostolate.org and contact Melissa Wexler: 706-537-8742 wexwoman@hotmail.com

FATHER RYAN: A HIGHER CALL, the docu-drama, is now available on FORMED! You can watch it on the Basilica's FORMED subscription at stpeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org. DVD's are also available at the Ombrellino gift shop for a minimum \$10 donation to support the Cause of Fr. Patrick Ryan. Medals, mugs, pens, and pencils are also available.

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 and call David Hale at (423) 622-0728 for more information.*

WAYS TO GIVE AND RECEIVE HELP

- **CHATT Foundation** serve meals or get help 423-756-4222.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Chattanooga Workforce Development** - Employment, training, education, & social services. Submit request at wfdchatt.org or 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. To get help, visit 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
- **Volunteers in Medicine** - primary care clinic for the needy; apply at vim-chatt.org.

Religious Education Age 3 – Grade 12

Register now on our website.

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

(Waiting list for 3, 4, and 5-year-olds)

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

Contact Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

While we have no bishop, pastors have received permission to confirm baptized Catholic adults. See our website under Sacraments, Confirmation, and contact the parish office.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA & Mystagoga)

- 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. Newcomers are welcome.
- **Mystagoga Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin May 15.
- **RCIA needs volunteers!** If you are interested in assisting RCIA as a sponsor, presenting topics, or providing prayer/worship aids, please contact Dan Pacitti.

Contact Dan Pacitti: rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Basilica Student Piano Recital

Sun. March 3 4pm in Varallo Parish Hall

Andrea Tierney will host a piano recital featuring students of the Basilica's music program. All are welcome to attend.

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- **Full One-Day Lenten Retreat** with FOCUS Missionary David Hamilton—**Saturday, March 23.** No cost (donations welcome). Details TBA. It will be in the Chattanooga area.
- **Our Wednesday Book Clubs are already full**, but we may add another book club

RSVP for all events to Todd Kyle: foreveryoungSPP@gmail.com

Find out more on stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young, and join the Forever Young Catholics Facebook Group.

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 across Chattanooga. We plan faith formation, hikes, game nights, bonfires, and more, and would love for you to join us. Sign up for event alerts at CatholicChatt.com

YOUTH GROUP NEWS**Downtown Youth Ministry w/Fr. Carter (6th-12th graders)**

Wed., March 20 6-8pm at the Basilica (meet in Varallo Hall)

Sts. Peter and Paul 8th-12th graders join St. Jude Youth Group

Sundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude

929 Ashland Terrace, Hixson, TN 37415 (back entrance)

Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

Thurs. Feb. 29 12pm Communion Service/No Confessions

On Thurs., Feb. 29, the priests will be meeting in Knoxville.

We will have Mass at 7am, but we will have a Communion service at 12pm, and we will not be able to offer confessions.

LENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Adoration** Fridays of Lent 12:30-5:30pm and 9pm-7am—individuals and groups, please sign up in the vestibule
- **Stations of the Cross** Fridays after 5:30pm Benediction
- **Additional 7am Mass** Tuesdays & Thursdays during Lent
- **Fish Fry** Fridays 6:15-8pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall 313 Sylvan St.
- **Penance Service**—Tues. Feb. 27 6:30pm
- **40 Cans for Lent Food Drive** for the Chattanooga Food Bank by Knights of Columbus
- **Moms' Lenten Book Study** Tuesdays 8-9pm by Zoom (contact Nikki Pacitti 423-718-2843)
- **East Tennessee Catholic Men's Conference** Sat., Mar. 9 7:30am-3:30pm at St. Dominic in Kingsport, TN. \$35 (under 18 free). Register at saintdominickpt.org/mens-conference
- **"Accompany Me" Women's Retreat** Mar. 15-17 w/Fr. Zachary Griffith and the Dominican Sisters at Bethany Retreat House, 2002 Garner Creek Rd. Dickson, TN. \$260. Space is limited. Register with Denice Eckler 423-322-5218
- **FORMED** has many online Catholic programs for Lent via our parish subscription. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/lenet>

Introducing Fr. Hendershott

Rev. Michael Hendershott, S.T.L.

Parochial Vicar of The Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

Father Michael Hendershott was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, and he grew up in Farragut with his five sisters and two brothers. St. John Neumann Catholic Church was his home parish. In the Fall of 2007, he entered the seminary for the Diocese of Knoxville. The then-Bishop Joseph E. Kurtz sent him to study philosophy at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After four years of college seminary, he earned his Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

Then Bishop Richard F. Stika sent him to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis for one year of theology and then to the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy for four more years of theology school. In June 2014, he completed a Bachelor of Sacred Theology (S.T.B.) and then in June 2016 he completed a Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) with a specialization in Dogmatic Theology at The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (The Angelicum).

Father Michael Hendershott was ordained a priest of Jesus Christ on the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, June 27, 2015. He has been blessed to serve for some time at the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, for four years as a teacher and chaplain at Knoxville Catholic High School, and for over seven years as a Parochial Vicar at Holy Ghost in Knoxville.

Father Hendershott began his assignment as the Parochial Vicar of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Chattanooga on February 12, 2024. He also has the sacramental responsibility for the Catholic Student Center at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



Below: Photos of Fr. Hendershott's ministry at Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Knoxville, compliments of Jim Richmond.





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