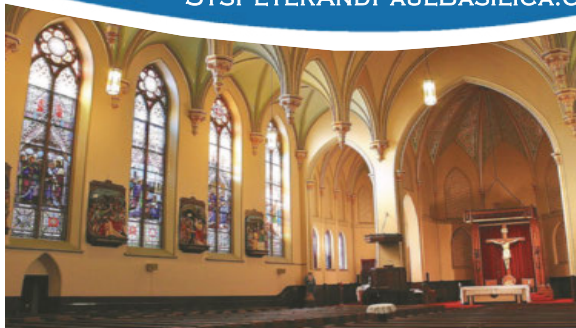




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December 29, 2024—Feast of the Holy Family

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
- ♦ 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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Download our **myParish** app from your phone's app store or text *app* to the number 55321. Access our messages, calendar, online giving, homilies, prayers, readings, guide to Confession, directory of ministry contacts, and more!



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

Access the Basilica's **FORMED** Catholic media subscription on our website or at stpeterandpaulbasilica.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@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com

Religious Education: Sundays 10:15–11:15 am
Florence Porter dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com

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Youth Ministry: admin@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD**Mothers Fellowship 2nd Tuesdays 10am-12pm**

The next meeting will be **Jan. 14**, 10am-12pm, in Varallo Parish Hall. Children may attend.

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

Nursery Staff Needed

We are seeking adults age 18+ with experience caring for pre-schoolers to staff the nursery on a rotation, **Sundays from 8:45am-1pm**. Pay is \$45/Sunday; volunteers also welcome.

Email admin@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com to inquire.

Babysitters for our Motherhood Group

Our Catholic Motherhood ministry keeps a list of babysitters.

Email basilicamotherhood@gmail.com with the subject "Babysitter Directory" to access the list or to sign up, with your name, age, contact info, and any special qualifications or work location/conditions. Contact info will only be shared privately within the Motherhood group.

The Ombrellino Gift Shop open Sundays between the 9:00 and 11:30 Masses! We would like to train volunteers so that we can open the store more often. Please contact the gift shop and take the Safe Haven training available via our website.

Email: giftshop@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com.

Featured Relics from the Basilica's Collection

Relics displayed on our Mary and St. Joseph Altars are rotated to coincide with the feast days of the saints.

FATHER RYAN: A HIGHER CALL, the docu-drama, is now available on FORMED! You can watch it on the Basilica's FORMED subscription at stspeterandpaulbasilica.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.

"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>

Catholic in Recovery—Meets every Monday at 7pm in the **OLPH Parish Life Center** for healing from addictions and unhealthy attachments. Visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Deacon Wade Eckler at weckler@myolph.com

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

The Deacon's Table Adult Bible Study

learning about All Things Catholic-Sundays from 10:15-11:15am in the McConnell Room at the back of Varallo Hall. See The Deacon's Table page on our website or contact Brenda at brendahartmccconnell@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.

*If you are struggling with the pain of an abortion, you are not alone. Through our monthly **Chattanooga Spirit & Life support group**, find comfort in the truth of God's unconditional love and forgiveness. Allow us to help guide you through your healing. Please call or text Sandi Davidson at 865-776-4510 or sandi@ccetn.org. For privacy reasons, the time and location will be given upon inquiry.*

ASSISTED HEARING at Mass available!

We now have assisted hearing devices available in the vestibule, and a WiFi system, that broadcasts pristine sound to smartphones with the "Listen Everywhere" app. Instructions are in the vestibule and on our website. Look for the "Assistive Listening" display. Contact **Marc Aramian**, marc@aramian.com, for further information, tech support, and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you to all who have made flower donations for the Christmas season. The list of donors and those they are designated in memory or honor of are listed on page 5 and posted in our church vestibule and on our website.

MY CATHOLIC WILL

My Catholic Will is the only online Catholic will-writing tool available. You can access MyCatholicWill on our website. In as little as 15 minutes, you can write your will for FREE and consider a legacy gift to The Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and also specify your wishes for a Catholic funeral and burial. Visit <https://mycatholicwill.com/stspeterandpaulbasilica>

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.
- **ABIDE** - Respite care for people with dementia, to help their caregivers. Call 423-756-2021 x3108 to participate/volunteer. Visit firstcentenary.com/abide

First Friday Adoration with Exposition Jan. 3

After the 12pm Mass until Benediction at 5:30pm. Adoration will resume through the night from 9pm Friday—7am Sat.

Religious Education Age 4* – Grade 12

Register on our website. *Registration for preK is full.

Classes have begun, Sundays 10:15-11:15am

Volunteers needed!

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

Contact Florence Porter dre@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com

Confirmation for Adult Catholics

The Bishop normally confirms adult Catholics once a year.

Contact the parish office to discuss the process.

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. Began on Sept. 8.
 - **Mystagoga Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin Jan. 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@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- **JANUARY Event to be announced soon!**
- **BOOK CLUB** 2nd Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Fishers' house. We are now studying the Letter of James.
- **HIKES & WALKS** Mon. mornings, Wed. evenings, and Saturdays. Easy to moderate. Email AdventurousCatholics@gmail.com for announcements.
- Email cathy.palisoc@gmail.com to receive emails and RSVP for events. Visit stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/forever-young.

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**DYM Nights with Fr. Alex Hernandez:**

Downtown Youth Ministry (DYM) meets one Wednesday each month from 6-8pm in Varallo Hall:

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 26, Apr. 23, & May 14

SEARCH retreat (11th & 12th graders) **Feb. 21-23 @St. Therese**

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

During the school year—Sundays 6:30 to 8pm at St. Jude
929 Ashland Terrace, Hixson, TN 37415 (back entrance)

Visit stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/youth-group for details. Register for Youth Group on our Basilica website to stay informed, and contact admin@stpeterandpaulbasilica.com.

USHERS and SACRISTANS NEEDED

Our Usher/Greeter ministry is seeking new volunteers to welcome people who come to the Basilica. This important ministry involves a lot more than taking up the collection. See an usher or greeter after Mass, visit our website, and contact Dan Mueller through the parish office.

The Sacristan ministry is a great way to assist the priests and deacons and learn more about the Mass. We will train you how to set up and take down for a Mass. We rotate serving, so you would serve about once a month. Adults interested in being trained, contact Joe Polchek through the parish office.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
*Holy Day of Obligation***

12pm English Mass

6pm Traditional Novus Ordo Mass in Latin

8pm Spanish Mass



Altar Flowers for the 2024 Christmas Season were donated by:

Mr. & Mrs. James Gargano: In Memory of the unborn

Tony & Mary Portera: In Memory of deceased members of Portera & Randall Families

Joe & Amanda Roy: In Memory of Katie Phillips and Stephen Phillips

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Kathleen Skelley, Marshall Allan Lutes, II and Allan Lutes, Sr.*

Chris & Mayra Post: In Memory of Vivi Villavicencio and Francisco Villavicencio

Donna Tarver: In Memory of Corinne Owen

*Mr. & Mrs. Jose Meza: In Memory of Paul Rangel, Nancy F. Meza, & Consuelo Meza and
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*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Russell: In Memory of Mary Margaert Russell, Ida DeMarr, Lewis & Nancy,
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