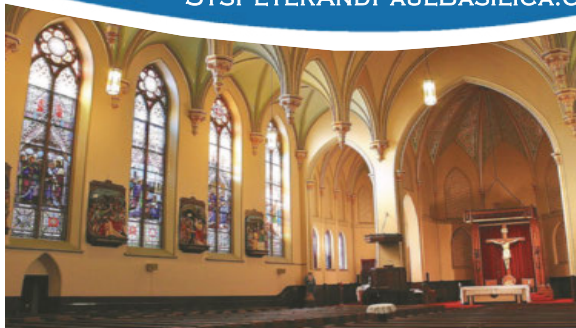




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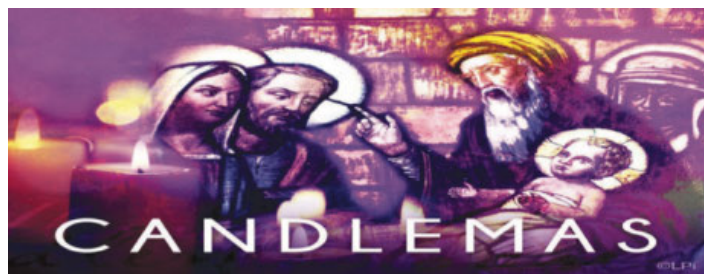


February 2, 2025 — The Presentation of the Lord / Candlemas / Purification of the BVM

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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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

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SECOND COLLECTIONS

February 2: Haiti Collection


Sat. Feb 1	5:30pm	✠ Margie Bruner
Sun. Feb 2	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	✠ Adam Keith Schoolcraft
	11:30am	✠ William Peter Mahrt
	1:30pm	Andrea Emilia Bernabey
Mon. Feb 3	12:00pm	Chris Thompson
Tue. Feb 4	12:00pm	Communion Service
Wed. Feb 5	7:00am	Communion Service
	12:00pm	Communion Service
Thur. Feb 6	12:00pm	For an increase in vocations
Fri. Feb 7	7:00am	Caitlin Weinell
	12:00pm	✠ Blaine Lawson
Sat. Feb 8	5:30pm	For all Parish Benefactors
Sun. Feb 9	7:00am	People of the Parish
	9:00am	Healing for Jonah Coronis
	11:30am	✠ Mary Mason
	1:30pm	✠ Galindo Berduo Miguel

Sun: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Mon: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
 Tue: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
 Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
 Thur: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13
 Fri: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
 Sat: Heb 13:15-20, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit missalemeum.com

**Tue., Feb. 4 and Wed., Feb. 5: 12pm Communion services
with no 11:30am confessions.
Wed., Feb 5: 7am Communion Service**


Discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Learn more at dioknox.org/vocations or call the vocations office 865-584-3307.



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7/1/24 – 1/26/25

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Online	264,052.00
Total	620,452.00
YTD Funds Required	563,100.00
Year-to-Date Variance	57,352.00

Safe Haven Certification Required for Basilica Volunteers

In order to be allowed to volunteer in any capacity, adults age 18+ must be certified under the Diocese of Knoxville's **"Safe Haven" program**. Access the online training from the Diocese menu of our parish website.

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.

Flowers on the Altar

Please call the parish office to arrange for a flower donation in memory/honor of a loved one or in celebration of a special occasion. (\$180 cost).

Mass Attendance	<u>5:30</u>	<u>7:00</u>	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:30</u>	<u>1:30</u>	<u>Total</u>
Jan 18-19, 2025	139	488	455	350	595	2027
Jan 26-27, 2025	173	382	426	315	643	1938

The Parish has mailed 2024 contribution statements to donors who contributed \$6,000 or more. Bishop's Appeal contributions are not included. The Diocese will mail a separate statement. To receive a statement, regardless of amount, call the parish office at 423-266-1618.

Thank you for your generous support.

Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas - Feb. 1 & 2

We will have the traditional blessing of candles and an indoor procession at our **Masses this weekend**. You may bring your own candles from home to be blessed at Mass.

St. Blaise, patron of throat illnesses

Blessing of Throats Mon., Feb. 3 after the 12pm Mass

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

The next meeting will be **Feb. 11**, 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.

Men's Retreat with Deacon Bob Hunt—Sat., Feb. 22

All men are welcome. We will reflect on God as Father and what that means to men of all ages and stages of life.

Retreat begins with 8am Mass at Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul and will end at 3 PM. Contact: Dcn. Wade Eckler
423-322-3493/weckler@myolph.com

SEARCH RETREAT for Grades 11& 12

Attention Jr's and Sr's, preparations for the next SEARCH retreat are well on the way. The missing part right now is YOU! **Sign up now by picking up a registration form at Notre Dame Office or via the link <https://linktr.ee/chattsearch>.** Search for Christian Maturity is a Peer led Retreat through which the Holy Spirit speaks and directs Teens through the words, actions and lives of their peers. It seeks to help High School Juniors and Seniors learn how to be faith leaders in their own school and church environments. For many, Search can be a life changing retreat. The peer to peer component is what sets apart this retreat from others as often peers are the best evangelizers. For more information contact the Chattanooga Search Coordinators: Irene Scoggins, (423) 596-0053, irene.scoggins@gmail.com
Amanda Henderson, (423) 458-2401, stygcleveland@gmail.com

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

Pro-Life Ministry

- **CHATTANOOGA MARCH FOR LIFE** Sat. Feb. 1 @ Walker Pavilion in Coolidge Park. 12:15pm program, 1pm walk
- **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**— A day to celebrate the gift of life, remember lives lost to abortion, and recommit ourselves to the protection of life at every stage. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee and Choices Pregnancy Support will be at the Basilica each Mass, **January 25 and 26**, to share available support for those who experience an unplanned pregnancy.
- **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.

"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>

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE UNBORN Sat. April 26 2pm

The Basilica will offer a Memorial Mass for babies lost to abortion **Sat., April 26 at 2pm**. Open to all who have taken part in abortion or grieve the loss. After Mass, we will visit the National Memorial for the Unborn (6230 Vance Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421) for the rite of committal. Contact the parish office if you would like to have your baby remembered (first name is sufficient) or to say a few words on the theme of repentance and hope.

Visit memorialfortheunborn.org to order a plaque. Order by Feb. 27 to be ready before the service on April 26.

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

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES

Bishop's Appeal for Ministries Commitment Weekend—Feb 1/2
 Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese of Knoxville, but it also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. For example, funds support our parish Religious Education programs, Campus Ministry, Youth Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, Tribunal, and Catholic Charities. Please remember that the Bishop's Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Bishop's Appeal for Ministries, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Diocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, but they also fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese. If you received your pledge form in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew process at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

First Friday Adoration with Exposition Feb. 7

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 & Mystagogia)

- 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.
 - **Mystagogia Classes** meet Wednesdays 7pm in the RE building. Next session will begin May 21.
 - **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

- **FEBRUARY EVENT—Wed. Feb. 26 6pm Dine at Pizzeria Cortile** (4400 Dayton Blvd., Red Bank, TN 37415) RSVP to cathy.palisoc@gmail.com.
- **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

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS**DYM Nights with Fr. Alex Hernandez:**

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

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.

BASILICA BLANKET CLUB**Pro-life Crochet & Knitting Club**

Find out more at: stpeterandpaulbasilica.com/crochet
 Email BasilicaBlanketsforlife@yahoo.com to sign up

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.

If you would like to nominate someone for the **Parish Pastoral Council**, please send Fr. Carter your nomination by **Feb. 3**, stating qualifications for serving on the council. Appointments are made by the pastor, who may employ the help of anyone he deems appropriate.



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