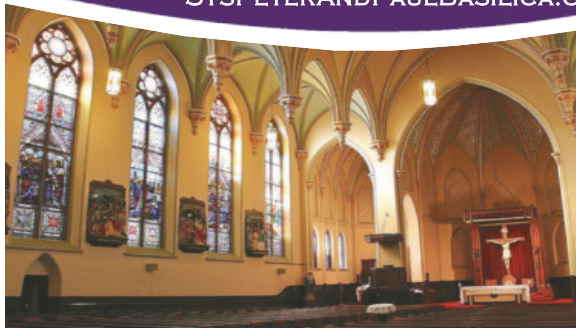




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March 9, 2025 — First Sunday of Lent

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)
12 PM MON-FRI	English Mass (spoken)

- ♦ Church open 7:30 am-5:30 pm daily
- ♦ Vespers 5pm Mon-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!



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 stspeterandpaulbasilica.formed.org.

PASTORAL STAFF AND PARISH CONTACTS

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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
Becoming Catholic (RCIA/OCIA): Inquiry & classes	Dan Pacitti rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com (contact via website)
Confessions:	30 min. before each Mass except 7 am
Marriages:	Contact the parish office at least 4 months in advance
Religious Education:	Sundays 10:15-11:15 am Florence Porter dre@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com
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SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 9: Black & Indian Missions

Our Haiti collection is the first weekend of each month unless otherwise noted.

Readings for the week of March 9, 2025

Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/
Lk 4:1-13

Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tue: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thur: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or
3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Readings for the Latin Mass: Visit missalemeum.com

"This Most Sacred Night": Explore the Holy Week Liturgies

Workshop Sat. March 29 12:45-4:30pm in Varallo Parish Hall.

Discover the treasures of the Holy Week liturgies. Hosted by the Basilica Adult Faith Formation, with a presentation by Fr.

Carter. Light snacks offered. RSVP to the parish office.

To Give Online

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OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year-to-date
7/1/24 – 3/2/25

Envelopes & Loose	407,901.00
Online	<u>307,744.00</u>
Total	715,645.00

YTD Funds Required	675,478.00
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Year-to-Date Variance	40,167.00
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SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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.

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>
Feb. 22-23, 2025	142	437	376	273	652	1880
Mar. 1-2, 2025	182	374	439	341	700	2036

To make a donation for Easter Flowers for the Altar in memory/honor of a loved one, indicate names on the envelope or in comments online.

BASILICA PARISHIONER SURVEY

The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OUR PARISHIONERS! **The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey** assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen the Basilica and better prepare us for the future! **Complete the survey today** on our Basilica website or at this link: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/cap9xc>



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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERHOOD**Mothers Fellowship**

Tue. March 11, 10am-12pm, in Varallo Hall. Children may attend. Author Sara Beth Meyer will present her book series, *The Gospels for Little Ones*.

Sun., March 16, 3-4pm: Gifts and Charisms Zoom Meeting with Carrie Manabat. RSVP Claire Collins chendee@bellsouth.net

Well Read Mom - A chapter of this great ministry is hosted monthly by Claire Collins.

Thursday Night Family Cocktail Parties - hosted at the home of Caelan Shurina, husbands and children welcome.

Join Our Email and Google Chat!

Visit the **Catholic Motherhood** page on the Basilica website to participate in our meal trains, prayers, and activities, and email basilicamotherhood@gmail.com to be added to the newsletter and/or Google Chat and for details on the above events.

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.

Lenten Retreat at OLPH with Bishop Beckman

Wed. March 26 7-8pm

Bishop Beckman will speak during the Lenten Retreat at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Chattanooga. Open to anyone who would like to benefit from the words of our shepherd on how to fully live the Passion of the Lord in the view of Lent.

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT April 4-6

Led by Fr. Ed Hopkins, Legionary of Christ & sponsored by CatholicDads.org at Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center, Benton, TN—Cost: \$350—Register at dioknoxretreat.org

KDCCW Convention-Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

April 24-26 at St. Mary's Church in Johnson City, TN.

Early Bird registration \$125 by 3/24. Hotel Group rates are available.. Contact Susan Collins, 423-470-2560/
scollins51@hotmail.com or Pam Morgan, 423-943-4147/
pamelabmorgan@gmail.com for info. Register online: <http://www.kdccw.org> & select convention tab.

Handmade Goods Spring Pop-up Market

April 5 9am-2pm at Triangle Park in Belvoir Neighborhood, 4412 Mayfair Ave. Shop local art, jewelry, woodworking, rosary bracelets, hand-sewn items, etc. from local Catholic families!

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

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

- **PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND MOBILE UNIT** —free tests, counseling, resources offered the **2nd Tuesday of the month March. 11**, at the Basilica's All Saints Academy (310 E 8th St.) Contact pregnancyhelp@ccetn.org or 865-864-3002 for appointments and visit ccetn.org/pregnancy-help.org
- **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.

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.) 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.

LECTORS, USHERS, and SACRISTANS needed*

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at our 5:30 and 9:00 Masses. Good speaking skills required. Workshop will be held Sat. March 15. Contact Gabrielle Cipriano through the parish office.

Usher/Greeters welcome people who come to the Basilica and do many important tasks at Mass. See an usher/greeter after Mass or contact Dan Mueller through the parish office.

Sacristans assist the clergy to set up and take down for Mass. We will train you. We rotate serving, about once a month. Contact Joe Polchek through the parish office.

** Confirmed Catholic adult parishioners in good standing*

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

- **Counseling** - stspeterandpaulbasilica.com/counseling has a list of local and online resources
- **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.
- **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

"Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul (TN) - Buy Nothing Group"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2513393815633781> — Parishioners may join to post items or services to give away/receive for free.

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@stspeterandpaulbasilica.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/OCIA)

- 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. **Inquiry classes are year-round.**
- **Candidacy Classes** for those baptized, catechized, and evangelized 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, presenter, or other help, please contact Dan Pacitti. rcia@stspeterandpaulbasilica.com 865-335-3076

Forever Young Catholics (age 40+) Upcoming Events

- **March 14—5:30 Stations of the Cross & Fish Fry as a group**
- **BOOK CLUB** 2nd Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Swineys' 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 stspeterandpaulbasilica.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

Catholic Womanhood Talk for Young Adults

Sun. March 23 3:30-5:30 pm. Join Laura McCarty and Rachel Williams for a talk on God's original plan for men and women, how it speaks truth into our modern times, and how God calls women to live this out in their own lives. We'll meet in Varallo Parish Hall for this women's event. Snacks will be provided.

Catholic Chatt Young Adults Campout in Savage Gulf

March 28-30—Options include camping out for 1 or 2 nights, or joining the group for a day hike on Saturday morning. Fr. Alex Hernandez will join us for Friday's campout and offer Saturday morning Mass. Also, the first night will be close to a parking lot, so this would be a great opportunity for any new campers to come! Contact Tyler Ross for questions or to RSVP 423-710-6446.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

DYM Nights with Fr. Alex Hernandez:

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

Mar. 26, Apr. 23, & May 14

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

LENT DEVOTIONS AND SPECIAL LITURGIES

- **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.
- **Solemnity of St. Joseph** Wed. Mar. 19—sung Mass at 12pm
- **Penance Service**—Mon. March 24 6:30pm
- **Solemnity of the Annunciation** Tues. Mar. 25—sung Mass at 12pm with blessing of expectant mothers and those who have miscarried
- **40 Cans for Lent Food Drive** for the Chattanooga Food Bank by Knights of Columbus throughout Lent



LENT 2025 PENANCE SERVICES

in the Chattanooga Deanery

Tues.	March 11	7:00pm	St. Thérèse of Lisieux, Cleveland
Wed.	March 12	7:00pm	Holy Spirit, Soddy-Daisy
Wed.	March 12	6:30pm Central	Our Lady of Lourdes, South Pittsburgh
Thurs.	March 13	6:30pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Chattanooga
Tues.	March 18	6:00pm	St. Stephen, Chattanooga
Thurs.	March 20	6:30pm	St. Bridget, Dayton
Thurs.	March 20	7:00pm	St. Augustine, Signal Mountain
Mon.	March 24	6:30pm	The Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul
Tues.	March 25	6:30pm	St. Jude, Chattanooga
Tues.	April 1	7:00pm	St. Mary, Athens



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