

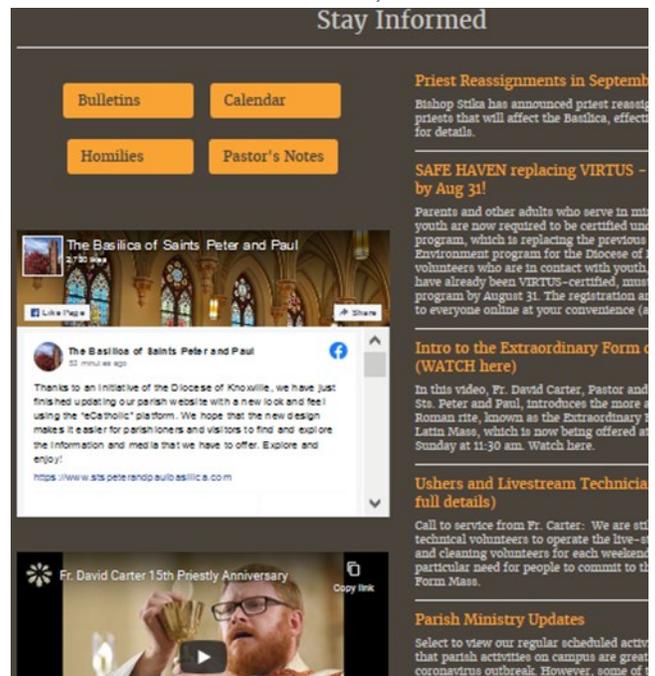
Pastor's Notes: New Design for Our Basilica Website

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If we have learned any lesson from the coronavirus and its subsequent quarantine and social distancing, it is the importance of an online presence for the continuation of the parish's work. Many people have made use of the online resources of our parish to continue and deepen their faith in Jesus Christ throughout this time of crisis. The website is the online portal to our parish. Many people learn about our parish first by doing a Google search. Through the website, we communicate so much information to our parishioners and those who are seeking what the parish offers. About five years ago, we sought to "beef up" our web presence, and it has served us very well. But just recently, the Diocese of Knoxville offered us an opportunity through eCatholic to once again look at our online presence and improve upon it. To that end, we have labored and produced the latest version of our parish website, which you can still find at [www.StsPeterAndPaulBasilica.com](http://www.StsPeterAndPaulBasilica.com). I'm especially grateful for Mrs. Maria Rist, my administrative assistant, for the many hours and detailed work of making the transition. I'm also grateful for all who collaborate in our technology ministries and for their input, especially Mr. Christopher Wesson, who has hosted our web services until now and continues as our webmaster. The banner, with its beautiful layout and design, was the work of one of our own parishioners who is a graphic designer, Mr. Michael Stradley, and I am grateful for his creative input. We have updated the website to feature lots more visual content – scrolling pictures, videos, and sound recordings. It is a very engaging, beautiful and uplifting tool to evangelize those who come across our website. We're grateful for all those who have uploaded pictures or shared videos over the years, including several professional photographers

in the parish, especially Mr. Robin Rudd, Dr. Stephen Golder, and Mrs. Christina Bankson. I hope that you find our new website design appealing and that it meets our needs for years to come. Below are a few screen shots to show you what to look for.

*Rev. Fr. David Carter*



Our enhanced home page includes photos, buttons, and multi-level menus to guide you to all our programs, news, media, resources, and opportunities.

