

PARISH FAMILY REMEMBRANCES AND THANKSGIVINGS March 20, 2016

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by the O'Shea Family
in loving memory of Jean Fletcher Baldwin.*

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild in loving memory of Jack Brinkman.

We pray for our clergy: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; and Perry our Priest;

In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer we pray for our parish family, remembering especially those who celebrate their birthdays this week: Walter Marino (3/20), Robin Messenger (3/23), Peter Bradley (3/23), Ashlee Marie Perkins (3/24)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; St. Monica's, Hartford; Clergy whose work is not in parishes; bi-vocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose work is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

Current Prayer List

Prayers added the week of March 20: The Pym Family; Peter Myers; The Brinkman Family; The MacDonough Family; Alberta; Rod & Janice Lambeth; Charles; The Conrad families; Deanne & John Bowen; Danielle, Chantelle and Kayleigh; Jim Vicevich, Bob & Bev Winter, Bonnie Eells, Flo Columbe, Bob & Ginny Wanagel, Connie Rich, Rita Mae, Carol & Bing; Aly, Steffi; Susan; Elizabeth, Kim, Andrée, Gail & Ed Stanko, Dianna Tedesco; Bossi and Liska families, Barbara and Family; Maidey and Ken, Everette; Jeanne, Sam; Karen Sandahl; Karen Ostly; Helen and Family; Karen Emmons;

Prayers added the week of March 13: Chris; John & Sue; Claire; Lauren, Jeni, Kile, Lianie, Dana; Gina; Eva & Bill; The Gentino Family, Priscilla Bronke, Jane Donnelly and family; Justin, Stephanie; Grace, Phil Patros; Cathy Gerke; Peter, the Kell family; Janet Kay; Sam Downey;

Prayers added the week of March 6: Joe, Cee-Cee; Dan and Francesco, The Davis & Carino families; the Kraemer family; Sharon, Christina; Douglas Pimm; Marge Caton, Marion and Family; Anne Marie Henderson; John Hickleton, Laurie Finn; Luke; Luz, Johanna, Dorothy; Dick Sage, Aceynath Porter; Kathy; Julia, Dave; a Dear Friend; Emil; Ms. Kamins; Barbara Potterton;

We pray for those who are preparing for Confirmation: Megan Alexander, Allison Bradley, John Bradley, Josh Kowinsky, Emma O'Shea, Tim O'Shea, Chris Paggioli, Jonathan Roper.

We pray for all caregivers who selflessly give of themselves to care for loved-ones;

We pray for all people suffering hunger, fear & displacement due to war and natural disaster, especially those currently seeking refuge in Europe.

We pray for all with financial problems; those who have lost their jobs and homes; for the well-being of our families during life's changes; all who have suffered trauma; those who are ill, lonely or grieving; our veterans; all who travel; all those suffering with cancer; anyone who is hospitalized or disabled; those affected by natural disasters; and all abused, neglected and missing children.

We pray for our whole nation: for peace, non-violence, and healing.

We pray for our service men and women throughout the world.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially Jack Brinkman.

We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives and the joy we experience in our relationship with God.

**Fr. Perry is planning his Home Communion Schedule for the Easter Season.
If you would like to have a visit or know someone who would,
please call the office**

It has come to our attention that Douglas Pym, former Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church died last February. We pray for his family and give thanks to God for his ministry among us.

Youth Confirmation Classes have begun: The first meeting of the youth confirmation classes was held on Sunday February 21 with 9 youth participating. A schedule of classes is now available. It is not too late to join! Any youth in high school who would like to join the class is welcome and should contact Father Perry as soon as possible. For more information feel free to contact either Father Perry or Judi Babin.

Attention any adults desiring to be baptized or interested in Confirmation: Father Perry will be scheduling Adult Inquiry Classes soon for anyone interested in exploring matters of faith including knowing more about the traditions of the Episcopal Church. These classes are advised for people wishing to be baptized or becoming members of the Episcopal Church (by Reception or Confirmation). If you are interested or want more information, please contact him.



Our Agape Meal followed by a service of Holy Eucharist will take place on Thursday March 24 (Maundy Thursday). The Agape Meal is a simple meal of soup, bread and dried fruits, symbolizing Christ's last meal with his disciples and fulfilling his commandment to love one another. The simple communal supper will begin at 6:00 pm. The service of Holy Eucharist follows the supper at 7:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet for attendance and food items is at the back of the church.



We encourage all, children and adults alike, to attend this supper and the service afterwards.

Following the service of Holy Eucharist our **Prayer Vigil** will begin and continue until Good Friday at 11:00. The crosses for the **Way of the Cross** prayers have been hung and the **prayer booklets** are at the back of the church should you choose to use them. You can come to the church to pray or you can fulfill your prayer time at home. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.



Easter Pageant – St. Peter's Easter Pageant for all children who wish to participate will be held Sunday March 27th during the 10 a.m. service. There will be one rehearsal on Saturday March 26th. For more information, please speak to Judi Babin

All-Parish Easter Brunch -- Following the Easter Pageant there will be an all-Parish Easter Potluck Brunch at 11:15. Please join us for this happy occasion, celebrating Easter and our fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet so we can get an idea of how many will be attending and what they will be able to bring to share.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration – On Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 p.m. there will be a celebration for couples married fifty years or more. The event will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford. Bishops Ian Douglas and Laura Ahrens will be there to celebrate with you. The service will include a renewal of marriage vows and a presentation of a commemorative certificate to each couple. Same-sex couples who have been together for 50 years and are now married will also be honored. Any couple interested in participating should speak to Fr. Perry or contact the office by Friday, April 15th. The Bishops will then extend an invitation to each couple, including registration and event details.

Easter Flower signup - *Altar Flowers for Easter*



There is still time to order Easter Flowers to be used to decorate the church on Easter morning as Memorials or Thanksgivings for special blessings. Please write your information clearly on the sign-up form so it can be put in the Easter flower booklet with no mistakes. Lilies, tulips, daffodils, hydrangeas and pansies are all available. Checks should be made out to St. Peters Church, and put in the envelope in church or given to Claire in the office (not placed in the offertory box, please). If you have any questions please contact the office or speak with Marcia or Chuck Eaton.

Women's Club - The next meeting of the St. Peter's Women's Club will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, March 28th at Audrey Gasper's home, 68 Hall Road, in Hebron. (This meeting will be on the fourth Monday of the month because the third Monday is during Holy Week) You can call Audrey at 860-228-0201 for directions or more info. Come join us for good food and conversation!

Spring Cleanup & Parish Breakfast – April 9th

On Saturday, April 9th Buildings & Grounds is planning a major Spring cleanup of not only the church and hall grounds, but of the building interiors. Exterior work will include the usual raking and sweeping up of the leaves and branches that have come down over the winter. Interior cleanup will include cleaning all easily reachable surfaces (e.g., pew seats, pew book holders), vacuuming carpets, cleaning light fixtures (including the chandelier), just to name a few. Bring buckets, sponges, clean rags/towels, swiffer mops, and any other materials you can think of for a good spring cleaning. This will be a major undertaking, the likes of which we have not seen for many a years, and we really need the full support of the Parish.

In appreciation of the Parish's support, members of B&G will prepare and serve breakfast (NO CHARGE – we will have a donation jar and all donations will go directly to the Kitchen Fund). This is the same breakfast served at the Men's Breakfast, AND THEN SOME. Breakfast will include your choice of beverage (coffee, tea, orange juice, milk, hot chocolate), eggs (any basic style – no omelets or eggs benedict), pancakes with syrup (including blueberry syrup), bacon, sausage, home fries, corned beef hash, toast (white, rye or whole wheat), bagels (assorted, and/or with cream cheese), variety of flavored instant oatmeal, and fresh fruit.

Breakfast will be served from 7 am to 9 am; cleanup will begin promptly at 8:30 am.

It's time for every parish member to take some ownership in St. Peters, so let's make this a cleanup that the kids will talk about when they're retired.

Sewing Machine for sale – A pre-owned sewing machine with advanced capabilities regarding embroidery stitching is for sale in Phelps Hall. Anyone interested in examining it or purchasing it may see it on Sunday or call the office. It may be purchased for a donation (the amount to be determined by the purchaser) to Father Perry's "Rector's Discretionary Fund." Any questions regarding the machine's history may be addressed to Stephanie Wheeler.

Lenten Wine Ingathering

Lent is the time the Altar Guild holds the annual “Wine Ingathering,” a time during which we collect wine to be blessed and used at our celebrations of the Holy Eucharist. Please consider giving a donation of Cream Sherry during Lent to be used throughout the year for Holy Communion. You may leave the wine on the back table in the church anytime during Lent. If you are unsure about which wine to buy, please speak with Fr. Perry or call the office.



Help us to brighten up Phelps Hall!

The vestry recently voted to support a project put forth by Buildings & Grounds to install new ceiling tiles in Phelps Hall and to replace our fluorescent lighting with new, energy efficient LED bulbs. Our aim would be to create a brighter, cheerier atmosphere for our community dinners and fundraising events. We are providing an opportunity for parishioners to support this project by “funding” the cost of one or more boxes of tiles at \$40 each. 30 boxes of tiles will be needed to complete the work. Please submit any donation of cash or check to the office or treasurer (to insure proper credit) and designate it as “Ceiling & Lighting Project.” We would love your support! Questions? Please contact Rick Marks, Jack Gasper or any other member of the vestry.

Here’s what you can find on St. Peter’s new website

The website (www.stpetershebron.com) offers an always up to date calendar, upcoming events listed with details, news from Sue, the bulletin, the latest happenings, an updated photo gallery, and more!

- **Fr. Perry’s sermons can be listened to on St. Peter’s website?** If you missed Father Perry’s sermon, or want to hear it again, feel free to listen from the website. Sermons may be found at: Services > Sunday Audio Sermons
- **Church School schedule on the website** - Weren’t able to attend church one Sunday? Want to cover a church school topic more at home? The website has a schedule of church school topics including Bible verses, upcoming events and additional information. Just go to: About Us > Church School > Church School Schedule.
- **Easter Flower** sign-up under “Events”
- **Guides to materials and websites for those interested in Lenten and Holy Week devotionals.**

Special Gatherings during Holy Week and Easter!

Holy Week and Easter Season offer numerous opportunities to gather as a parish family for fellowship, food and worship! We invite you to join us at one or more of these special events in the life of our parish.

Join us for all of our worship services during Holy Week and Easter – Details may be found elsewhere in this bulletin and on line at www.stpetershebron.com. **There are sign-ups in the church for anyone willing to serve as a reader, officiant (leader of the service) or chalice bearer (for services of Holy Eucharist).** Please call Father Perry if you have any questions.

In addition, we hope you will choose to sign up to be part of one of these three events!!!

Maundy Thursday Evening Agape Meal on March 24 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

This is a pot-luck meal that reflects the meals shared by early Christians who would bring a variety of foods to worship for blessing. This provided a meal which all who attended enjoyed and the “left-overs” were taken to prisoners and those in need in their communities. It is traditional to offer this meal during Holy Week.

Participants are asked to bring three things to our gathering. 1) a donation of food for the meal (see below); 2) an offering of food or money to be donated to HIHS; 3) bring a guest to join our celebration! Appropriate foods for the meal itself, which is to be meatless and sparse, include: olives, dried fruit, vegetables, cheese, bread or crackers, wine or juice. Soup will be provided. **Sign-up on the form found in the church or by calling the office!**

Note: Near the end of the meal Father Perry will lead a devotional that will lead into the **Foot-washing Ceremony** held in Phelps’ Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.. At its conclusion the gathering will move to the church for the traditional **Maundy Thursday Liturgy.**

Prayer Vigil: from 9:00 p.m. Thursday March 24 through 11:00 a.m. Friday March 25

Come, watch and pray with us as we wait through the night in reflection on the sacred events that we remember this week. The church will be open during these hours for folks to come to church (or do so from the privacy of your homes) to “keep watch” as we enter Good Friday. **Anyone planning to participate is asked to sign up on the form in the church or by calling the church office. For security reasons we need to know who is planning to attend so that we might insure the safety of folks while having a continuous time of prayer during this 14 hour period.**

Easter Brunch: A Pot-luck Feast! Second Sunday of Easter, April 3 @ 11:15 in Phelps’ Hall

Celebrate spring and Easter with us as our parish family gathers for what has become an annual Easter Brunch. Begin the day by joining us at the 8:00 Eucharist or our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist that includes the Easter Pageant featuring the building of a cross of flowers by our youngest members. Bring along your favorite Easter foods to share and following the Pageant Service enjoy the fellowship and good food that marks this occasion. Don’t forget! **Sign up on the form in the church or by calling the parish office.**

**From Monday March 14th through the end of April
the Office will be open from 9-12, Monday through Friday (instead of 8-11)**

MARCH/APRIL 2016 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 20 Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 9:55 Confirmation 11:30	March 21 Church open for private devotions 9- 12 am & 6-9 pm	March 22 Church open for private devotions 9-12 am & 6-9 pm	March 23 Tenebrae Service 7:30 pm	March 24 Agape Meal 6:30 p.m. Footwashing ceremony & Maundy Thursday Liturgy 7:30 pm	March 25 Good Friday Liturgy 12 Noon & 7:30 pm	March 26 Holy Saturday
March 27 EASTER DAY Sunrise Service 6:30 am @ Gilead Congregational Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 No Church School	March 28 Office Closed	March 29 Choir 6:30-8 PM	March 30 Communion with Healing 7 pm	March 31	April 1 Fr. Perry Day off	April 2 Fr. Perry Day off
April 3 2nd Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 with Easter Pageant Church School 9:55 Easter Pot luck brunch 11:15	April 4	April 5 Choir 6:30-8 PM	April 6 Buildings and Grounds 7 p.m. Communion with Healing 7 pm	April 7	April 8 Fr. Perry Day off	April 9 Spring Clean- up Scouts (MC)
April 10 3rd Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 Church School 9:55	April 11 Vestry 7 p.m.	April 12 Choir 6:30-8 PM	April 13 Communion with Healing 7 pm	April 14	April 15 Fr. Perry Day off	April 16 Community Dinner