



**April 26, 2026**  
**Saint Peter's Episcopal Church**  
**Hebron, Connecticut**  
**The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector**

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter Rite 1 ~ 8:00 a.m.**

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

***The People: The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia***

**Glory be to God**

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**Collect of the Day: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.**

***Amen.***

**The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47**

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all

the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord *People: Thanks be to God*

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 23**

#### *Dominus regit me*

**1 The LORD is my shepherd; \***

**I shall not be in want.**

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \***

**and leads me beside still waters.**

**3 He revives my soul \***

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; \***

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \***

**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***

**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right

and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord ***People: Thanks be to God***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

***People: Glory be to thee, O Lord***

### **The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord ***People: Praise to you, Lord Christ***

## **Sermon**

The Reverend Ron Kolanowski

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

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Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the

prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People: I will with God's help**

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wonderful works of God and protect and restore the beauty and integrity of creation?

**People: I will with God's help.**

***The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows:*** May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People**

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**The Peace**

**Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you**

**People: And with thy spirit**

**Great thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I**

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**Breaking of the bread**

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**Post-Communion Prayer**

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**Easter Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

***People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

## **The Prayers and Thanksgivings for April 26, 2026**

**In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; Parishes in transition, transition teams & interim clergy; and The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

**We pray for our clergy:** Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Jeff & Laura, the Bishops of Connecticut; for our priest Fr. Ron; for Doug our seminarian, for our deacons Donna and Marge; and for all bishops, priests and deacons.

**We pray for those who celebrate their birthdays this week:** Denise Ward (4/27), James Marks (4/27), Nancy Allen-Ziemski (4/28), Mary Latour (4/30), Curt Kraemer (5/1) and those celebrating anniversaries.

**In St Peter's Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all our parish family, especially those in any need or difficulty, Pat Larson, Francine Bloch, Claire, Gayle Kataja, and those on our Continuing Prayer List.

**We pray for the deceased.** We pray especially for Bob ManWarren and John Ostrout, and those who are remembered in the listing of memorials this Easter Season.

### **Continuing Prayer List**

Ann, Dolores, Michael H, Carolyn Aubin, Eileen, Bonnie R., Renee, Fran, Sarah, Leslie Vallee, Kelly Johnson, Mario, Maria, John Lumsden, Rosemarie, David Rigby, Roberto Rodegher, Len & Kim Begin, Sheila, Peter & Barbara Farren, Andrew, Adrian Mandeville, Neal, Loretta, Robin, Brenda, Jim, Richard Taylor, Judy Knox, Star, Norm, Aimee Goodrich,

Justin, Derek Anderson, Janet Nixon, Bill D., Steve Dubin, Ryan, Marlin Corbean; Brian; Kathryn & Olivia; Caroline, Ron Lamp, Lou & Heidi Schluntz, Ambrosio Vidal & Family, Jeannette Farren, Rina Bettancourt; Susan Hicks & family, Ann Valerio, Cindy Brinkman, Marge Roccoberton, Maria Amara, Steve Konopka, Claire Bracaglia.

### **Thank You Gift and Update on Claire**

Thank you to all who contributed to a gift for Claire. We plan to present her with this parish-wide gift this week.

Claire's new address is: Portland Care and Rehabilitation Centre, 333 Main Street, Portland, CT 06480. We encourage you to send cards and notes of thanks to her at this address. She has touched most of us in this parish in personal ways. We miss her terribly and give thanks for her gift of love and service to all of us for these past 20 years.

### **On Going Activities**

- Balance Class: Mondays 10:15 a.m. \$5 per session.
- Connect: Mondays 2:00 p.m.
- Weekly Weeders: Mondays 4:00 p.m.
- Cub Scouts: 1st Mondays 5:30-7 p.m.
- Hebron Greater Together Community Fund: 3rd Tuesdays 6-8 pm
- Buildings & Grounds: first Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
- Boy Scouts: Wednesdays, 7 p.m. 10
- Vestry: Third Thursdays, 6 p.m.
- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.

**Navigating the Hospice Journey: May 6 from 2pm-3pm** at St. Peter's Phelps Hall. Rebecca Tamsin, LCSW, Director of Counseling at Masonicare Home Health and Hospice will share information about how hospice care and hospice teams can provide maximum support (including pain management and emotional support) at home. There will be ample time for questions and discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Candace O'Shea at (860) 918-3295.



**St. Peter's Church  
54<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant & Garden Sale  
May 2, 2026  
9:00am – 3:00pm**

St. Peter's will conduct its 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant and Garden Sale, with several opportunities for our friends and visitors. We will feature garden items: tools, plant stakes and markers, trees, shrubbery, perennials and herbs. We will stock a variety of hanging plants, including tomatoes, as well as patio pots of tomatoes. There will be a limited supply of annuals and vegetable plants.

We will also have the assistance of Master Gardeners to answer your questions. Please think of St. Peter's for your gardening needs and gifts. For any questions, contact Marcia Eaton (860-614-7202)

## **Stories of CT's Black Patriots:**

**Thursday April 30, 6:30-8:00 pm, Hebron Senior Center**

As part of the nation's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Coalition on Diversity and Equity (CoDE) is sponsoring a program on Black Patriots who fought in the American Revolution and Civil War. Please join us on April 30th from 6:30-8:00pm at the Russell Mercier Senior Center in Hebron. John Mills will share stories from his newly released book, **The Narrative of Primus, A Lineage Woven into American History**. It reminds us that America was built not only by the celebrated, but by the unseen and that their descendants are still here to tell the story. The short documentary film, **The 29th Connecticut Regiment and the Fight for Freedom** will also be shown and its creator, Chris Barlow, will discuss its making. The film won the 2023 Mystic Film Festival's Best Connecticut Film award.

## **Baked Stuffed Chicken Dinner: May 16 at 4pm.**

This is a take-out only meal. The meal includes Stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roll, salad. Cost is \$18 per meal. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Hebron Town Center Project which, in addition to many town events that it sponsors, is leading Hebron's 250th anniversary of the founding of the US.



## *Gifts Given in Memory of Loved Ones*

**Pamela & Tom Atwood**

**Frost "Nanny" Krist,  
Dorothy & John Atwood**

**Joyce Agnew**

**Thomas S., Viola, and Thomas R.  
O'Reilly, Deceased members of  
Agnew Family.**

**Judith Banks**

**John Banks & the Banks McGovern  
& Veillette families**

**Trisha Beatty**

**Susan Beatty, George A. Dagon**

**Carolyn Bouchard**

**Loved ones**

**Claire Bracaglia**

**Henry Lindert, Henry Jones, Helen  
Wason, Phyllis Meshanic**

**Brien & Terry Brown**

**Sarah Brown DuBrava**

**Betty Close**

**Peter Byram**

**Georgette Conrad**

**Clyde Conrad, Jr., Odina, Ethel,  
Shirley & Louise Domingue, Clyde  
Conrad Sr., Lillian & Raymond  
Conrad**

**Henry & Joyce Dombrowski**

**Henry & Betty Dombrowski; John  
& Angie Banulski; Judy, David &  
Dave Martin**

**Marcia & Chuck Eaton**

**Harrison, Ethel, Harry & John  
Eaton, Barbara & George Potterton  
and Georgia, Jack, Lee, Pam and  
Priscilla**

<b>Chris &amp; Steve Eells</b>	<b>Clarence &amp; Terry Michaud, Bonnie Eells</b>
<b>Stephen &amp; Victoria Fisk</b>	<b>Doreen Dibben Fisk, Douglas Fisk, Marcos Antonio Vidal</b>
<b>Allison &amp; Eric Forrest</b>	<b>George W. Clark and Walter S. Forrest</b>
<b>Chris &amp; Cathy Gerke</b>	<b>Ralph &amp; Elizabeth Gerke, John &amp; Elizabeth McCashland, Rosemary White</b>
<b>Donna Gray</b>	<b>Family and friends that have entered eternal life.</b>
<b>Adam B. Green</b>	<b>BettyLou Mokoski Judith Lynn Green</b>
<b>Maryann Hickelton</b>	<b>Marion Trudelle</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Laurel Houle</b>	<b>Dorothy Proctor Houle, Maria Carmella Terlizzi</b>
<b>Gayle Kataja</b>	<b>Peter Kataja, Kyle Buttice, Merle &amp; Earl Porter</b>
<b>Bob Kliminsky</b>	<b>Jean Kliminsky</b>
<b>Kathy Kniep</b>	<b>Jeanne &amp; Robert Wessman; Paul LeBreton, Blanche &amp; Evangeline Kniep</b>
<b>Ron Kolanowski</b>	<b>Helen, Lorei, George &amp; Germane Kolanowski, Mel &amp; Helen Hiltabidel, Shawn, Sheffield ourfoster child</b>
<b>Steve Konopka</b>	<b>The Konopka Family</b>
<b>The Kraemer family</b>	<b>Robert Bork</b>

<b>Daniel &amp; Patricia Larson</b>	<b>Bishop Morgan Porteus, Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert Porteus Middlemass</b>
<b>Mary &amp; Joseph Latour</b>	<b>Richard T. Hagenow, Anna &amp; Francis LaTour</b>
<b>Cathie &amp; Ray Litwin</b>	<b>Gene Baker</b>
<b>John Loge</b>	<b>Frances Jean Loge, Beverly Jane Sandefur, Judith Marion Gray, Stuart Edgar Power</b>
<b>Lynda Majewski</b>	<b>Paul Louis Arruda</b>
<b>Darlene McDonald &amp; Deb Wilson</b>	<b>David &amp; Velma McDonald, Charleen McDonald, Larry McDonald; John &amp; Anita Wilson</b>
<b>Barbara &amp; Steve Mondrach</b>	<b>Robert &amp; MaryAnn Siegle; Steve &amp; EmmyLou Mondrach</b>
<b>Marianne Moore</b>	<b>Nelson, Kenneth, Maitland Moore</b>
<b>Lydia Myers</b>	<b>P. Hamilton &amp; Ruth Myers; Tom &amp; Martha Bombaci</b>
<b>Alexander Nelson</b>	<b>Alison Nelson, Philip Ott, Daniel Flyntz, Ed &amp; June Sucich</b>
<b>The O'Shea Family</b>	<b>Jean &amp; Ray Baldwin, Carbery &amp; Genevieve O'Shea, Genevieve Alexander, I Fletcher, Christine Morrison, Sean O'Shea, Juanita &amp; Jack Alden</b>

**The Osmond Family**

**Cleo & Doris Wandling, John B. & Mildred Osmond, John C. Osmond**

**John & Susan Ostrout**

**Dorothy & Elmer H. Ostrout, Jr., Shirley & William Murray, Ed Murray**

**Barbara Parkyn**

**Family and friends**

**Steve Platz**

**Judy, Ed & Linda Platz  
Henry & Evelyn Dickinson**

**Chris & Chad Raasumaa-  
Boots**

**Our grandparents**

**Kim & Brian Reed**

**G. Earl & Merle N. Porter; Kyle P. Buttice**

**Fran & Lino Rodegher**

**Sandra & Carmela Guglielmi, Lino, Livio & Gianfranco Rodegher**

**Amy Stone**

**Family Friends & Pets**

**Keith & Beth Thompson**

**Joline & Louis Drudi, Jean & Floyd Thompson, Tyler**

**John Viklinetz**

**Helen Viklinetz**

**Denise Ward  
Stephen Wells**

**Tyler Marshall & Mark Saul  
Carol A. Wells**

**Stephanie Wheeler**

**Russell Wheeler, Jr.; Joyce Leombruno**

*Gifts given in Honor of Loved Ones*

**Stephen & Victoria Fisk    Family and friends here and abroad**

**The Forrest Family            Ryan Clark and Our Armed Forces**

