



May 3, 2026
Saint Peter's Episcopal Church
Hebron, Connecticut
The Rev. Ronald Kolanowski, Rector

The Fifth 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: Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."

Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

In te, Domine, speravi

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,*
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.**

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord

The Holy Gospel: John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

Sermon

The Reverend Marge Roccoberton

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 May 3, 2026

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's Grace, Monroe; St. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; Retirement communities, especially Armsmead & Seabury Retirement community; chaplains at retirement communities, Retired Clergy Chaplains. For Elder Ministry Network; and The Church of North India.

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:

Paul Sandahl (5/3), Anthony Wursthorn (5/4), Liliana Wursthorn (5/4), Joseph Cyr (5/8), David Kniep (5/8), Steve Konopka (5/8) 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, Chuck Eaton, 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.

Update on Claire

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.
- 200th Anniversary Celebration: 2nd and 4th 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 the church office at 860.228.3244.



St. Peter's 54th **Annual Plant and Garden Sale** was yesterday. Thank you to all who worked. Of course, there are many plants still available for sale. Please stop by the parish hall after church for more hanging baskets and perennials to perk up your garden.

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.

St. Peter's Tag Sale: June 5 and 6

As you are Spring Cleaning, please put aside items for our tag sale. We will let you know shortly when you can bring in your donations. Typically, we accept donation the week before, but stay tuned.



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**

Chris & Steve Eells

Clarence & Terry Michaud, Bonnie Eells

Stephen & Victoria Fisk

Doreen Dibben Fisk, Douglas Fisk, Marcos Antonio Vidal

Allison & Eric Forrest

George W. Clark and Walter S. Forrest

Chris & Cathy Gerke

Ralph & Elizabeth Gerke, John & Elizabeth McCashland, Rosemary White

Donna Gray

Family and friends that have entered eternal life.

Adam B. Green

**BettyLou Mokoski
Judith Lynn Green**

Maryann Hickelton

Marion Trudelle

Mark & Laurel Houle

Dorothy Proctor Houle, Maria Carmella Terlizzi

Gayle Kataja

Peter Kataja, Kyle Buttice, Merle & Earl Porter

Bob Kliminsky

Jean Kliminsky

Kathy Kniep

Jeanne & Robert Wessman; Paul LeBreton, Blanche & Evangeline Kniep

Ron Kolanowski

Helen, Lorei, George & Germane Kolanowski, Mel & Helen Hiltabidel, Shawn, Sheffield ourfoster child

Steve Konopka

The Konopka Family

The Kraemer family

Robert Bork

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

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



ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

30 CHURCH STREET (RT. 85)
HEBRON, CT



BAKED STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST DINNER

MAY 16TH 4:00 P.M.

**Stuffed Chicken Breast,
mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing,
cranberry sauce, roll, and salad.**

*A portion of the proceeds will benefit the
Hebron Town Center Project.*

TAKE-OUT ONLY. COST IS \$18 PER MEAL.

FOR DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 860-228-3244.