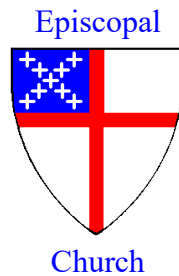


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Priest-in-Charge

April 16, 2024

Dear Friends,

You may have heard the news that Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe is a candidate for presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church. “The presiding bishop has a range of responsibilities, as outlined by The Episcopal Church Constitution and Canons. Those include presiding over the House of Bishops, chairing Executive Council, visiting every Episcopal diocese, participating in the ordination and consecration of bishops, receiving and responding to disciplinary complaints against bishops, making appointments to the church’s interim bodies, and ‘developing policies and strategies for the church and speaking for the church on the policies, strategies and programs of General Convention.’” (from Episcopal News Service) The House of Bishops will elect our next presiding bishop on June 26 during General Convention for a 9 year term.

After the four candidates names were announced some were dismayed that, though the slate was racially diverse, there were no women or LGBTQ candidates. Bishop Duncan-Probe had participated in each stage of discernment for presiding bishop. In the two week petition period following the announcement of the candidates colleagues petitioned to add her name to the slate. Her letter to the diocese announcing her nomination is included on the next page.

The other nominees are below. Google <https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/> for a video and biography of each candidate.

- Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker
- Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez
- Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright
- Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York.

Beginning next week the following prayer will be included in our worship:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the bishops who shall choose a presiding bishop for The Episcopal Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 16, 2024

Dear People of Central New York,

I am writing to share news about my ongoing discernment and invite you to pray with me. As you may have read, I am on the slate as a nominee to be the next presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church. Since last year I have prayed deeply, sought wise counsel, and participated in each stage of the search process, including the final discernment retreat which was held in mid-March. When my name was not included in the initial announcement on April 2, colleagues petitioned and I have been added to the slate as a nominee.

As you well know, discernment is not linear, and my sincere hope is that we will all work together to support and encourage one another on this journey. Please be assured that this diocese's ministry is vibrant and *not* slowing down! I am proud of our shared ministry. We are resilient, faithful, and joyful people who understand the blessing and responsibility of communal life. We are committed to growing in our faith, and our dedication to ministry is inspiring. Together we have built a diocesan system that is healthy and robust, capable of facing challenges and remaining unified in our commitment to God and one another.

The staff, leaders of our diocese and I are focused and fully committed to our diocesan ministries. We are actively discerning transitions for our parishes and planning and implementing programming that will allow us to continue to realize our vision of "A World Healed by Love" and our mission of "Learning to love God, One another, and all God's creation."

My deepest desire is to serve God, to share in ministry with all God's people, and to proclaim Jesus. My sense of call to this process has been nurtured by my love for Central New York and our shared ministry. Building sustainable systems that empower ministry is central to my call; I believe that God is calling our church to not only proclaim the redeeming love of Jesus but to incarnationally live this proclamation in how we minister together. In our diocese, we do not agree on every issue, but we are committed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and are united in a shared purpose. Together we are God's Church, a tapestry of beloved people called to this good work of transformation in love.

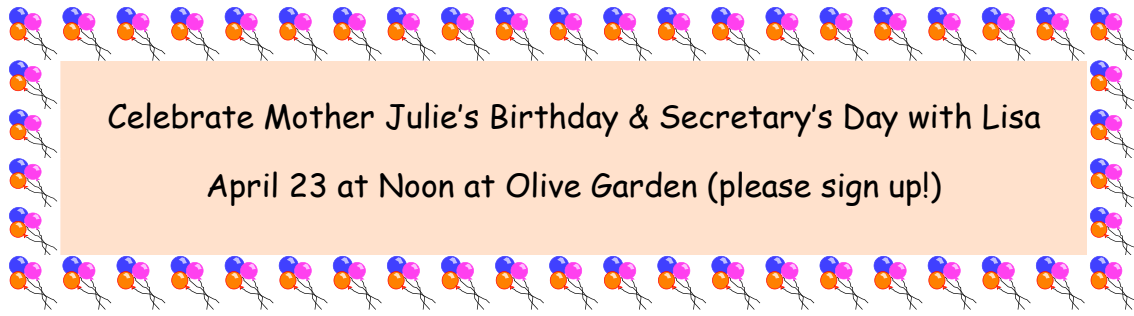
I ask your prayers for our diocesan staff and leaders and for one another as we journey together. I also ask your prayers for me and my family as well as for +Scott, +Daniel, +Sean, and +Rob. Let us pray for our diocese's elected deputies who will represent us at The General Convention in June, as well as the whole of The Episcopal Church as together we seek to make important decisions about our local and global ministry.

The prophet Micah's question continues to compel us:

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

Faithfully,

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe



**East Side Episcopalians: May 12 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Alban's**

**Bishop DeDe Duncan Probe will preside and preach at  
Confirmation and Holy Eucharist**

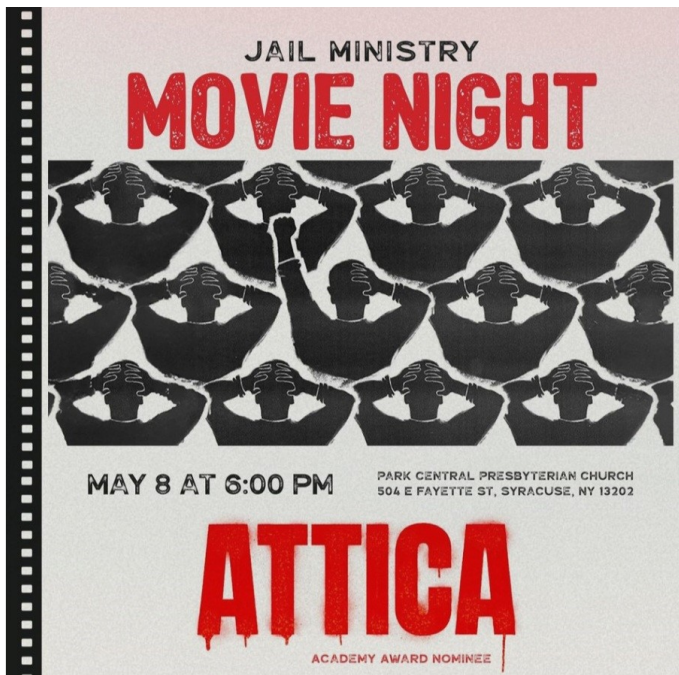
with

St. Alban's Organist and Quartet, and St. David's Choir  
Reception follows the service

**Please hold in prayer those being confirmed:**

Helen Camardella (to be received)  
Donald Money  
Teddy Morris  
Anthony Necerato

Carson Richardson  
Lauren Wojtalewski  
Robin and Gabriel Losito  
(Mother Julie's sister's kids)



From Ministry Volunteer Grace Joseph

The movie will be shown  
May 8 at 6:00 p.m.  
Park Central Presbyterian Church  
504 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse

“The documentary ‘Attica’  
will rattle and upset you.  
And it should.”  
- Los Angeles Times

Admission is free.  
Donations are welcome.  
A reception will be held after.

**Let's Get a Group Together to see Godspell**

**redhouse arts center in Syracuse**

Discount tickets are \$35 if we have at least ten people from both churches.  
Friday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. (last week incorrectly stated 2:00 p.m.)

We have over ten people going from the two churches. If you'd like to come it's not too late, but Mother Julie needs to know soon. The price of \$35 will be honored.  
All are welcome!

**In Person Schedule: Both Parishes & Friends are Welcome!**

Wednesday Emmanuel \* 2:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday Emmanuel \* 4:30 p.m.: Annual Meeting  
5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on April 20

Sunday St. Alban's \* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study  
\* 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour

\* also on Zoom

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**Zoom Schedule & Codes**

**Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Emmanuel: **812 9701 3112 & 381729**

**Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Bible Study: **825 2837 9378 & 695433**

9:30 a.m. St. Alban's: **826 9515 6305 & 446765**

11:00 a.m. Confirmation: **871 3932 1946 & 299595 (April 14, 21, 28)**

**Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer: **849 7442 6644 & 031228**

**Wednesday**

2:00 p.m. Bible Study: **840 0349 8213 & 586548**