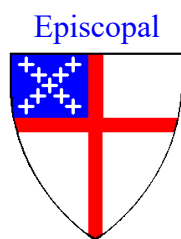


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**Celebrate Dio CNY**  
**Saturday, December 2 at Grace, Utica**  
**In Utica or On Line**

Because his recovery is going well, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has confirmed that he will be with us for our celebration on-site in Utica!

**9:00 a.m. Welcome**      Grace Church Rector, Bishop Duncan-Probe,  
and Presiding Bishop Curry

**10:30 a.m. Morning Session** (Choose from one of the three options)

**Option One: What's the weather, what's for dinner, and what can we do about it?**

In this session, Dr. Michael Hoffmann, Professor Emeritus in the Cornell College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, and Watertown meteorologist Katherine Lenninger will present their unique perspectives on climate change.

**Option Two: "How then shall we live?" A Conversation with the Canons**

In the Book of Ezekiel, in response to the challenges the Israelites are facing, the people call out to God: "How then should we live?" (Ezekiel 33:10). In this conversation with Canons Tom Ferguson and Megan Castellan we will look at how we as people of faith can find comfort, hope, joy, and inspiration in addressing the challenges of our time.

**Option Three: Our Stories: A Conversation about Sacred Ground**

The Rev. Stephanie Spellers, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Evangelism, Reconciliation, and Creation Care, joins us to share the power of stories in helping us in the work of racial healing, especially in light of the Episcopal Church's "Sacred Ground" program. Several people from the diocese who have completed Sacred Ground will also share how parishes can get involved.

**12 p.m. Lunch**

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## **1:15 p.m. Bishops' Panel: A Conversation about the Doctrine of Discovery**

The Rt. Rev. DeDe Duncan-Probe, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Central NY  
The Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse  
The Rev. Lee Miller II, Bishop, Upstate NY Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

## **2:30 p.m. Refreshment Break**

**3:30 p.m. Festive Eucharist** Presiding Bishop Curry, Preacher  
Bishop Duncan-Probe, Celebrant

## **Participating in Celebrate Dio CNY**

To participate in any or all sessions, including Holy Eucharist, you **MUST** register online at [cnyepiscopal.org/celebrate](http://cnyepiscopal.org/celebrate). If you aren't online speak to Mother Julie and she will register you. Space is limited for the morning workshops and afternoon Bishops' panel discussion. You will be asked if you are attending in person or online and what you will be attending. There is no cost.

## **Carpool from St. Alban's**

7:30 a.m. For those spending the day, organized by Kate Bell

## **Carpools from Emmanuel's Parking Lot**

7:30 a.m. For those spending the day, organized by Mother Julie

2:20 p.m. For those attending the Festive Eucharist to hear +Michael Curry preach!!!, organized by Pamela Trendell

A volunteer is needed to livestream the service from the church laptop onto a TV screen in the parish hall at Emmanuel at 3:30 p.m. for those unable to travel. **This service will replace the 5:00 p.m. service.**



**Emmanuel**  
Vestry meets  
Wednesday,  
November 15  
at 3:15 p.m.

**St. Alban's**  
Vestry meets  
Tuesday,  
November 21  
at 6:30 p.m.



**Thanksgiving Eve Service**  
**Wednesday, November 22**  
**3:00 p.m.**

## Mother Julie's Sermon for All Saints' Weekend

We know a saint isn't someone who is perfect. A look at some of them assures us of that. For example, after his many excuses to God outlining why God had picked the wrong person, Moses finally asked God to send someone else. Before he said Yes, Moses said No. Peter denied Jesus 3x. Paul had a white hot temper. Do these people sound like saints? Yet they were called and used by God in astounding ways.

Our baptismal covenant offers for us an outline of what a saint looks like. There are five questions we are asked each time we recite it, which we will again shortly.

Question 1: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

- Saints attend church. They don't make excuses for not going, outside of illness, work, or other compelling reason that God will accept. Zoom has made this possible for many who can't be present in the pews. I think it's a mistake for churches to use livestreaming on Facebook or YouTube instead of Zoom. Yes, Zoom has its technical issues, but the opportunity for fellowship before or after the service is available on Zoom and not on livestreaming.
- Having our souls fed and nourished each week by the Body and Blood of Christ is irreplaceable. There is no substitute for the spiritual benefits received.
- Will you continue in the prayers? For some of us the question needs to be will you pray outside of church services? Do you have a daily prayer practice? If you not in the habit of talking to God how will you know when God is trying to talk to you? God's voice is more quickly recognized by those who talk to God daily.

Question 2: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

- Notice it's not "if" you sin, but "whenever" you sin.
- God can only answer the prayer, "Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me," if you're in the habit of examining what's in your heart. By doing this we get closer and closer to the person God created us to be. Do you want to become that unique creation of God's?

Question 3: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

- It's said that a saint is someone who looks in two directions: Saints look up to God in Christ and look out to the world in love. Christian love, agape love, is proactive, self-sacrificing, and specific in its actions. As James says in his letter, "Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith."
- Acts of love are concrete and tangible. If you know of a need help to take care of it. And outside of the Church, don't forget to do it in the Name of Jesus Christ whenever possible. Christians often make news for condemning people or when not acting in love. We need to show what Christian love really looks like.

- Finally, Matthew 25 describes Judgment Day like this: Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Question 4: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

- Bishop DeDe likes to say that what's important are "relationships, relationships, relationships." She's right. We were created by God out of a desire to share with humanity the love of the Godhead between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through God the Son we are now included in that relationship of pure and perfect love. We are known and loved by God Almighty.
- How do we know? Jesus. God the Son has walked a mile in your shoes. Whose shoes do you need to walk a mile in? God the Son took that love all the way to the cross. How far are you/am I willing to take your/my love?
- Another question for you: Can you love someone that you don't know? How do you get to know them? How do people you desire to serve in Christ's Name go from being objects of ministry to friends? It doesn't happen unless there's a relationship built up first. That's how new Christians are made.

Question 5: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

- Slavery is possible only if we don't respect the dignity of every human being.
- Abuse, in all its forms, is possible only if we don't respect the dignity of every human being.
- The violence of war and genocide are possible only if we don't respect the dignity of every human being.
- But respecting the dignity of every human being requires that we strive for justice and peace. Strive means actively promote, it means being willing to hear what those with whom you are not at peace are saying to you. For example, when you see a "Black Lives Matter" sign what do you hear in your head? Some white people take it to mean that White lives don't matter. Some people take it to mean that someone needs to stand up and proclaim that Black Lives Matter because in today's society only White lives really matter, especially to those in power.

The good news is that the answer to each of these five questions is, "I will, with God's help." We can't do it on our own. One of my favorite definitions of a saint is this: Saints are people whose lives are hard to explain apart from the risen Christ. I end with one of the closing sentences in Morning and Evening Prayer: Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever. Amen.

## Mission and Ministry at Both Parishes

### Now through November 29: Mission of Miracles

After many years the diocesan Mission of Miracles to El Salvador will make its final trip this winter. Through this mission volunteer medical professionals and Spanish speakers from the diocese have brought medical and dental treatment to hundreds of people. They're requesting the following items, to be collected on December 2 at Grace, Utica.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)  
Individually wrapped single, soft toothbrushes  
Toothpaste (larger tubes preferred, please)  
Dental floss  
Muscle rub (like Bengay)  
Anti-fungal cream  
Reader glasses, 2.00 or stronger  
Gently used braces for wrists, ankles, knees, elbows  
Canes

### Thanksgiving through Christmas: Giving Tree

Emmanuel: The Giving Tree will be set up in the parish hall for the children of East Syracuse Elementary School.

St. Alban's: The Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the church for refugees served by InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans. All sizes are needed.

#### On the Tree

Hats  
Scarves  
Gloves & Mittens

#### Under the Tree

Gently used Coats  
Gently used Boots  
Warm Socks (Emmanuel)

## **CRAFT AND VENDOR SALE & BAKE SALE at EMMANUEL** **November 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Pamela Trendell is working with the vendor coordinator. Emmanuel will receive \$40 and an item to raffle from each vendor. Lauren Wojtalewski is advertising the sale.

We need your help to: Provide items for the Bake Sale  
Work in the kitchen preparing and serving meatball sub sale

### **Christmas Cards Needed for Loretto Residents**

This is the time of year when charitable organizations send us Christmas cards in the mail as part of asking for a donation. Don't throw them away! Residents at Loretto can use them to send greetings to their family and friends.



The fronts of used Christmas cards also are accepted and used as decorations. Bring in your cards and Chaplain Kate Bell will bring them to Loretto.

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

Saturday	Emmanuel	* 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Hour 5:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist, Church School on Nov. 4 and 18
Sunday	St. Alban's	* 8:30 a.m.: Bible Study * 9:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m.: Coffee Hour
Thursday	St. Alban's	6:00 p.m.: Chinese Take Out * 7:00 p.m.: Healing and Holy Eucharist

\* 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**

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

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

#### **Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist: **836 0660 6389 & 371096**