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## **Worship on Sunday, November 15**

This weekend is the annual Diocesan Convention. Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe asks that all our parishes join together in worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. This means that there will be a few changes to our schedule this weekend.

### YouTube Website Service

The diocesan service will be posted on our website as soon as possible on Sunday. There will not be a bulletin because the words will be on the screen.

### Sunday Schedule at St. Alban's

9:00 a.m. Bible Study In Person and on Zoom - Code is 835 9000 0245  
Password is 562087

10:00 a.m. Diocesan service In Person and on Zoom - Code is 826 5526 6955  
Password is 315 474 6596

Use your telephone for Zoom on Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Dial **1-646-876-9923**

When prompted Enter **826 5526 6955#**

When prompted Enter **3154746596#**

That will put you in Zoom's waiting room and the host will let you in.

St. Alban's will be represented at convention by Senior Warden Dr. Emera Bridger Wilson and Vestry Member Meg Houston. Thank you Emera and Meg! I will participate as a priest resident in this diocese.

### Bishop's Address and Convention Speaker

Dr. Lisa Kimball is the speaker. She is the Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and the James Maxwell Professor of Lifelong Christian Formation at Virginia Theological Seminary. She is an expert in faith formation and passionate about lay ministry development. She also spoke last year.

**If you would like to hear Bishop DeDe's address, followed by Dr. Kimball's presentation, you are welcome to join me in the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning!**

Mother Julie+

## Priestly Ponderings

Tomorrow is the Feast of St. Martin of Tours. One day Martin, a Roman soldier, met a poor beggar who asked him for alms. Martin had no money. Instead he took off his cloak, cut it in two, and gave half to the shivering young man. That night Martin had a vision. The angels in heaven asked Jesus why he was wearing a dirty, old cloak. Jesus replied, "My friend Martin gave it to me." Martin's true and living faith led to an act of profound Christian generosity. Martin went on to become a monk and then bishop in the church.

Martin's story makes me think of another profound act of generosity, the story of the "Widow's Mite" in the Gospel of Mark: "Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'"

A true and living faith leads to profound acts of generosity, for God's generosity towards us knows no bounds. God sent his only begotten Son, knowing how badly he would be abused, so that our sins could be forgiven and we could be restored to our created status as beloved child of God. In a selfless and generous act Jesus, the Son of God, laid aside his divinity and became a helpless human infant for our sake. He lived a human life, bound by time and subject to the vicissitudes of creaturely status, to call us to back to God.

There are so many ways to be generous. Be generous with your time. Be generous with your money and worldly possessions. Put yourself out to help another. Open your heart with Christ-like love to those you disagree with. Make a difference in someone's life.

May God be generous to you,  
Mother Julie+



## St. Alban's Salutes our Veterans

<b>Amy Donahue</b>	<b>James Donahue</b>
<b>David Gregg</b>	<b>William Houck, Jr.</b>
<b>Jim Kowalczyk</b>	<b>David Leader</b>
<b>Matthew Leader</b>	<b>Rob Lombardo</b>
<b>Skip Visco</b>	<b>Peter Volmes</b>
<b>Dorothy White,</b>	<b>Hamilton White</b>
<b>Andrew Wickenden</b>	<b>David Wiediger</b>



**Thanksgiving Eve, November 25**

5:30 p.m.

In Person and on Zoom

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**Tuesday Abbreviated Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom**

**Zoom Code: 868 3084 1089/Password: 114552**

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**Thursday Rector's Class: Matters of Faith at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom**

**Zoom code: 858 6751 9278/Password: 211036**

### **The City of Syracuse Yellow Zone Rules**

Tomorrow Yellow Zone rules will be imposed on the City of Syracuse and portions of the surrounding area. The Yellow Zone changes will not affect St. Alban's. Yellow Zone rules allow 50% of a House of Worship's capacity. Currently we are in the diocese's Step 3, which allows 33% of capacity. For us that's 40 people and we've had under 15 people every Sunday. Two-thirds of our congregation worships on Zoom on Sunday morning or with the website's YouTube service that I tape on Saturday. Wear a mask, social distance and be safe!

The Neighborhood Watch meeting scheduled for November 18 has been canceled by Bob Gardino, the convener of our group.