

EPIPHANY

Pictured: Genocide survivor Laurencia Mukalemera, a Tutsi, embraces Tasian Nkundiye, a Hutu who murdered her husband. "When he confessed and apologized, I forgave him," she said.

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

"Love Your Enemies"

February 20th, 2022

WELCOME to Epiphany

Jesus says we are to love our enemies

and pray for them, meaning love not in an emotional sense but in the sense of willing their good, which is the sense in which we love ourselves. It is a tall order even so.

African Americans love white supremacists?

The mother of the molested child love the molester?

But when you see as clearly as that who your enemies are, at least you see your enemies clearly too.

You see the lines in their faces and the way they walk when they're tired. You see who their husbands and wives are, maybe. You see where they're vulnerable. You see where they're scared. Seeing what is hateful about them, you may catch a glimpse also of where the hatefulness comes from. Seeing the hurt they cause you, you may see also the hurt they cause themselves. You're still light-years away from loving them, to be sure, but at least you see how they are human even as you are human, and that is at least a step in the right direction.

I did this one sculpture called *Love Your Enemy*, which was Jesus embracing a terrorist. It's interesting because the terrorist is becoming smothered in the embrace. And it seems like all the power is being sucked out of that terrorist. But it was a real interesting exercise for me to do that because, you know, I just think: what does loving your enemy mean? I wanted to see that. I wanted to see the hard-core aspect about what Jesus really means. Seeing it puts a different spin on it in the sense of a new perspective, so to speak. And I find it fascinating to do; so many beautiful passages need to be seen.

~Timothy Schmalz, Sculptor

Profiles In Stewardship

As we renew the call to Epiphany parishioners to be good stewards of their time, we recognize that, through the years, our parish has been blessed to have many parishioners who have answered that same call to service. In upcoming weeks, we will be shining a spotlight on certain of those disciples who have dedicated much of their time to Epiphany and its mission. The parish is fortunate to have many such parishioners and we are very grateful for them. We will begin with some of those who have given generously of their time for over two decades and been exceptionally active in multiple ministries throughout those years. As parishioners, we have all benefited from their efforts and continue to be inspired by their example. Today we shine the spotlight on:

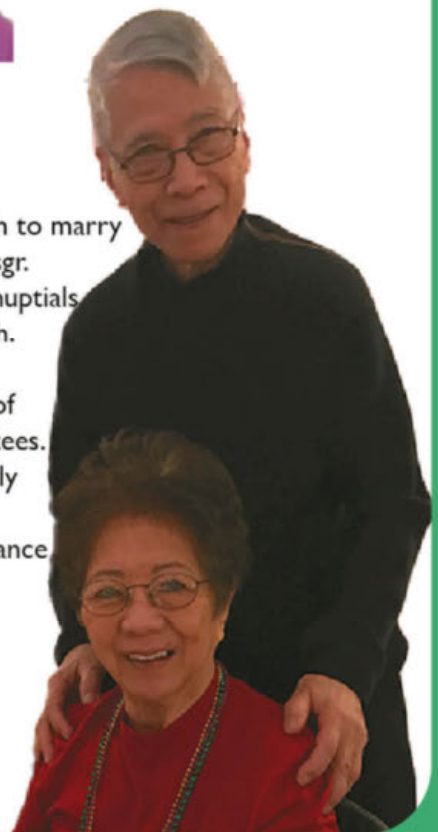
Sr. Doris Sahyonne, RCD

passed away seven years ago, but her presence is still very much part of life at Epiphany, as so many other stories of stewardship were inspired by her. Sr. Doris joined the parish as a pastoral associate in the late '80s. Her many roles included running the RCIA program for over 25 years, coordinating the lectors, providing spiritual direction (including to several current parishioners), serving on the liturgy committee, planning seasonal days of recollection and organizing the annual children's pageant at Christmas Eve Mass. As incredible as this list is,



however, for those who knew Sr Doris, the strongest impression remaining all these years after her passing is her pure gentleness and profound empathy. She was a wonderful listener; according to many, she "radiated spirituality" and had an amazing ability to bring you closer to Christ. Her comforting prayerfulness touched countless parishioners. It is fitting that the sanctuary lamp is dedicated to the memory of Sr. Doris. She was a true woman of the Gospel.

In 1971, when **Jose Ramos** was looking for a church in which to marry his dear wife, Luella (pictured below), he happened to meet then-pastor Msgr. Costello, who encouraged him to become a parishioner and celebrate his nuptials at Epiphany. Jose agreed and he and Luella were soon married in our church. Upon joining the parish, Jose became a lector and a member of the parish council, roles he continued in for many years. He has also been a member of the event planning committee and is currently one of the parish's two trustees. Jose always stands ready to support the initiatives of the parish and is clearly a leader among the Filipino members of our community. Generations of Epiphany parishioners have certainly been the beneficiaries of Jose's acceptance of Msgr. Costello's invitation all those years ago.



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THIS WEEK

FEBRUARY 20-27, 2022

Sunday
February
20

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time C
11am Family Mass/Hunger Sunday
7:30pm Young Adults Mass

Monday
21

12:10pm Mass
Miraculous Medal Novena
The Chosen, 7pm, Parish Hall

Tuesday
22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
22 Club 11am-2pm
12:10pm Mass
Prayer Corps (ZOOM) 2:30pm

Wednesday
23

Memorial of St. Polycarp
12:10pm Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 12:40 (church)
Breaking Open the Word (ZOOM) 7pm

Thursday
24

12:10pm Mass
Young Adults Alpha 7PM (Parish Hall)

Friday
25

12:10pm Mass
Pocket Prayer Shawl 2pm
Sant Egidio Prayer 6:30pm (Church)

Saturday
26

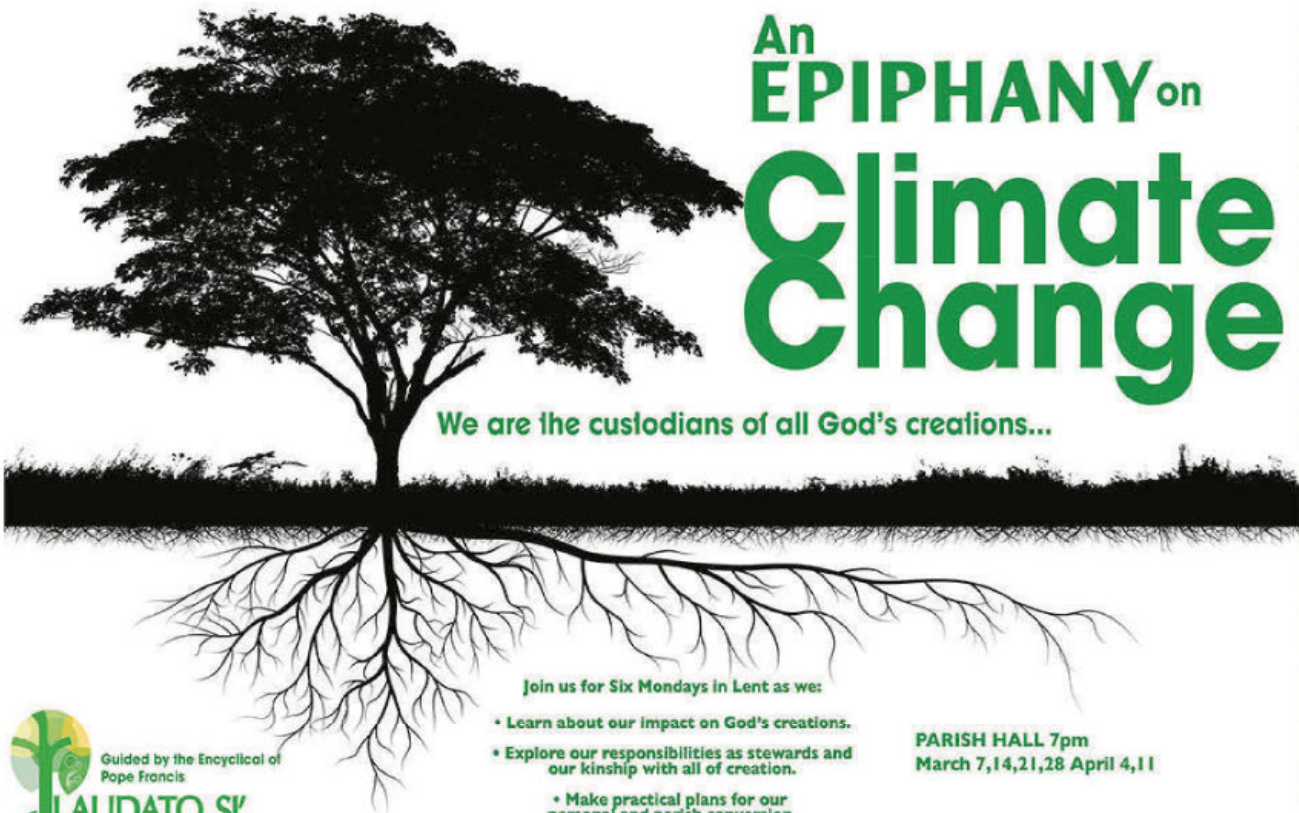
4pm Vigil Mass

Sunday
27

Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time C
11am Family Mass/Food Drive
7:30pm Young Adults Mass

Featured Events

@ Epiphany



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Ash Wednesday - March 2

Ashes will be distributed
at the 12:10 pm Mass
and at Prayer Services
3:30 pm & 5:30 pm

BASKET COLLECTION

February 12-13

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February 6

\$4526

SANCTUARY LAMP
will burn in memory of
John Caradonna
February 20-26

COVID PROCEDURES AT EPIPHANY

The Archdiocese of New York has informed us that mask requirements in church are lifted for everyone; those who wish to continue to wear a mask may do so at their discretion. At this time we are instructed to refrain from offering the Precious Blood, and to offer the Body of Christ in the hand only. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to keep everyone safe from the Covid virus.

MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10pm

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 19

4:00pm Addison & Sherrington families
living & deceased

Sunday, February 20 *Seventh Sunday C*

11:00am Theresa Zieran

7:30pm Ann Ahern

Monday, February 21

NO MASS TODAY--President's Holiday

Tuesday, February 22 *Chair of St. Peter*

12:10pm intentions of Dale K. Graves

Wednesday, February 23 *Mem. St. Polycarp*

12:10pm Presentación Valencia

Thursday, February 24

12:10pm Peter Lagatta

Friday, February 25

12:10pm Conchita Garcia-Mallari

Saturday, February 26

4:00pm Giuseppe Astorina

Sunday, February 27 *Eighth Sunday C*

11:00am Hattie M. Maddox

7:30pm Joann Evans

Monday, February 28

12:10pm Santiago Vasquez Sr.

Tuesday, March 1

12:10pm *Poor Souls in Purgatory*

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