



I am part of a bigger picture!

November is Native American Peoples Month!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- + **Christ the Ruler of All**
- + **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY!**
- ♣ **Stuff the Stocking kicks off!**
- ♥ **Happy B'day Hugh Brown & Danny Dromm!**
- + **Rev. Mike Easterling, preaching**
(I Sam. 12: 24 & Mt. 25: 14-30)

- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, November 27: Office Closed

- + **Anniversary of Harvey Milk (1978)**
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, November 28

- ♥ **Happy Birthday Julia Murray!**
- ♥ **Happy Anniv. Rev. Mike & Casey Easterling!**
- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, November 29

- 1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm **Q Clinic (3rd floor)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, November 30

- ♥ **Happy Birthday Dante Sabatino!**
- ♥ **Happy Anniv. Wade Russo & Steven Rodick!**

2023: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round"

Thursday, November 30 (continued)

- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom**
- 7:00 pm Restoration Temple Rehearsal
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, December 01: WORLD AIDS DAY

- ♣ **International Day of Disabled Persons**
- + **Rosa Parks Civil Disobedience (1955)**
- 12:15 pm **Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin (Facebook)**
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 6:00 pm **QUEER HOLIDAY MARKET! (see ad)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Saturday, December 02

- 1:00 pm The Freedom Room at MCCNY
- 2:00 pm **QUEER HOLIDAY MARKET!**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 03

- + **1st Sunday of Advent**
- + **World AIDS Sunday**
- + **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**
- + **Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching**
(Is. 63:16-19, 64:1-8 & Mt. 13:33-37)
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* **9am & 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!**

* **Pantry and shelter remain open. + For pastoral calls: 332-400-7488**

CHANGE:

MCCNY has a new phone#:
332-400-7488

Please make sure the Church has your
cell phone number and email address!
Send to: RvPatMCCNY@aol.com

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

November 26, 2023
✦ Stewardship Sunday

MCC globally celebrates "55 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"
51st Anniversary Year at MCCNY: "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round"

The Community at Worship 11am

ASL Interpreter (First, second, and third Sundays of the month and special celebrations)

Pat Dash

PROCESSION

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#87/Hymnal

Please stand as able

✦ *Baptism of Cody Quincy Holloman*

WELCOME

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

I Samuel 12: 24

The First Lesson

I Samuel 12: 24

Ustedes sólo tienen que respetar a Dios y rendirle culto a Dios con verdad y de todo corazón, teniendo en cuenta lo mucho que Dios ha hecho por ustedes.

+ **Esta es la Palabra de Dios**
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Only revere God and serve God faithfully with all your heart, for consider what great things God has done for you.

+ **This is the Word of God**
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Matteo 25: 14-30

The Second Lesson

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesús dijo, "Sucederá también con el reino de los cielos como con una persona que, estando a punto de irse a otro país, llamó a los empleados y les encargó que le cuidaran su dinero. A uno de ellos la persona le entregó cinco mil monedas, a otro dos mil y a otro mil: a cada uno según la capacidad de cada uno. Entonces la persona se fue de viaje. El empleado que recibió las cinco mil monedas hizo negocio con el dinero y ganó otras cinco mil monedas. Del mismo modo, el empleado que recibió dos mil ganó otras dos mil. Pero el empleado que recibió mil fue y escondió el dinero en un hoyo que hizo en la tierra. Mucho tiempo después volvió el jefe de aquellos empleados, y se puso a hacer cuentas con ellos. Primero llegó el empleado que había recibido las cinco mil monedas, y entregó a su jefe otras cinco mil, diciéndole: 'Soberano, usted me dio cinco mil, y aquí tiene otras cinco mil que gané.' El jefe le dijo a la persona: 'Muy bien, eres un empleado bueno y fiel; ya que fuiste fiel en lo poco, te pondré a cargo de mucho más. Entra y alégrate conmigo.' Después llegó el empleado que había recibido las dos mil monedas, y dijo: 'Soberano, usted me dio dos mil, y aquí tiene otras dos mil que gané.' El jefe le dijo a la persona: 'Muy bien, eres un empleado bueno y fiel; ya que fuiste fiel en lo poco, te pondré a cargo de mucho más. Entra y alégrate conmigo.' Pero cuando llegó el empleado que había recibido las mil monedas, la persona dijo a el jefe: 'Soberano, yo sabía que usted es una persona dura, que cosecha donde no sembró y recoge donde no esparció. Por eso tuve miedo, y fui y escondí su dinero en la tierra. Pero aquí tiene lo que es suyo.' El jefe le contestó a la persona: 'Tú eres un empleado malo y perezoso, pues si sabías que yo cosecho donde no sembré y que recojo donde no esparcí, deberías haber llevado mi dinero al banco, y yo, al volver, habría recibido mi dinero más los intereses.' Y el jefe dijo a los que estaban allí: 'Quítenle las mil monedas, y dáselas a la persona que tiene diez mil. Porque a la persona que tiene, se le dará más, y tendrá de sobra; pero a la persona que no tiene, hasta lo poco que tiene se le quitará. Y a este empleado inútil, échelo fuera, a la oscuridad. Entonces vendrán el llanto y la desesperación.'"

+ **Esta es la Palabra de Dios**
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus said, "For the reign of heaven is as if a person, going on a journey, summoned workers and entrusted the property to them; to one the person gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability. Then the person went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the money. After a long time the householder came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Sovereign, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' The householder said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into my joy.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Sovereign, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' The householder said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter my joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Sovereign, I knew that you were harsh, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But the householder replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent away, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless person, throw them into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

SERMON

**The Rev. Mike Easterling
Metropolitan Community Church of New York**

SPECIAL MUSIC

+ *Call for Pledges for 2024*

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Offering Call

+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!

~ Please prayerfully consider direct donations through your bank or credit card giving.

THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

**Deacon Brenton Buchanan
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner**

God is with you
AND ALSO WITH YOU
Let us open our hearts
WE OPEN THEM TO GOD
Let us give God thanks and praise
IT IS A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING TO DO

MCCNY celebrates an OPEN COMMUNION. Everyone is welcome to share in the Gifts of God for the People of God. (Grape juice is used so that all may freely share in this meal. For those with health concerns, distributors sanitize their hands immediately before the service. Communion wafers for those with wheat or gluten allergies are available upon request. Please let your server know if you need this service.) A prayer of blessing will be offered, unless you request the sacrament only.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE SACREDNESS OF THIS SACRAMENT by praying silently or by joining in the singing of hymns.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

#256/Hymnal

"Take My Life . . ."

#220/Hymnal

"Cristo, Cristo"

#47/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

#99/Hymnal
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

PROGRAMMING at MCCNY

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION PROGRAM: Spiritual Direction is a process in which a mentor accompanies one person - the directee - for an extended period of time. Through conversation, prayer, and spiritual exercises, the mentor helps the directee clarify spiritual issues so that s/he can move toward a deeper experience with the Divine. To seek Direction, contact Bishop Reg at 332-400-7488.

LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: Beginning October 2nd, all worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) will be live-streamed. Go to [facebook.com/mccny](https://www.facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: art, videos, and dialogue, among others. Come to one session, some sessions, or all sessions on Zoom. Contact: lambseeker@hotmail.com

MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact prayers@mccny.org. You will receive a weekly list of prayer concerns about members and friends of our congregation, the wider MCC community, and social justice issues.

MCCNY E-Newsletter: This e-newsletter provides reflections, news and information for members and friends of MCC New York. If you want to subscribe, email Mike Easterling at Mike@mccny.org or text MCCNY to 22828.

PLEASE REMEMBER to list the Church and our phone number among those to be contacted in case of illness or an emergency. Church Pastors will contact and visit you. Please send your information to Mike at Mike@mccny.org

MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488

SUPPORT MCCNY!

Options abound!



- Sign up for one time or recurring giving at www.easytithe.com/mccny
- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to **646-681-7445**
- Email Rev. Mike at mike.mccny@gmail.com to have credit giving set up for you

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What MCCNY Means to Me

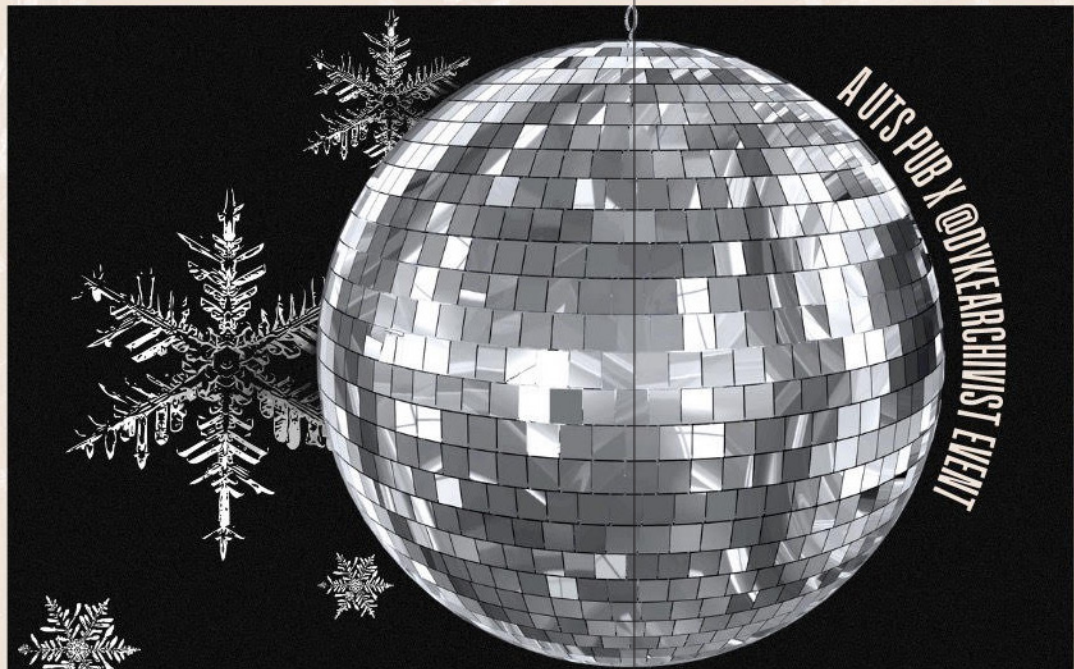
"You've come to the right place" said my Holy Communion server Mike Weiser to me the very first time I attended MCCNY in 1994. My dear boyfriend of 16 years had just died, and I was in desperate need of healing.

I found healing in the fellowship and love of the congregation. I found it in Bishop Pat's powerful message that God made us Queer and loves us just as we are – and in the beautiful liturgies she presides over (the ex-altar boy in me loves the 9 a.m. traditional liturgy!)

I found it in the uplifting music of dozens of choir members and musicians over the decades, including superstars David Raleigh and John Fischer and song leaders Colleen Sovory and Carolyn Eufrazio-Traore. And I found it in seeing the concrete results that our social justice ministry helped bring about: in 2002, spearheaded by Sylvia Rivera, adding transgender rights to NYC's anti-discrimination law, and in Pride Week 2011, New York state's enactment of Marriage Equality – after many years of Bishop Pat's headline-grabbing civil disobedience acts performing then-illegal same-sex marriages in high-profile locations from City Hall and the Bronx Courthouse to the City Clerk's official wedding chapel.

Last but far from least, I know I've come to the right place because here I can worship God every week right next to beloved animal companions (Quincy, dear Kerry, and now Sammy), just as I trust they will be right next to me rejoicing and praising God for all eternity in heaven above. ~Joe Kennedy

A Disco to December



A UTS PUB X @DMVARCHIVIST EVENT

with exclusive

**COMMUNITY STORYTELLING & BEATS
BY DJ JORGE ALVIS**

IN JAMES CHAPEL @ UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



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