Saturday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve!
7:00 pm Christmas Eve by Candlelight! Gala Party!

♥ Happy Birthday Deacon Len & Moshay Moses!
♥ Happy (legal) Anniversary Bradley Curry & Mel Bryant!
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
+ Christmas Day
+ 11am Service of Lessons & Carols!
+ Gala Holiday Brunch!
★ Birthday Sunday!
+ The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching (Is. 62: 11-12 & Mt. 1: 18-25)

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, Dec. 26: Office Closed
Kwanzaa begins!
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS— to 8pm)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Tuesday, Dec. 27
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

Leading with Our Legacy

Wed., Dec. 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents
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)
6:00 pm Access Forum w/Arnold Mungioli
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Thursday, Dec. 29: Happy Birthday
Daniel Schnorbus & Fernando Santos!
5:00 pm Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
7:00 pm Restoration Temple Rehearsal
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Friday, Dec. 30: Feast of the Holy Family
12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin (Facebook)
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Saturday, Dec. 31: New Year’s Eve!
♥ Happy Birthday Deacon Brenton & Wade Russo!
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
+ New Year’s Day! ★ Service at 11am only!
★ Kwanzaa Sunday!
+ World Day of Peace/Solemnity of Mary
♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Jim Merritt!
8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am resumes Jan. 8th
9:00 am Traditional Liturgy Live-streamed resumes Jan. 8th
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
11:00am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
Lighting of Kwanzaa Candles!
9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Kwanzaa Candles!

★ 9am & 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!
★ Pantry and shelter remain open. ★ For pastoral calls: (212) 629-7440

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

Peace on Earth! Good will toward all!

December is World AIDS Month!
The Community at Worship 11am
ASL Interpreter (First, second, and third Sundays of the month and special celebrations)

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

THE LESSON
La Lección Primera
The First Lesson
Isaías 9: 1-6

Al principio Dios humilló a Galilea, tierra de Zabulón y de Neftalí, región vecina a los gentiles, que se extiende desde el otro lado del Jordán hasta la orilla del mar; pero después Dios le concedió mucho honor. El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad vio una gran luz; una luz ha brillado para los que vivían en tinieblas. Dios, ha traído una gran alegría; muy grande es el gozo. Todos se alegran delante de ti como en tiempo de cosecha, como se alegran los que se reparten grandes riquezas. Porque tú has deshecho la esclavitud que oprimía al pueblo, la opresión que lo afligía, la tiranía a que estaba sometido. Fue como cuando destruiste a Madián. Las botas que hacían resonar los soldados y los vestidos manchados de sangre serán quemados, destruidos por el fuego. Porque nos ha nacido un niño, Dios nos ha dado un niño, a el niño Dios se le ha concedido el poder de gobernar. Y le darán estos nombres: Admirable en sus planes, Dios invencible, Criador eterno, Príncipe de la paz.

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

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time God brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time God will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked without light have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land of deep shadows — on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased their joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a child given to us; authority rests upon this child’s shoulders, and this child is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Creator, Source of Peace.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE
La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson
Lukas 2: 1-14

Por aquel tiempo, el emperador Augusto ordenó que se hiciera un censo de todo el mundo. Este primer censo fue hecho siendo Quirino gobernador de Siria. Todos tenían que ir a inscribirse a su propio pueblo. Por esto, José salió del pueblo de Nazaret, de la región de Galilea, y se fue a Belén, en Judea, donde había nacido David, porque José era descendiente de David. José fue allá a inscribirse, junto con María, su esposa, que se encontraba encinta. Y sucedió que mientras estaban en Belén, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz. Y allí nació su niño primogénito, y lo envolvieron el niño en pañales y lo acostó en el establo, porque no había alojamiento para ellos en el mesón. Cerca de Belén había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo cuidando sus ovejas. De pronto se les apareció un ángel de Dios, y la gloria de Dios brilló alrededor de ellos; y tuvieron mucho miedo. Pero el ángel les dijo: “No tengas miedo, porque les traigo una buena noticia, que será motivo de gran alegría para todos: Hoy les ha nacido en el pueblo de David un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Soberano. Como señal, encontrarán ustedes al niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un establo.” En aquel momento aparecieron, junto al ángel, muchos otros ángeles del cielo, que alababan a Dios y decían: “¡Glória a Dios en las alturas! ¡Paz en la tierra entre las personas de buena voluntad!”

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios
TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. Joseph went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn and wrapped the child in bands of cloth and laid the child in a manger, because there was no place in the house. Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of God stood before them, and the glory of God shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Sovereign. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased!”

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SELECTION
SERMON
The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Church of New York

SPECIAL MUSIC
THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS
+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!
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THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

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

“The First Nowell” #62/Pink Pages
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” #32/Pink Pages
“O Little Town of Bethlehem” #47/Pink Pages

CLOSING SONG
“Noche de Paz/Silent Night” #60/Pink Pages
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION
Gala Reception! All are welcome!

+ Stained Glass by Jackson Hall
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 212-629-7440.

LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: Beginning October 2nd, all worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) will be live-streamed. Go to 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

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### Holiday Schedule at MCCNY!

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| November 27th      | **1st Sunday of Advent**  
+ Lighting of the Advent Wreath                                    | The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching          |
| December 4th       | **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
+ Lighting of the Advent Wreath                                    | Candidate Mike Easterling, preaching              |
| December 9th–11th  | **Queer Holiday Market**  (see flyer)                                        |                                                    |
| December 11th      | **Gaudete Sunday**  
+ Lighting of the Advent Wreath  
+ Blessing of Children and Youth                                    | The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching          |
| December 18th      | **4th Sunday of Advent**  
+ Lighting of the Advent Wreath                                    | The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching          |
| December 24th      | **Christmas Eve**  
+ 7pm Candlelight Service  
+ Gala Holiday Party!                                                  | The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching          |
| December 25th      | **Christmas Day**  
+ 11am Service of Lessons and Carols                                   | The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching             |
| January 1st        | **New Year’s Day**  
+ 11am Celebration only!  
+ Lighting of the Kwanzaa Candles                                    | The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching          |
| January 8th        | **Feast of the Epiphany**  
+ 51st Anniversary of MCCNY!                                           | The Rev. Dr. William Knight, preaching           |

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### SMALL GROUPS at MCCNY

Do you have an interest in organizing a small group? In-person or virtual?  
Submit your idea to Casey Easterling at casey.mccny@gmail.com
MCCNY is a member of Metropolitan Community Churches, a global movement of faith with congregations in 40 nations. The Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, Founder

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