

I, too, sing America. • I am the darker brother. • They send me to eat in the kitchen • When company comes. • But I laugh, • And eat well, • And grow strong. • Tomorrow • I'll be at the table • When company comes. • Nobody'll dare • Say to me, • "Eat in the kitchen," • Then. • Besides, • They'll see how beautiful I am • And be ashamed— • I, too, am America.
~Langston Hughes, "I, Too" (1926)

February is African American History Month

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

+ 2nd Sunday in African American History Month

- ❖ Lunar New Year Celebrated!
- + Blessing of Relationships! + World Day of the Sick
- ♥ Happy B'day Kay Osborn & Juan Gutierrez!
- + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Lev. 13: 1-2, 44-46 & Mark 1: 40-45)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am Traditional Liturgy

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00am Celebration Liturgy: Kedrick Faulk, Special Music!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, February 12: Office Closed

Lincoln's Birthday

5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, February 13

♥ Happy Birthday Ernesto Declet Ross!

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, February 14: + Ash Wednesday

♥ Valentine's Day

♥ Happy Birthday Gene Matarese & Gareth McHenry!

♥ Anniversary of the 2005 City Hall

Wedding Chapel break-in and weddings!

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)

7:00 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Distribution of Ashes

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

2024: We are the Church Alive!

Thursday, February 15:

Nirvana Day (d. of Buddha)

♥ Happy Birthday Lala (R. J. Reyes) and Sybil Bruncheon (John)!

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, February 16

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, February 17

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Gayle Parker-Davis!

1:00 pm The Freedom Room at MCCNY

4:00 pm Lala at the Stonewall Inn to benefit Sylvia's Place

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

+ 3rd Sunday in African American History Month

+ 1st Sunday in Lent

+ The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching

(Gen. 9: 5-15 & Mark 1: 12-15)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am Traditional Liturgy

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy:
Sylvester McCracken, Special Music!

12:30 pm Choir Brainstorming Meeting

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

* 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

The Community at Worship 11am

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

Pat Dash



PRELUDE

Udi Gershuni, Music Director
Heidi Siegel, Song Leader

PROCESSION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Printed

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

+ *Blessing of Relationships*

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

Levítico 13: 1-2, 43-46

The First Lesson

Leviticus 13: 1-2, 43-46

Dios se dirigió a Moisés y Aarón, y les dijo: "Cuando alguien tenga hinchazones, erupciones o manchas en la piel del cuerpo, o llagas que parezcan de lepra, deberá ser llevado al sacerdote Aarón o a uno de los sacerdotes descendientes de Aarón. Entonces el sacerdote lo examinará la persona, y si la hinchazón de la llaga en las partes calvas es de color blanco-rojizo, tal como se ve la lepra en la piel del cuerpo, esa persona está enfermo de lepra, pues tiene la cabeza llagada. Es una persona impuro, y así lo declarará el sacerdote. La persona que tenga llagas de lepra, deberá llevar rasgada la ropa y descubierta la cabeza, y con la cara semicubierta gritará: '¡Impuro!, ¡Impuro!' Y mientras tenga las llagas será considerado la persona impuro; tendrá que la persona vivir solo y fuera del campamento."

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

God spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "When a person has on the skin of their body a swelling or an eruption or a spot and it turns into a defiling disease on the skin, the person shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of Aaron's children the priests. The priest shall examine the person; if the diseased swelling is reddish-white on his bald head or on their bald forehead, which resembles a defiling disease in the skin of the body, the person is defiled; they are unclean. The priest shall pronounce the person unclean; the disease is on their head. The person who has the defiling disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of their head be disheveled, and they shall cover their upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.' They shall remain unclean as long as they have the disease; they are unclean. They shall live alone; their dwelling shall be outside the camp."

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Marcos 1: 40-45

The Second Lesson

Mark 1: 40-45

Una persona enfermo de lepra se acercó a Jesús, y poniéndose de rodillas le dijo a Jesús: "Si quieres, puedes limpiarme de mi enfermedad." Jesús tuvo compasión de la persona; lo tocó con la mano y dijo: "Quiero. ¡Queda limpio!" Al momento se le quitó la lepra al enfermo, y quedó limpio. Jesús lo despidió en seguida, y le recomendó mucho: "Mira, no se lo digas a nadie; solamente ve y preséntate al sacerdote, y lleva, por tu purificación, la ofrenda que ordenó Moisés, para que conste ante los sacerdotes." Pero la persona se fue y comenzó a contar a todos lo que había pasado. Por eso Jesús ya no podía entrar abiertamente en ningún pueblo, sino que se quedaba fuera, en lugares donde no había gente; pero de todas partes acudían a verlo.

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

A person with a skin disease came to Jesus begging, and kneeling said to Jesus, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the person, "I am willing. Be made clean!" Immediately the skin disease left the person who was made clean. After sternly warning the person Jesus sent them away at once, saying, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded as a testimony to them." But the person went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the word, so that Jesus could no longer go into a town openly but stayed out in the country, and people came to Jesus from every quarter.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

SELECTION

SERMON

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 Buchannan
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

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

#228/Hymnal

"Amor de Jesús Nos Unio"

#15/Hymnal

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

#182/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"You've Got the Whole World"

#286/Hymnal

Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

❖ *Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!*

✚ *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: All worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) are now live-streamed. Go to [facebook.com/mccny](https://www.facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

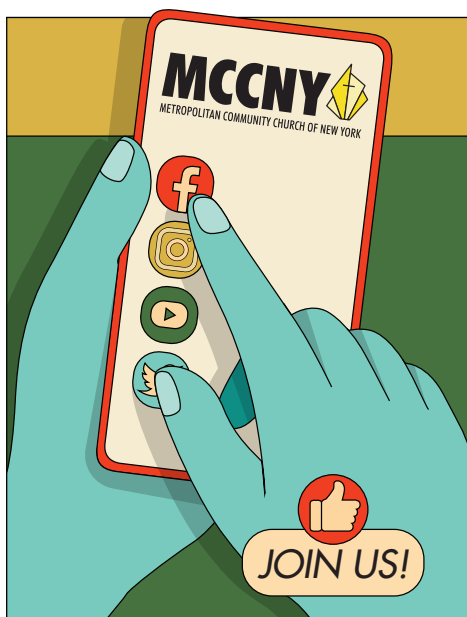
BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: 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 in the prayer ministry 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 Rev.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 Rev. Mike at Mike@mccny.org

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



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Lent is Coming!

Ash Wednesday, February 14th at 7pm
+ Service with Distribution of Ashes
To receive ashes during the day, call (332)400-7488

Celebrate Holy Week & Easter!

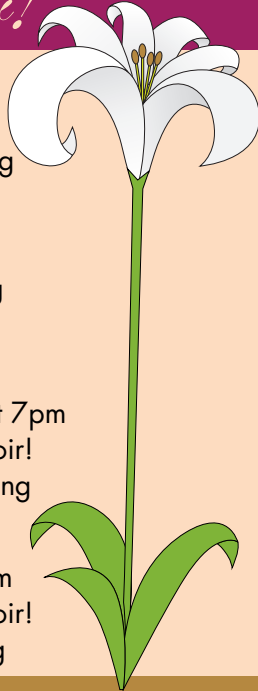
Palm Sunday, March 24th
+ Blessing of Palms
+ The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt, preaching

Holy Thursday, March 28th
Footwashing Service at 7pm
+ The Rev. Mike & Casey Easterling
Potluck to follow!

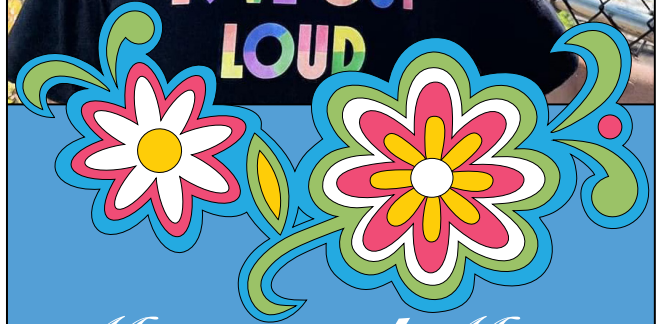
Good Friday, March 29th
with Lavender Light Gospel Choir at 7pm
+ Carolyn Traore and MCCNY Choir!
+ The Rev. Mike Easterling, preaching

Holy Saturday, March 30th
with Lighting of the New Fire at 7pm
+ Carolyn Traore and MCCNY Choir!
+ The Rev. Kristen Orion, preaching

Easter Sunday, March 31st
One service at 11am!
+ Carolyn Traore and MCCNY Choir!
+ The Rev. Pat Bumgardner, preaching
Gala Reception and Easter Egg Hunt for Children!



Jimmy Lopez Acosta



Memorial Mass

Saturday, February 17th, 2:00pm
St. John's in the Village
Episcopal Church
218 W 11th St., New York, NY 10014

Dignity of New York, Jimmy's worship community, will host and perform the service. There will be a small reception after the mass.

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- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to 646-681-7445
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