



# First in My Heart

September is Hispanic Peoples Month/Hunger Action Awareness Month

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

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

### + HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

♥ Gala Reception ♥ Movieola!  
♥ One service at 11am!

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Ps. 90: 1 & Mt. 6: 19-21, 25-34)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am (resumes Sept. 24)

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** (resumes Sept. 24)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

### Monday, September 18: Office Closed

♣ **National Migrant Week**

+ **National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Tuesday, September 19

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

7:00 pm **Board Meeting**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Wednesday, September 20

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, Sept. 21: + Internat'l Day of Peace/ Global Day of Prayer to End Famine

♥ **Happy Anniv. Rev. Robin & Jonathan!**

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, Sept. 22: ♣ **Native American Day**

+ **Emancipation Proclamation** (Issued 1862 to be effective January 1, 1863)

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, Sept. 23

♣ **Bisexuality Awareness Day**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

### 1st SUNDAY after HOMECOMING!

♥ **Happy Birthday Nane He Falu!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

(Is. 55: 6-9 & Mt. 20: 1-16)

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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](mailto:RvPatMCCNY@aol.com)

**MCCNY**   
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

September 17, 2023  
+ Homecoming Sunday!

MCC globally celebrates "53 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



## PRELUDE

Jimmy Lim, Accompanist  
Kedrick Faulk, soloist

## PROCESSION

"Coming to Our Own"

Printed

*Please stand as able*

## WELCOME

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

## THE LESSON

La Lección Primera  
The First Lesson

Salmos 90: 1  
Psalm 90: 1

O Dios, tú has sido nuestro refugio por todas las edades.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

**TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

O God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

+ This is the Word of God

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda  
The Second Lesson

Matteo 6: 19-21, 25-34  
Matthew 16: 19-21, 25-34

Jesús dijo, "No amontonen riquezas aquí en la tierra, donde la polilla destruye y las cosas se echan a perder, y donde los ladrones entran a robar. Más bien amontonen riquezas en el cielo, donde la polilla no destruye ni las cosas se echan a perder ni los ladrones entran a robar. Pues donde esté tu riqueza, allí estará también tu corazón. Por lo tanto, yo les digo: No se preocupen por lo que han de comer o beber para vivir, ni por la ropa que necesitan para el cuerpo. ¿No vale la vida más que la comida y el cuerpo más que la ropa? Miren las aves que vuelan por el aire: no siembran ni cosechan ni guardan la cosecha en graneros; sin embargo, Dios que está en el cielo les da de comer. ¡Y ustedes valen más que las aves! En todo caso, por mucho que uno se preocupe, ¿cómo podrá prolongar su vida ni siquiera una hora? ¿Y por qué se preocupan ustedes por la ropa? Fíjense cómo crecen los lirios del campo: no trabajan ni hilan. Sin embargo, les digo que ni siquiera Salomón, con todo su lujo, se vestía como uno de ellos. Pues si Dios viste así a la hierba, que hoy está en el campo y mañana se quema en el horno, ¿con mayor razón los vestirá a ustedes, gente falta de fe! Así que no se preocupen, preguntándose: '¿Qué vamos a comer?' o '¿Qué vamos a beber?' o '¿Con qué vamos a vestirnos?' Todas estas cosas son las que preocupan a los gentiles, pero ustedes tienen un Dios celestial que ya sabe que las necesitan. Por lo tanto, pongan toda su atención en el reino de los cielos y en hacer lo que es justo ante Dios, y recibirán también todas estas cosas. No se preocupen por el día de mañana, porque mañana habrá tiempo para preocuparse. Cada día tiene bastante con sus propios problemas."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

**TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS**

Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your God in heaven feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will God not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed God in heaven knows that you need all these things. But seek first the reign of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

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

## **SELECTION**

### **SERMON**

**The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor  
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 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**

“Softly and Tenderly”

#206/Hymnal

“Blest be the Tie”

#26/Hymnal

“Es la Vida”

#62/Hymnal

### **CLOSING SONG**

“You’ve Got the Whole World”

**#286/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](mailto:lambseeker@hotmail.com)

**MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry:** If you would like to participate or send prayer requests, please contact [prayers@mccny.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.easytithe.com/mccny)
- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to 646-681-7445
- Email Mike ([mike.mccny@gmail.com](mailto:mike.mccny@gmail.com)) to have credit giving set up for you

# Celebrate



# HOMECOMING

♥ SUNDAY! ♥

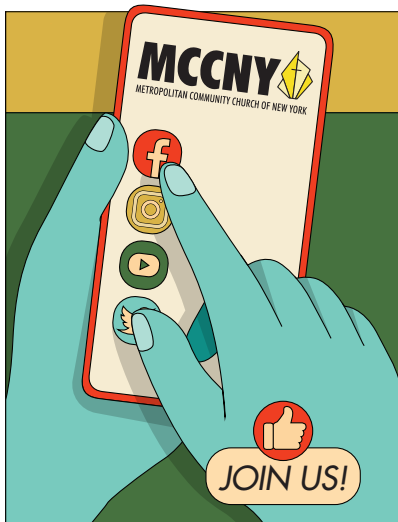
!!!!TODAY!!!!

Check out the **MOVIEOLA** gathering with Deacon Len and Mary Elizabeth Poole! Today in the Gallery beginning at 1:30pm.

And while you're there, visit the new **ARCHIVE PROJECT** by Sam Davis, celebrating MCCNY's history.

\*Add your remembrance, too!

*Reconnect with your family of faith!*



## Connect with MCCNY

**Website:** [www.mccny.org](http://www.mccny.org)

**Facebook:** MCCNY

**Instagram:** @m\_c\_c\_n\_y

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The Little Big Band	

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Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Rev. Mike Easterling
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**PROGRAMMING**

**Religious Education/Membership**

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Michael Easterling . . . . .	Membership
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**Christians of African Descent**

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**Hospitality** . . . . . Esmerelda and Camilla

**Newsletter/Bulletin**

Deacon Frances Wood . . . . .	<i>The Query</i> Editor
Deacon Les LaRue . . . . .	<i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design

**Audio & Virtual Ministries**

Live-streaming 9am . . . . .	John Phelps
Live-streaming 11am . . . . .	Bob Ferrara, audio
Virtual Worship Leader . . . . .	Shelby Sparks
	Casey Easterling

**Web Sites**

	John Phelps
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**ASL Interpreter**

	Pat Dash
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**Instagram and Facebook**

	Casey Easterling
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