



**“Dream until it’s your reality.”** ~NYC sidewalk



# SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

## + HOMECOMING SUNDAY!

### One Celebration at 11am!

- \* **Nat’l HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness Day**
- + **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Ex. 32: 2-14 & Lk. 15: 11-32)

- 8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am (resumes 9/25)
- 9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** (resumes 9/25)
- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- \* **Followed by Gala Reception and Community Forum!**
- 12:30 pm Genderpeople w/Moshay Moses is on break
- 9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Youth Shelter

### Monday, September 19: Office Closed

- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

### Tuesday, September 20

- 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, September 21

#### + International Day of Peace/ Global Day of Prayer to End Famine

- 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

### Thursday, September 22

#### + Emancipation Proclamation, 1862

(issued 01/01/1863)

#### + Anniv. of Fr. John McNeill (2015)

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

### Friday, Sept. 23: Bisexuality Awareness Day!

#### + Native American Day

#### + Anniv. of Rev. Eli Nealy (2021)

- 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, September 24

- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

# SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

## + 1st SUNDAY after HOMECOMING!

#### + Deacon Les LaRue, preaching

(Amos 6:1-7 & Luke 16:19-31)

#### \* Charlie Beal, Gilbert Baker Foundation: Special Presentation

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## \* 11AM CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!

\* **Pantry and shelter remain open.** + **For pastoral calls: (212) 629-7440**



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September 18, 2022  
+ Homecoming Sunday/11am

MCC globally celebrates “53 Years of Offering Our Light to the World”  
50th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: Leading with Our Legacy

The Community at Worship 11am

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

Pat Dash

## PRELUDE

Evan Swanson, Director of Music  
Carolyn Traore, 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

Éxodo 32: 7-14

The First Lesson

Exodus 32: 7-14

Dios le dijo a Moisés: “Anda, baja, porque tu pueblo, el que sacaste de Egipto, se ha echado a perder. Muy pronto se han apartado del camino que yo les ordené seguir. Se han hecho un becerro de oro fundido, y lo están adorando y presentándole ofrendas; y dicen: ‘¡Israel, éste es tu dios, que te sacó de Egipto!’” Además, Dios le dijo a Moisés: “Me he fijado en esta gente, y me he dado cuenta de que son muy tercos. ¡Ahora déjame en paz, que estoy ardiendo de enojo y voy a acabar con ellos! Pero de ti voy a hacer una gran nación.” Moisés, sin embargo, trató de calmar a Dios con estas palabras: “Soberano, ¿por qué vas a arder de enojo contra tu pueblo, el que tú mismo sacaste de Egipto con gran despliegue de poder? ¿Cómo vas a dejar que digan los egipcios: ‘Dios los sacó con la mala intención de matarlos en las montañas, para borrarlos de la superficie de la tierra’? Deja ya de arder de enojo; renuncia a la idea de hacer daño a tu pueblo. Acuérdate de tus siervos Abraham, Isaac e Israel, a quienes juraste por ti mismo y les dijiste: ‘Haré que los descendientes de ustedes sean tan numerosos como las estrellas del cielo, y toda esta tierra que les he prometido a ustedes se la daré como su herencia para siempre.’” Dios renunció a la idea que Dios había expresado de hacer daño a el pueblo.

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

God said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” God said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored God and said, “O Sovereign, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that God brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And God had a change of mind about the disaster that once was planned for this people.

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THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Lucas 15: 11-32

The Second Lesson

Luke 15: 11-32

Jesús dijo: “Una persona tenía dos niños, y el más joven le dijo a su padre: “Padre, dame la parte de la herencia que me toca.” Entonces el padre repartió los bienes entre ellos. Pocos días después el niño menor vendió su parte de la propiedad, y con ese dinero se fue lejos, a otro país, donde todo lo derrochó llevando una vida desenfadada. Pero cuando ya se lo había gastado todo, hubo una gran escasez de comida en aquel país, y al niño menor comenzó a pasar hambre. Fue a pedir trabajo a una persona del lugar, que lo mandó a los campos a cuidar cerdos. Y tenía ganas de llenarse con las algarrobas que comían los cerdos, pero nadie se las daba. Al fin el niño menor se puso a pensar: “¡Cuántos trabajadores en la casa de mi padre tienen comida de sobra, mientras yo aquí me muero de hambre! Regresaré a casa de mi padre, y le diré: Padre mío, he pecado contra Dios y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme tu niño; trátame como a uno de tus trabajadores.” Así que se puso en camino y regresó a la casa de su padre. Cuando todavía estaba lejos, su padre lo vio y sintió compasión de este niño. Corrió a su encuentro, y lo recibió con abrazos y besos. El niño le dijo: ‘Padre mío, he pecado contra Dios y contra ti; ya no merezco llamarme tu niño.’ Pero el padre ordenó a sus trabajadores: ‘Saquen pronto la mejor ropa y vístanlo; pónganle también un anillo en el dedo y sandalias en los pies. Traigan el becerro más gordo y mátenlo. ¡Vamos a celebrar esto con un banquete! Porque este niño mío estaba muerto y ha vuelto a vivir; se había perdido y lo hemos encontrado.’ Comenzaron la fiesta. Entre tanto, el niño mayor estaba en el campo. Cuando regresó y llegó cerca de la casa, oyó la música y el baile. Entonces el niño menor llamó a uno de los trabajadores y le preguntó qué pasaba. El trabajador le dijo: ‘Es que su hermano ha vuelto; y su padre ha mandado matar el becerro más gordo, porque lo recobró sano y salvo.’ Pero tanto se enojó el niño mayor, que no quería entrar, así que su padre tuvo que salir a rogarle que lo hiciera. Le dijo a su padre: ‘Tú sabes cuántos años te he servido, sin desobedecerte nunca, y jamás me has dado ni siquiera un cabrito para tener una comida con mis amigos. En cambio, ahora llega este niño tuyo, que ha malgastado tu dinero con prostitutas, y matas para él el becerro más gordo.’ El padre le contestó: ‘Niño mío, tú siempre estás conmigo, y todo lo que tengo es tuyo. Pero había que celebrar esto con un banquete y alegrarnos, porque tu hermano, que estaba muerto, ha vuelto a vivir; se había perdido y lo hemos encontrado.’”

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Jesus said, "There was a person who had two children. The younger of them said to the parent, 'My parent, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So the parent divided his assets between them. A few days later the younger child gathered all they had and traveled to a distant region, and there squandered the wealth in dissolute living. When this child had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and they began to be in need. So they went and hired themselves out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent them to the fields to feed the pigs. The younger child would gladly have filled their stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave the child anything. But when the youngest came to their senses they said, 'How many of my parent's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my parent, and I will say, "My parent, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your child; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So the youngest set off and went to their parent. But while they were still far off, the parent saw the child and was filled with compassion; and ran and put their arms around the child and kissed them. Then the child said, 'My parent, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your child.' But the parent said to the workers, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on this child; put a ring on their finger and sandals on their feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this child of mine was dead and is alive again; was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now the eldest child was in the field, and as they came and approached the house, they heard music and dancing. The eldest called one of the workers and asked what was going on. The worker replied, 'Your sibling has come, and your parent has killed the fatted calf because your sibling is back safe and sound.' Then the eldest became angry and refused to go in. The parent came out and began to plead with the eldest. But the eldest child answered, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like someone enslaved to you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this child of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with dissolute living, you killed the fatted calf for them!' Then the parent said, 'My child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this sibling of yours was dead and has come to life; was lost and has been found.'"

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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**

**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. Dr. Brett Degoldi  
Mike Easterling**

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**

"Caridad y Compasión"

#34/Hymnal

"God, I Want to Be a Christian"

#74/Hymnal

"Seek Ye First"

#196/Hymnal

## **CLOSING SONG**

"Keep Hope Alive"

*Please stand as able*

*Keep hope alive, keep hope alive — Don't let the dream die —  
Got to keep hope alive — (repeat)*

## **BENEDICTION**

**\* Community Forum and Luncheon \***

**✚ Stained Glass by Jackson Hall**



# 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](mailto:casey.mccny@gmail.com)

*September is*

# HUNGER ACTION MONTH!

Through MCCNY Charities, the Sylvia Rivera Food Pantry provides lunch to 450 New Yorkers in need every week, and MCCNY Homeless Youth Services provide drop-in services to 75 youth per week.

Support the work of MCCNY Charities by purchasing items from the **WISH LIST** ([tinyurl.com/MCCNYhungeraction](http://tinyurl.com/MCCNYhungeraction))

*Thank you for your support!*

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**LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY:** Beginning September 25th, 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)

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

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	Shelby Sparks

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	John Phelps
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**ASL Interpreter**

	Pat Dash
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