



Your Light has come!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 05

¡Día de los Sabios!

+ Epiphany Sunday!

+ 53rd Anniversary of MCCNY

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Is. 60:1-6 & Mt. 2:1-12)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, January 06: Office Closed

♥ Happy 14th Birthday Joshua Cherry-Holmes!

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

7:00 pm RTM Choir Rehearsal

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, January 07

♥ Happy Birthday Martin Eiden!

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 January 08

♥ Happy Anniversary Noah & Kathy Seaton!

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 **PASTORAL STAFF**

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

Thursday, January 09

♥ Happy Birthday Pedro & Rev. Brett!

9:00 am Food Pantry

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

6:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, January 10

12:15 pm **Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett (Facebook)**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Saturday, January 11

*** Human Trafficking Awareness Day**

♥ Happy Anniversary Jazz & David Prettyman!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

+ 2nd Sunday of Epiphany!

+ Miracle of Recovery Sunday!

+ Baptism of Jesus

♥ Happy Birthday Yolanda Cheryy-Holmes!

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching

(Is. 40:1-11 & Lk. 3:15-22)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

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

January 05, 2025

✚ Epiphany Sunday/Día de los Sabios

MCC globally celebrates "55 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"

53rd Anniversary Year at MCCNY: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

The Community at Worship 11am

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

Pat Dash

PRELUDE

John Fischer, Music Director
Carolyn Traore, Song Leader

PROCESSION

"Los Sabios de Oriente"

#43/Pink Pages (v. 1-5)

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

✚ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

Isaías 60:1-6

The First Lesson

Isaiah 60:1-6

Levántate, Jerusalén, envuelta en resplandor, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria de Dios brilla sobre ti. La oscuridad cubre la tierra, la noche envuelve a las naciones, pero Dios brillará sobre ti y sobre ti aparecerá la gloria de Dios. Las naciones vendrán hacia tu luz, los gobernantes vendrán hacia el resplandor de tu amanecer. Levanta los ojos, y mira a tu alrededor: todos se reúnen y vienen hacia ti. Tus hijos vendrán desde lejos; tus hijas serán traídas en brazos. Tú, al verlos, estarás radiante de alegría, tu corazón se llenará de gozo; te traerán los tesoros de los países del mar, te entregarán las riquezas de las naciones. Te verás cubierta de caravanas de camellos que vienen de Madián y de Efá; vendrán todos los de Sabá, cargados de oro y de incienso, y proclamarán las acciones gloriosas de Dios.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you. For obscurity shall cover the earth and thick darkness the peoples, but God will arise upon you, and the glory of God will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light and rulers to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together; they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you; the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of God.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Matteo 2:1-12

The Second Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesús nació en Belén, un pueblo de la región de Judea, en el tiempo en que Herodes era gobernante del país. Llegaron por entonces a Jerusalén unos sabios del Oriente que se dedicaban al estudio de las estrellas, y preguntaron a Herodes, "¿Dónde está el gobernante de los hebreos que ha nacido? Pues vimos salir un estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo a este niño. Herodes se inquietó mucho al oír esto, y lo mismo les pasó a todos los habitantes de Jerusalén. Mandó Herodes llamar a todos los jefes de los sacerdotes y a los maestros de la ley, y les preguntó dónde había de nacer el Mesías. Ellos le dijeron a Herodes, "En Belén de Judea; porque así lo escribió el profeta: 'En cuanto a ti, Belén, de la tierra de Judá, no eres la más pequeña entre las principales ciudades de esa tierra; porque de ti saldrá un gobernante que guiará a mi pueblo Israel.'" Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los sabios, y se informó por ellos del tiempo exacto en que había aparecido la estrella. Luego Herodes los mandó a Belén, y les dijo: "Vayan allá, y averigüen todo lo que puedan acerca de ese niño; y cuando lo encuentren, avísenme, para que yo también vaya a rendirle homenaje." Con estas indicaciones de Herodes, los sabios se fueron. Y la estrella que habían visto salir iba delante de ellos, hasta que por fin se detuvo sobre el lugar donde estaba el niño. Cuando los sabios vieron la estrella, se alegraron mucho. Luego entraron en la casa, y vieron al niño con María, su madre; y arrodillándose le rindieron homenaje. Abrieron sus cofres y le ofrecieron oro, incienso y mirra. Después, advertidos en sueños de que no debían volver a donde estaba Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

In the time of the ruler Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born ruler of the Hebrew people? For we observed the star of this child in the east and have come to pay homage." When Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, Herod inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the Magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then Herod sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found this child, bring me word so that I may also go and pay homage." When they had heard Herod, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid the child homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered the child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another way.

**+ 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 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

"As with Gladness . . ."

#9/Pink Pages

"Brightest and Best . . ."

#11/Pink Pages

"Another Year is Dawning"

#8/Pink Pages

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 . . .

BENEDICTION

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

Thank you Deacon Brenton and all our volunteers!

✚ *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.

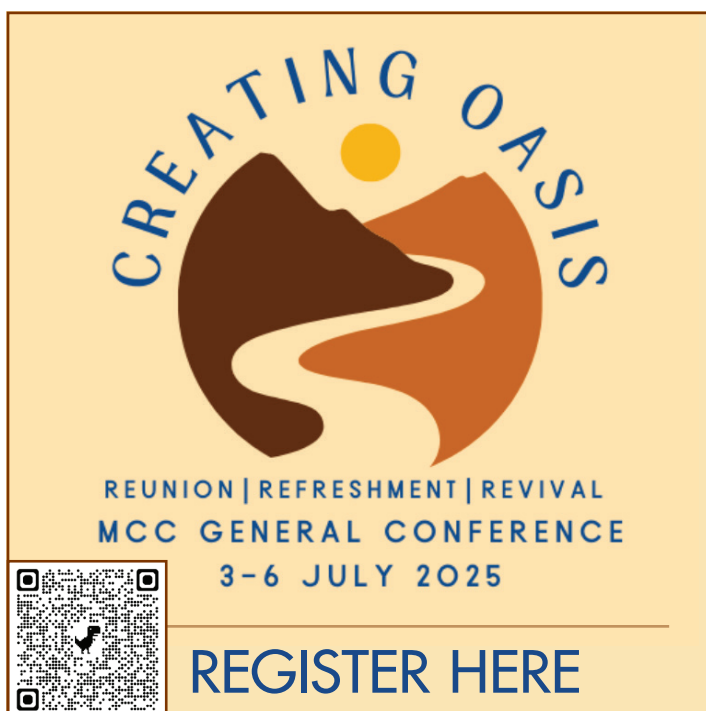
LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY: All worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) are now live-streamed. Go to facebook.com/mccny and celebrate with your family of faith!

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.

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.

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





MCCNY ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING!

Please join members of MCCNY's Board of Directors on **Sunday, January 25th** following the 11am Celebration.

Reports of the year will be received and a new budget presented.

Are you anxious about the intensified hostility toward marginalized communities following the election?

REMEMBER THIS:

MCCNY is here.
We will love you,
celebrate you,
and support you
as we
work together to
build God's infinitely
diverse commonwealth.

MCCNY is here and
we're Queer as ever.

PLEDGING

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I am Part of a BIGGER PICTURE

My 2025 Pledge

My pledge

- I pledge to tithe by committing to donate 10% of my income to MCCNY. My 2025 pledge will be approximately: \$_____ weekly/monthly *(circle one)*
- I pledge to give \$_____ weekly/monthly *(circle one)*

How I will give my pledge

- I am currently a recurring giver.
- I plan to become a recurring giver by credit/debit card or giving envelope.



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of New York**
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New York, NY 10018

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Sign up for recurring giving by filling out this card and dropping it in the offering basket, or mail it to MCCNY (at the address below left), or visit www.mccny.org and click on **Donate**.

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

CCV: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Giving Amount: \$ _____

Giving Frequency: weekly
 bi-monthly (1st and 16th)
 monthly (1st of the month)
 monthly (16th of the month)



PASTORAL STAFF

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| The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner | Pastor |
| The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi | Staff Clergy |
| The Rev. Reg Richburg | Staff Clergy |
| The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt | Staff Clergy |
| John Fischer | Director of Music |
| Heidi Siegell | Music Ministry |
| The Little Big Band | |

MCCNY Charities

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| LaDedra Brown | HYS Program Manager |
| Kailiah Hayes | Food Pantry Manager |

LAY DELEGATES

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Deacon Jen Heyward |
| John Fischer | Mary Jane Gibney, alternate |

BOARD OF DEACONS

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Deacon Philip Pares |
| Deacon Tressie Carter | Deacon Len Richardson |
| Deacon Jen Heyward | Deacon Frances Wood |
| Deacon Les LaRue | |

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Bp. Pat Bumgardner | Moderator |
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| Lyndsey Jones-McAdams | Special Events |
| Theresa Pascoe | Finances |
| Rob Franek | Public Relations/Outreach |
| Sam Davis | Scribe |

PROGRAMMING

Religious Education/Membership

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| Bishop Reg Richburg | Facilitator |
| Deacon Tressie Carter | Membership |

Christians of African Descent

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Facilitator |
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E-Prayer Group

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| Deacon Jen Heyward | Facilitator |
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| Hospitality | Deacon Brenton Buchannan |
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Newsletter/Bulletin

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

Audio & Virtual Ministries

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| Live-streaming | John Phelps |
| Virtual Worship Leader | Bob Ferrara |

Web Sites

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| | John Phelps |
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ASL Interpreter

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Instagram and Facebook