



What are you fishing for?

2026: A Year of Resilience!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

+ 4th Sunday of Epiphany

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniv. Rev. Margaret Aymer!**

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching

(Is. 8: 23 - 9: 3 & Mt. 4: 12-23)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

12:30 pm **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** (see ad)

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, January 26: Office Closed

+ Anniversary of David Kato (2010)

♥ **Happy Birthday Jackie Marino-Thomas!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, January 27

❖ **Internat'l Day of Commemoration of Victims of the Holocaust**

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 28

♥ **Happy Birthday Dom Serpinetto!**

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, January 29

♥ **Happy Birthday Young Tim Mathis!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Robert King & Barry Barr!**

Thursday, January 29 (continued)

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 30

+ Anniversary of Gandhi (1948)

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Joe Cobb and Philip Pares!**

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 31

❖ **House of Representatives votes to End Enslavement (1865)**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Miller!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

+ February is African American History Month

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 01

+ 1st Sunday in African American History Month

+ National Day of Prayer for African American and African Families

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Don Eastman!**

+ Ms. Tonie Boykin, preaching

(Zeph. 2:3,3:1-13 & Mt. 5:1-12.)

9:00 am Lay Preachers Class

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

*** 11am CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!**

*** Pantry and shelter remain open. + For pastoral calls: 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 25, 2026
✚ Epiphany IV

MCC globally celebrates "57 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"
54th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Resilience!

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
Heidi Siegell, Soloist

PROCESSION

"Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"

#119/Hymnal

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
The First Lesson

Isaías 9: 1-3
Isaiah 9: 1-3

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, has 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.

+ 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; those who lived in a land of deep shadows—on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Mateo 4: 12-23
Matthew 4: 12-23

Cuando Jesús oyó que habían metido a Juan en la cárcel, se dirigió a Galilea. Pero Jesús no se quedó en Nazaret, sino que se fue a vivir a Cafarnaúm, a orillas del lago, en la región de las tribus de Zabulón y Neftalí. Esto sucedió para que se cumpliera lo que había escrito el profeta Isaías: "Tierra de Zabulón y de Neftalí, al otro lado del Jordán, a la orilla del mar: Galilea, donde viven los gentiles. El pueblo que andaba en la oscuridad vio una gran luz; una luz ha brillado para los que vivían en sombras de muerte." Desde entonces Jesús comenzó a proclamar: "Vuélvanse a Dios, porque el reino de los cielos está cerca." Jesús iba caminando por la orilla del Lago de Galilea, cuando vio a dos hermanos: uno era Simón, también llamado Pedro, y el otro Andrés. Eran pescadores, y estaban echando la red al agua. Jesús les dijo: "Sígueme, y yo los haré pescadores de la humanidad." Al momento dejaron sus redes y se fueron con Jesús. Un poco más adelante, Jesús vio a otros dos hermanos: Santiago y Juan, niños de Zebedeo, que estaban con su padre en una barca arreglando las redes. Jesús los llamó, y en seguida ellos dejaron la barca y a su padre, y se fueron de Jesús. Jesús recorría toda Galilea, enseñando en la sinagoga de cada lugar. Anunciaba la buena noticia del reino y curaba a la gente de todas sus enfermedades y dolencias.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. Jesus left Nazareth and made a home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat without light have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the reign of heaven has come near." As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two siblings, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed Jesus. As Jesus went from there, he saw two other siblings, James child of Zebedee and his sibling John, in the boat with their parent Zebedee, mending their nets, and Jesus called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Jesus. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the reign and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

SELECTION

SERMON

**The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, Pastor
Metropolitan Community Churches 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

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

#16/Hymnal

"Es la Vida"

#62/Hymnal

"Yo te Amo"

#9/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Please stand as able

*Lead me, guide me, along the way
For if You lead me, I cannot stray
Jesus, let me walk each day with Thee
Lead me, my God, lead me. . .*

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 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

**TRANSGENDER
SUICIDE HOTLINE
(Trans Lifeline):
877-565-8860**

**NEW Special Toll Free
Suicide & Mental Health Hotline
for LGBTQ+ Community:**

1-877-330-6366

Thank you, Canada!



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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.

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MCCNY**



WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed warrant by a criminal court judge. They can only come in if you let them.



REMAIN SILENT

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

*Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent".



DO NOT SIGN

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



REPORT & RECORD!

Report immediately: UWD hotline 1-844-363-1423.

Take pictures & video unless you're on federal government property.
Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney & explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail - don't give up hope! Join your local team to defend yourself from enforcement!

Know Your Power Record and Report:



Step 1 - Ensure Audio and recording is on and ready to be used and linked to a cloud.

Step 2 - Get information of the officer's, name, badge and agency.

Step 3 - Narrate the date, time and location of event.

Step 4 - Do not disclose the information of your loved ones or yourself to the agents.

Step 5 - Report it to the **MigraWatch** Hotline and send your video/pics to migrawatch@unitedwedream.org

Always remember you have the power to make choices, you have a choice over your safety, how you respond and what you choose to share.

To learn more about your power and your rights visit:

unitedwedream.org/knowyourpower

While asserting our rights does not guarantee the stop of arrest at the moment, it is important to exercise our rights to facilitate our defense. You are not alone. Our movement is ready to support you, fight for your freedom, and reclaim the humanity of our community.



PASTORAL STAFF

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
Carolyn Traore	Music Ministry
Heidi Siegel	Music Ministry

MCCNY Charities

LaDedra Brown	HYS Program Manager
Kailiah Hayes	Food Pantry Manager

LAY DELEGATES

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

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Deacon Tressie Carter	Deacon Len Richardson
Deacon Jen Heyward	Deacon Frances Wood
Deacon Les LaRue	

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PROGRAMMING

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Bishop Reg Richburg	Facilitator
Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

Christians of African Descent

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Facilitator
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E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Deacon Frances Wood	The Query Editor
Deacon Les LaRue	The Query/Bulletin Design

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Live-streaming	John Phelps
Virtual Worship Leader	Bob Ferrara
	Margot Wagner

Web Sites	Rev. Jim Merritt
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ASL Interpreter	Pat Dash
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