

Whose God is this?

✢ *November is Native American Peoples Month* ✢

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

✢ **CHRIST THE RULER OF ALL**

✢ **THANKSGIVING & STEWARDSHIP Sunday!**

✢ **Deacon Les LaRue, preaching**
(1 Peter 4:10 & Mt. 25: 14-30)

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
1:00 pm Amader Dawat (Bengali Queer Liberation) in Sanctuary
1:00 pm ♥ Wellington's 1st Birthday Party! (in Gallery)
2:00 pm Annual Transgender Prayer March (Union Square)
9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, November 23: Office Closed

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

Tuesday, November 24

♥ **Happy Birthday Corrine Bertram and Eric James!**

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,November 25

♥ **Happy Birthday Wellington, Rev. B. K. Hipsher, and Gustavo Davis!**

♥ **Happy Ministry Anniversary Bishop Zach!**

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

2026: A Year of Resilience!

Thursday, November 26: THANKSGIVING DAY!

♥ **Happy Birthday Hugh Brown & Danny Dromm!**

9:00 am Food Pantry
11:00 am Service of Gratitude! Gala Thanksgiving meal! (see ad)
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 (resumes next week)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, November 27

✢ **Anniversary of Harvey Milk (1978)**

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, Nov. 28

♥ **Happy Birthday Julia Murray!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

✢ **1st Sunday of Advent**

✢ **World AIDS Sunday**

♥ **Happy Birthday Brian Miller!**

✢ **The Rev. Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Is. 63:16-19, 64:1-8 & Mt. 13: 33-37)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
1:00 pm 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**

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November 22, 2026 **MCC globally celebrates "57 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"**
✢ Thanksgiving/Stewardship Sunday **54th Anniversary Year at MCCNY: A Year of Resilience!**

The Community at Worship 11am with Long Island Community Fellowship of West Babylon
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

"Bellas Palabras de Vida/Wonderful Words of Life" **#205/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 **1 Pedro 4:10**
The First Lesson **1 Peter 4:10**

Como buenos administradores de los diferentes dones de Dios, cada uno de ustedes sirva a los demás según lo que haya recibido.

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

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

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THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda **Mateo 25:14-30**
The Second Lesson **Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus dijo, "Sucederá también con el reino de los cielos como con un jefe que, estando a punto de irse a otro país, llamó a los empleados y les encargó que le cuidaran el dinero del jefe. A uno de ellos el jefe le entregó cinco mil monedas, a otro dos mil y a otro mil: a cada uno según su capacidad. Entonces el jefe se fue de viaje. El empleado que recibió las cinco mil monedas hizo negocio con el dinero y ganó otras cinco mil monedas. Del mismo modo, el empleado que recibió dos mil ganó otras dos mil. Pero la personal que recibió mil fue y escondió el dinero del jefe en un hoyo que hizo en la tierra. Mucho tiempo después volvió el jefe de aquellos empleados, y se puso a hacer cuentas con ellos. Primero llegó el empleado que había recibido las cinco mil monedas, y entregó a el jefe otras cinco mil, diciéndole: 'Soberano, usted me dio cinco mil, y aquí tiene otras cinco mil que gané.' El jefe le dijo a el empleado: 'Muy bien, eres un empleado bueno y fiel; ya que fuiste fiel en lo poco, te pondré a cargo de mucho más. Entra y alégrate conmigo.' Después llegó el empleado que había recibido las dos mil monedas, y dijo: 'Soberano, usted me dio dos mil, y aquí tiene otras dos mil que gané.' El jefe le dijo a este empleado : 'Muy bien, eres un empleado bueno y fiel; ya que fuiste fiel en lo poco, te pondré a cargo de mucho más. Entra y alégrate conmigo.' Pero cuando llegó el empleado que había recibido las mil monedas, el empleado dijo a su jefe: 'Soberano, yo sabía que usted es una persnona dura, que cosecha donde no sembró y recoge donde no esparció. Por eso tuve miedo, y fui y escondí el dinero en la tierra. Pero aquí tiene lo que es suyo.' El jefe le contestó a la persona: 'Tú eres un empleado malo y perezoso, pues si sabías que yo cosecho donde no sembré y que recojo donde no esparcí, deberías haber llevado mi dinero al banco, y yo, al volver, habría recibido mi dinero más los intereses.' Y dijo a los que estaban allí: 'Quítenle las mil monedas, y dénselas a la empleado que tiene diez mil. Porque a la persona que tiene, se le dará más, y tendrá de sobra; pero a la persona que no tiene, hasta lo poco que tiene se le quitará. Y a este empleado inútil, échenlo fuera, a la oscuridad. Entonces vendrán el llanto y la desesperación.'"

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

Jesus said, "For it is as if a householder, going on a journey, summoned the laborers and entrusted the property to them; to one the householder gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability. Then the householder went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid the householder's money. After a long time the householder came and settled accounts with the laborers. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Sovereign, you

handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' The householder said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into my joy.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Sovereign, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' The householder said, 'Well done, good and trustworthy worker; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into my joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Sovereign, I knew that you were harsh, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But the householder replied, 'You wicked and lazy person! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from this one, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless worker, throw them into the outer abyss, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

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THANKS BE TO GOD

SELECTION

SERMON — **Deacon Les LaRue**
Metropolitan Community Churches

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS ✢ *Reception of Pledge Cards* — **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 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

"Gracias, Dios"	#85/Hymnal
"Seek Ye First"	#196/Hymnal
"Ubi Caritas"	#245/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG **"Eyes on the Prize"** ***by Mavis Staples & Rylan Peter Cooder*** *Please stand as able*

Paul & Silas bound in jail
Had no money to go to their bail
Keep your eyes on the prize hold on

Hold on (hold on) Hold--on (Hold--on)
Keep your eyes on the prize hold on

Well, the only chains we can stand
Are the chains of hand in hand
Keep your eyes on the prize hold on
Got my hand on the freedom plow
Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now

· *Hold on...*

BENEDICTION

♥ *Everyone is welcome to join in a light immediately following the Benediction!*

✢ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

OVER →

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: The 11am Celebration is 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.

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

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Join your family of faith on

THANKS-GIVING DAY!

November 26, 2026

11am Service of Gratitude

with Homilist Shawn Wilson Eiden,
followed by gala traditional Thanksgiving meal!

Open to All! Come and give thanks to God!

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- **S** — Size of the group of officers
- **A** — Actions/Activity *What are they doing?*
- **L** — Location *Address or street names*
- **U** — Uniforms/Clothes *Look for letters*
- **T** — Time/Date
- **E** — Equipment/Weapons

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