



# Prepare Ye the Way of Our God!

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 08

### + 2nd Sunday of Advent

♥ Happy Anniv. Montel & Yolanda Cherry-Holmes!

+ The Rev. Pat Bumgardner, preaching  
(Baruch 5: 1-9 & Luke 3: 1-6)

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, December 09: Office Closed

#### + Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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, December 10: IDAHOBIT

#### ♣ Animal Rights Day

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, December 11

♥ Happy 21st B'day Alexandre Moreíra-Dumaine!

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

6:00 pm Pastoral Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)

### Thursday, December 12

#### + Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

♥ Happy John Phelps & Walter Maddox!

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

## 2024: We are the Church Alive!

### Thursday, December 12 (continued)

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Friday, December 13

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

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

6:00 pm Plant Medicine Group (see Jessie Daniels)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

### Saturday, December 14

#### + Anniversary of Sandy Hook (2012)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

### + 3rd Sunday of Advent

#### + Gaudeté Sunday!

#### + Prayer for Children and Youth

#### ♣ Gun Violence Prevention Sunday

#### + Anniversary of U.N. Statement on Rights of Queer People (2015)

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Dianne Fisher!

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(Zeph. 3: 14-18 & Luke 3: 10-18)

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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)



December 08, 2024  
✚ 2nd Sunday of Advent

MCC globally celebrates "55 Years of Offering Our Light to the World"  
52nd Anniversary Year at MCCNY: We are the Church Alive!

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  
James Rushin, Accompanist  
Carolyn Traore, Song Leader

## PROCESSION

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel/O Ven, O Ven Emmanuel"

#50/Pink Pages (v. 1-3)  
*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

Baruch 5: 1-9  
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¡Jerusalén, quítate tu ropa de luto y aflicción, y vístete de gala con el esplendor eterno que Dios te da! Vístete la túnica de la victoria de Dios, y ponte en la cabeza la corona de gloria del Eterno. Dios mostrará en toda la tierra tu esplendor, pues el nombre eterno que Dios te dará es: "Paz en la justicia y gloria en el servicio a Dios." ¡Levántate, Jerusalén, colócate en lugar alto, mira hacia el oriente y verás cómo vienen tus niños de oriente y occidente, reunidos por orden del Dios santo, alegres al ver que Dios se acordó de ellos! Cuando se alejaron de ti, iban a pie, llevados por sus enemigos; pero Dios te los traerá gloriosamente, como realeza en el trono. Dios ha ordenado que se aplanen los altos montes y las colinas eternas, que las cañadas se rellenen y la tierra quede plana, para que Israel pase por ellos tranquilamente, guiado por la gloria de Dios. Los bosques y todos los árboles olorosos darán sombra a Israel por orden de Dios, porque Dios guiará a Israel con alegría, a la luz de la gloria de Dios, O Dios y le mostrará el amor y la justicia.

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

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting, for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven, for God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies, but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of God's glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from God.

+ This is the Word of God  
THANKS BE TO GOD

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda  
The Second Lesson

Lucas 3: 1-6  
Luke 3: 1-6

Era el año quince del gobierno del emperador Tiberio, y Poncio Pilato era gobernador de Judea. Herodes gobernaba en Galilea, su hermano Filipo gobernaba en Iturea y Traconítide, y Lisaniás gobernaba en Abilene. Anás y Caifás eran los sumos sacerdotes. Por aquel tiempo, Dios habló en el desierto a Juan, el niño de Zacarías y Isabel, y Juan pasó por todos los lugares junto al río Jordán, diciendo a la gente que ellos debían volverse a Dios y ser bautizados, para que Dios les perdonara sus pecados. Esto sucedió como está escrito en el libro del profeta Isaías: "Una voz grita en el desierto: 'Preparen el camino de Dios; ábránle un camino recto. Todo valle será relleno, todo cerro y colina será nivelado, los caminos torcidos serán enderezados, y allanados los caminos disparejos. Todo el mundo verá la salvación que Dios envía.'"

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his sibling Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John child of Zechariah and Elizabeth in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of God; make the paths of God straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

**+ 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

"Abranse los Cielos"

#1/Pink Pages

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#30/Pink Pages

"On Jordan's Banks"

#54/Pink Pages

### CLOSING SONG

**"Christ is Coming!"**

**#13/Pink Pages**  
*Please stand as able*

### 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.

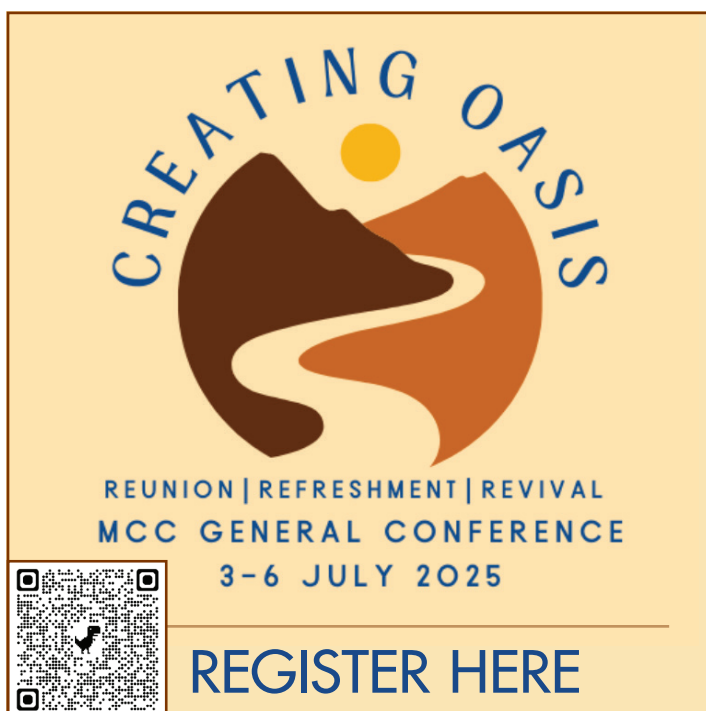
**LIVE-STREAMING at MCCNY:** All worship celebrations (9am Traditional and 11am Celebration) are now live-streamed. Go to [facebook.com/mccny](https://facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

**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 in the prayer ministry 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.

**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.

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332-400-7488



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Celebrate the



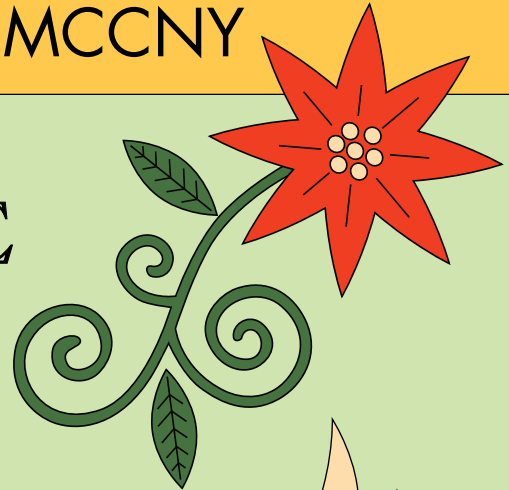
# HOLIDAYS

with your family of Faith at MCCNY

December 24

## CHRISTMAS EVE

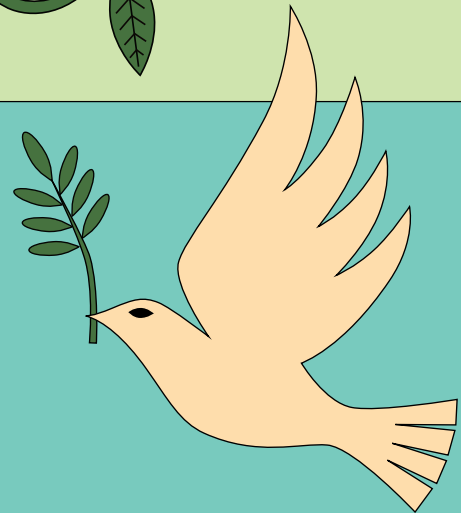
7pm Candlelight service  
*followed by Annual  
Holiday Feast and Party!*



December 25

## CHRISTMAS DAY

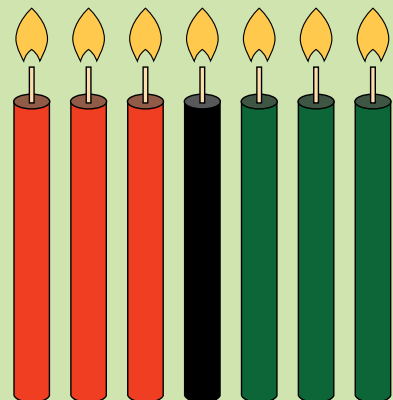
11am Service of Lessons  
and Carols  
*followed by Holiday Brunch!*



December 29 (11am only)

## KWANZAA SUNDAY

Lighting of the Kwanzaa Candles  
*(9am resumes on January 5th)*



## PASTORAL STAFF

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

### MCCNY Charities

LaDedra Brown . . . . .	<b>HYS Program Manager</b>
Kailiah Hayes . . . . .	<b>Food Pantry Manager</b>

### LAY DELEGATES

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

### BOARD OF DEACONS

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bp. Pat Bumgardner . . . . .	<b>Moderator</b>
Jessie Daniels . . . . .	<b>Special Events</b>
Lyndsey Jones-McAdams . . . . .	<b>Special Events</b>
Theresa Pascoe . . . . .	<b>Finances</b>
Rob Franek . . . . .	<b>Public Relations/Outreach</b>
Sam Davis . . . . .	<b>Scribe</b>

## PROGRAMMING

### Religious Education/Membership

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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Hospitality . . . . .	Deacon Brenton Buchannan
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### Newsletter/Bulletin

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

### Audio & Virtual Ministries . . . . .

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

### Web Sites . . . . .

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### ASL Interpreter . . . . .

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### Instagram and Facebook