



Walk in the Light!

✦ **March is Women's History Month**

2026: A Year of Resilience!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

- ✦ **3rd Sun. Women's History Month**
- ✦ **4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**
- ♥ **Happy B'day Gerald Tucker & Scott Heyward!**
- ✦ **Lay Preacher Maribelle Vazquez, preaching**
(I Sam. 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 & Jn. 9: 1-12)

- 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am
- 11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!
- 1:30 pm Bengali Group/Gallery
- 9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, March 16: Office Closed

- ♥ **Happy Birthday Beth Kling, Ephrain, and Dash!**
- 5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, March 17

- ✦ **Feast of St. Patrick!** ✦
- ✦ **Birth of Bayard Rustin (1912)**
- 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, March 18

- ♥ **Happy City Hall Anniversary**
Bradley Curry & Mel Bryant!
- 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)**
- 7:00 pm **Lenten Bible Study begins (see ad)**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, March 19 ✦ Feast of St. Joseph

- 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, March 20

- ✦ **National Native American AIDS Awareness Day**
- 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, March 21

- ✦ **Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**
- ✦ **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**
- ♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Tawnee Walling**
- 9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

- ✦ **4th Sun. Women's History Month**
- ✦ **5th Sunday of Lent**
- ✦ **World Water Day (Water & Gender)**
- ♥ **Happy Birthday Chan Tak!!**
- ✦ **Rev. Miller Hoffman, preaching**
(Ezk. 37: 12-14 & Jn. 11: 1-15)
- 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



METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

March 15, 2026

✦ 3rd Sunday in Women's History Month

✦ 4th Sunday of Lent

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

"Sublime Gracià/Amazing Grace"

#14/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 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 16: 1,6-7,10-13

Dios dijo a Samuel: "¿Hasta cuándo vas a estar triste por causa de Saúl? Ya no quiero que Saúl siga siendo gobernante de Israel. Anda, llena de aceite tu cuerno, que quiero que vayas a la casa de Jesé, de Belén, porque ya escogí como gobernante a uno de los niños de Jesé. Cuando ellos llegaron, Samuel vio a Eliab y pensó: "Con toda seguridad éste es la persona que Dios ha escogido como gobernante." Pero Dios le dijo a Samuel: "No te fijes en la apariencia ni en la elevada estatura, pues yo lo he rechazado. No se trata de lo que la humanidad ve; pues la humanidad se fija en las apariencias, pero yo me fijo en el corazón." Jesé presentó a Samuel siete de sus niños, pero Samuel tuvo que decirle que a ninguno de ellos lo había elegido Dios. Finalmente Samuel le preguntó a Jesé: "¿No tienes más niños?" "Falta el más pequeño, que es la persona que cuida el rebaño," respondió Jesé. "Manda a buscarlo," dijo Samuel, "porque no comenzaremos la ceremonia hasta que David llegue." Jesé lo mandó llamar. Y el chico era de piel sonrosada, agradable y bien parecido. Entonces Dios dijo a Samuel: "Éste es. Así que levántate y conságralo como gobernante." En seguida Samuel tomó el recipiente con aceite, y en presencia de los hermanos consagró como gobernante al joven, que se llamaba David. A partir de aquel momento, el espíritu de Dios se apoderó de David. Después Samuel se despidió y se fue a Ramá.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

God said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being ruler over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a ruler among his children." When they came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the anointed is now before God." But God said to Samuel, "Do not look on the appearance or on the height or stature of a person, because I have rejected Eliab, for God does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart." Jesse made seven of his children pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "God has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your children here?" And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, who is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring that child, for we will not sit down until he comes here." Jesse sent and brought David in. Now David was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. God said, "Rise and anoint David, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David in the presence of his siblings, and the spirit of God came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Juan 9: 1-12

The Second Lesson

John 9: 1-12

Al salir, Jesús vio a su paso a una persona que había nacido sin visión. Los discípulos le preguntaron a Jesús: "Maestro, ¿por qué nació sin visión esta persona? ¿Por el pecado de sus padres, o por su propio pecado?" Jesús les contestó: "Ni por su propio pecado ni por el de sus padres; fue más bien para que en esta persona se demuestre lo que Dios puede hacer. Mientras es de día, tenemos que hacer el trabajo de Dios que me envió; pues viene la noche, cuando nadie puede trabajar. Mientras estoy en este mundo, soy la luz del mundo." Después de haber dicho esto, Jesús escupió en el suelo, hizo con la saliva un poco de lodo y se lo untó a la persona en los ojos. Luego Jesús le dijo: "Ve a lavarte al estanque de Siloé (que significa: "Enviado")." La persona fue y se lavó, y cuando regresó ya podía ver. Los vecinos y los que antes lo habían visto pedir limosna se preguntaban: "¿No es éste la persona que se sentaba a pedir limosna?" Unos decían: "Sí, es la persona. Otros decían: "No, no es la persona, aunque se le parece." Pero la persona

mismo decía: “Sí, yo soy.” Entonces le preguntaron a la persona, “¿Y cómo es que ahora puedes ver?” La persona les contestó: “Ese persona que se llama Jesús hizo lodo, me lo untó en los ojos, y me dijo: ‘Ve al estanque de Siloé, y lávate.’ Yo fui, y en cuanto me lavé, pude ver.” Entonces le preguntaron la persona, “¿Dónde está ese Jesús? Y la persona les dijo: “No lo sé.”

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a person born with vision. The disciples asked Jesus, “Rabbi, who sinned, this person or their parents, that they were born without vision?” Jesus answered, “Neither this person nor their parents sinned; this person was born without vision so that God’s works might be revealed in them. We must work the works of the One who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When Jesus had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the person’s eyes, saying, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then the person went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen the person before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like that person.” The person kept saying, “I am the one.” But they kept asking, “Then how were your eyes opened?” The person answered, “The one called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my vision.” They said to the person, “Where is this Jesus?” The person said, “I do not know.”

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THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

SERMON

**Maribelle Vazquez, Lay Preacher
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 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

“Amor, Amor”

#12/Hymnal

“Tal Como Soy”

#128/Hymnal

“In Memory of the Savior’s Love”

#115/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

“Walk in the Light”

Please stand as able

*Walk in the light, the beautiful light
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright
Shine all around us by day and by night
Jesus, the Light of the World . . .*

BENEDICTION

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

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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://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

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

Join in a Lenten Bible Series,
**“Tell Me The Stories of Jesus
I Love to Hear”** 🎵🎵🎵

with author Amy Levine and Bp. Reg
Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom
February 25th – March 25th

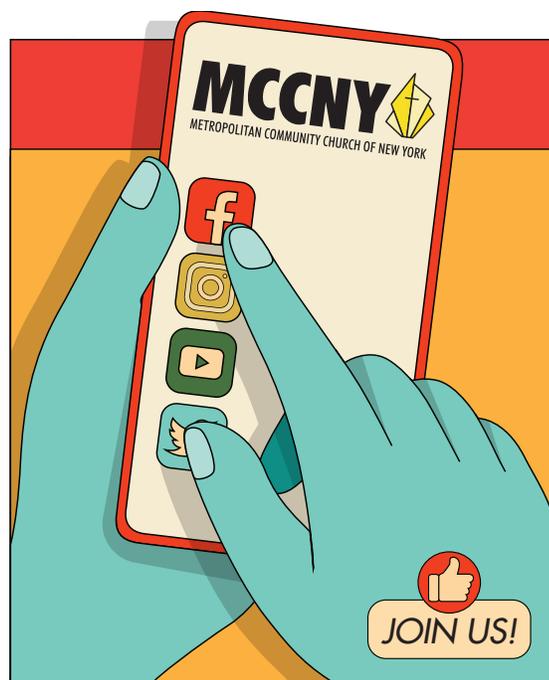
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March
is

Women's

"Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future"

In 2026 we honor women who have and are reimagining and rebuilding systems to ensure long-term sustainability environmentally, economically, educationally, and socially.



(Anna) Eleanor Roosevelt was an American political figure, diplomat, and activist, and is credited with redefining the role of the First Lady, having served in the position during the 4 terms of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. She is credited with helping craft the text of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights while at the U.N., and received a standing ovation from the U.N. General Assembly when it was adopted in 1948. She was part of the Women's Trade Union League, and was widely regarded as the mover and shaker behind her husband's roles as NY State Governor and as President. She was the 1st presidential spouse to hold press conferences, and as an outspoken advocate for the civil rights of African Americans, Asian Americans, and World War II refugees, at her death, the NY Times called her "the object of almost universal respect."

Holy Week and Easter at MCCNY

Palm Sunday, March 29th	11am	+ Blessing of Palms + The Rev. Dr. David Williams, preaching
Holy Thursday, April 2nd	7pm	+ Footwashing Ceremony
Good Friday, April 3rd	7pm	+ Stations of the Cross/Reading of the Passion + Lavender Light Gospel Choir + The Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, preaching
Holy Saturday, April 4th	7pm	+ Easter Vigil Liturgy/Lighting of the New Fire + Reading of Salvation History/String Ensemble + The Rev. Kristen Orion, preaching
Easter Sunday, April 5th	11am	+ Celebration of the Resurrection! + Heart Awards/Gala Reception + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching



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 Siegell	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

BOARD OF DEACONS

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Deacon Philip Pares
Deacon Tressie Carter	Deacon Len Richardson
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Deacon Les LaRue	

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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

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

Web Sites	Rev. Jim Merritt
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ASL Interpreter	Pat Dash
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