



Everyone Goes to Heaven

May is Asian/Pacific Islander/Foster Care Awareness Month

SUNDAY, MAY 11

+ **4th SUNDAY of EASTER!**

🌸 **Mother's Day!**

+ **Blessing of Mothers at all services**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Unity Fellowship!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Franklin Rone & Suki!**

+ **Deacon Les LaRue, preaching**

(Rev. 7: 9, 14-17 & John 10: 1-14)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** Live-streamed!

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, May 12: Office Closed

* **Vesak (Buddha's Birth)**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, May 13

♥ **Happy Anniv. Mark Gilrain & Rob Lennon!**

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 May 14

♥ **Happy Birthday Fernando Santos!**

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 via Zoom

6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

2025: Safe & Sound—Hold Your Ground!

Thursday, May 15: Environmental Species Day!

* **Nakba Day (Palestine, 1948)**

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, May 16: Nat'l Honor LGBTQ Elders Day!

♥ **Happy Birthday Sebastién Moreira-Dumaine!**

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, May 17: IDAHOBIT

* **Brown-v-Board of Education (1954)**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Deacons Les & Frances!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Frank Dimarco!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MAY 18

+ **5th SUNDAY of EASTER!**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Su Stoat & Sharon Hines!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Samantha Shoffner!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

(Rev. 21: 1-5 & John 13: 34-35)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy** Live-streamed!

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

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

May 11, 2025

✚ Easter IV

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

"I Am Thine, O God"

#100/Hymnal

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

✚ The Blessing of Mothers

✚ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera

Apocalipsis 7: 9,13-17

The First Lesson

Revelations 7: 9,13-17

Después de esto, miré y vi una gran multitud de todas las naciones, razas, lenguas y pueblos. Estaban en pie delante del trono y delante del Cordero, y eran tantos que nadie podía contarlos. Iban vestidos de blanco y llevaban palmas en las manos... Entonces uno de los ancianos me preguntó: "¿Quiénes son éstos que están vestidos de blanco, y de dónde han venido?" "Tú lo sabes," le contesté. Y el anciano me dijo: "Éstos son los que han pasado por la gran tribulación, los que han lavado sus ropas y las han blanqueado en la sangre del Cordero. Por eso están delante del trono de Dios, y día y noche sirven en el templo. La persona que está sentado en el trono los protegerá. Ya no sufrirán hambre ni sed, ni los quemará el sol, ni el calor los molestará; porque el Cordero, que está en medio del trono, será su pastor y los guiará a manantiales de aguas de vida, y Dios secará toda lágrima de sus ojos."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands... One of the elders then spoke and asked me, "Do you know who these people are dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I said, "You are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship God day and night within the temple, and the One who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Juan 10: 1-14

The Second Lesson

John 10: 1-14

Jesús dijo: "Les aseguro que la persona que no entra en el redil de las ovejas por la puerta es un ladrón y un bandido. Pero la persona que entra por la puerta es el pastor que cuida las ovejas. El portero le abre la puerta, y el pastor llama a cada oveja por su nombre, y las ovejas reconocen la voz del pastor; las saca del redil, y cuando ya han salido todas, camina delante de ellas, y las ovejas lo siguen porque reconocen su voz. En cambio, a un desconocido no lo siguen, sino que huyen del desconocido, porque desconocen su voz." Jesús les puso esta comparación, pero ellos no entendieron lo que les quería decir. Jesús volvió a decirles: "Esto les aseguro: Yo soy la puerta por donde pasan las ovejas. Todos los que vinieron antes de mí, fueron unos ladrones y unos bandidos; pero las ovejas no les hicieron caso. Yo soy la puerta: la persona que por mí entre, se salvará. Será como una oveja que entra y sale y encuentra pastos. El ladrón viene solamente para robar, matar y destruir; pero yo he venido para que tengan vida, y para que la tengan en abundancia. Yo soy el buen pastor. El buen pastor da su vida por las ovejas; pero la persona que trabaja solamente por la paga, cuando ve venir al lobo deja las ovejas y huye, porque no es el pastor y porque las ovejas no son suyas. Y el lobo ataca a las ovejas y las dispersa en todas direcciones. Ese persona huye porque lo único que le importa es la paga, y no las ovejas. Yo soy el buen pastor. Yo conozco a los míos y los míos me conocen."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear the shepherd's voice. The shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When the shepherd has brought out all his own, the shepherd goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know the shepherd's voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from a stranger because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me."

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

SELECTION

SERMON

Deacon Les LaRue
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 Buchanon
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

"The God of Love . . ."

#226/Hymnal

"Shepherd of Souls"

#197/Hymnal

"My Shepherd, You Supply My Needs"

#140/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Resucito"

Printed

Please stand as able

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

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MCC GENERAL CONFERENCE
3-6 JULY 2025



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**SATURDAY
MAY 10TH,
2025**

from
NOON to 6PM

at
THE CENTER
208 West 13th St
New York, NY

Attending the fair is free,
with a suggested donation of \$5.00

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Resucitó

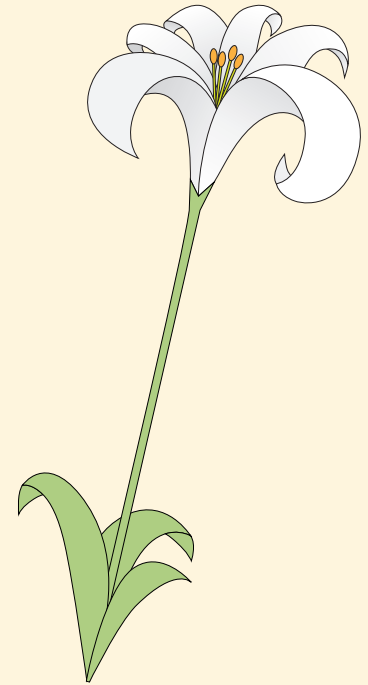
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Aleluya, aleluya, aleluya, resucitó.

La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?

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

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
Heidi Siegell	Music Ministry
The Little Big Band	

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

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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