



God's Favorite Word: Again

+ May is Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage and National Foster Care Month

SUNDAY, MAY 31

+ Feast of the Trinity

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

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniv. Rev. Héctor Gutiérrez!**

♥ **Happy Birthday to all born in May!**

+ **Lay Preacher Mary Elizabeth Poole, preaching**
(Ex. 34:1-10 & John 3:1-9)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

June is Pride Month & Black Music Month!

Monday, June 01: Office Closed

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, June 02: * Internat'l Sex Workers Day

♥ **Happy Anniversary Carolyn & Koony Traore!**

♥ **Happy Anniv. Rev. Troy Perry & Phillip DeBleck!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Richie Torres!**

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

7:00 pm **Board of Directors (via Zoom)**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, June 03: Nat'l HIV Testing Day

+ **Internat'l Day of Innocent Child Victims of Aggression**

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, June 04: Tiananmen Square (1989)

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, June 05

+ **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**

● **CDC notes 1st cases of GRIDS (AIDS) 1981**

♥ **Happy Birthday Scott Long!**

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, June 06: D Day (1944)

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Rev. Miller!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, JUNE 07

+ **1st Sunday in PRIDE TIDE!**

+ **Corpus Christi Sunday**

+ **Gun Violence Awareness Sunday**

♥ **Happy Birthday Joe Kennedy!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Is. 56:1-8 & Mk. 3:22-35)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

12:00 pm **QUEENS PRIDE!** (37th Ave. in Jackson Heights)

12:45 pm **MOVIEOLA!**

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**

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May 31, 2026
✚ Trinity Sunday

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 Gracia/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
The First Lesson

Éxodo 34: 1-10
Exodus 34: 1-10

Dios le dijo a Moisés: "Corta tú mismo dos tablas de piedra iguales a las primeras, para que yo escriba en ellas las mismas palabras que estaban escritas en las primeras tablas, las que hiciste pedazos. Prepárate también para subir al monte Sinaí mañana por la mañana, y preséntate ante mí en la parte más alta del monte. Nadie debe subir contigo, ni se debe ver a nadie por todo el monte; tampoco debe haber ovejas o vacas pastando frente al monte." Moisés cortó dos tablas de piedra iguales a las primeras. Al día siguiente, muy temprano, Moisés tomó las dos tablas de piedra y subió al monte Sinaí, tal como Dios se lo había ordenado. Entonces Dios bajó en una nube y estuvo allí con Moisés, y pronunció el propio nombre de Dios. Pasó delante de Moisés, diciendo en voz alta: "¡El Soberano! ¡El Soberano! ¡Dios tierno y compasivo, paciente y grande en amor y verdad! Por mil generaciones se mantiene fiel en la amor y perdona la maldad, la rebeldía y el pecado; pero no deja sin castigo al culpable, sino que castiga la maldad de los padres en los niños y en los nietos, en los bisnietos y en los tataranietos." Rápidamente Moisés se inclinó hasta tocar el suelo con la frente, y adoró a Dios diciendo: "¡O Dios! ¡O Dios! Si en verdad me he ganado tu favor, acompáñanos. Esta gente es realmente muy terca, pero perdónanos nuestros pecados y maldad, y acéptanos como tu pueblo." Dios dijo: "Pongan atención: yo hago ahora una alianza ante todo tu pueblo. Voy a hacer cosas maravillosas que no han sido hechas en ninguna otra nación de la tierra, y toda la gente entre la que ustedes se encuentran verá lo que Dios puede hacer, pues será maravilloso lo que yo haré con ustedes."

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

God said to Moses, "Cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the former tablets, which you broke. Be ready in the morning and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and do not let anyone be seen throughout all the mountain, and do not let flocks or herds graze in front of that mountain." So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as God had commanded, and took in hand the two tablets of stone. God descended in the cloud and stood with Moses there and proclaimed the name, "The Sovereign." God passed before Moses and proclaimed, "The Sovereign, the Sovereign, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed down to the ground and worshiped, saying "If now I have found favor in your sight, my God, I pray, let my God go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance." God said, "I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth or in any nation, and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of God, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Juan 3: 1-9
John 3: 1-9

Había un fariseo llamado Nicodemo, que era una persona importante entre las personas religiosas. Nicodemo fue de noche a visitar a Jesús, y le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, sabemos que Dios te ha enviado a enseñarnos, porque nadie podría hacer los milagros que tú haces, si Dios no estuviera con usted." Jesús le dijo a Nicodemo: "Te aseguro que la persona que no nace de nuevo, no puede ver el reino de Dios." Nicodemo

le preguntó a Jesús: “¿Y cómo puede una persona nacer cuando ya es viejo? ¿Acaso podrá entrar otra vez dentro de su madre, para volver a nacer?” Jesús le contestó a Nicodemo: Te aseguro que la persona que no nace de agua y del Espíritu, no puede entrar en el reino de Dios. Lo que nace de padres humanos, es humano; lo que nace del Espíritu, es espíritu. No te extrañes de que te diga: ‘Todos tienen que nacer de nuevo.’ El viento sopla por donde quiere, y aunque oyes su ruido, no sabes de dónde viene ni a dónde va. Así son también todos los que nacen del Espíritu.” Nicodemo volvió a preguntarle: “¿Cómo puede ser esto?”

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Judeans. Nicodemus came to Jesus by night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the reign of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into their mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the reign of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to Jesus, “How can these things be?”

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

SELECTION

SERMON

**Mary Elizabeth Poole, 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

“Dios es Amor”

#51/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

#127/Hymnal
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

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

✦ *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.

MCCNY has a new phone number!
332-400-7488

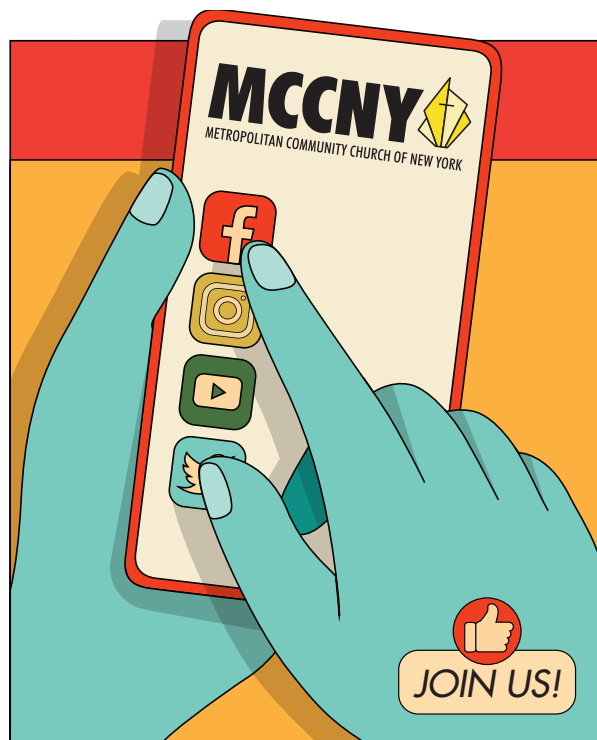
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+ Come to Church on +

PRIDE SUNDAY!

— then —

MARCH with **MCCNY** in the
QUEER LIBERATION



MARCH



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.



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