



The Hope in Us

+ July is Disability Pride Month +

SUNDAY, JULY 12

+ 2nd SUNDAY after PRIDE

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Pressley and Rev. Jen!

+ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Is. 55: 10-11 & Mt. 13: 1-23)

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

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, June 13: Office Closed

* **Nonbinary Awareness Week**

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Nancy Wilson
and Rev. Franc Perry!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, June 14

+ **Feast of St. Kateri Tekakuritha**

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, July 15

♥ Happy Birthday David Raleigh and Esmerelda!

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, July 16: International Drag Day!

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, July 17

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Steve Torrence!

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, July 18

+ **Execution of Mahmoud Asgari &
Ayaz Marhoni (Iran 2005)**

+ **International Day Honoring Nelson Mandela**

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Gill Storey!

♥ Happy Anniv. Deacon Jen & Myrleen Knight!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, JULY 19

+ 3rd SUNDAY after PRIDE

+ **Lay Preacher Sophia Pazos, preaching**
(Wis. 12: 13, 16-19 & Mt. 13: 24-30)

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!

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July 12, 2026

✚ 2nd Sunday after PRIDE!

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

"Great is The Faithfulness"

#87/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

Isaías 55:10-11

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-11

Así como la lluvia y la nieve bajan del cielo, y no vuelven allá, sino que empapan la tierra, la fecundan y la hacen germinar, y producen la semilla para sembrar y el pan para comer, así también la palabra que sale de mis labios no vuelve a mí sin producir efecto, sino que hace lo que yo quiero y cumple la orden que le doy.

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Mateo 13: 1-23

The Second Lesson

Matthew 13: 1-23

Aquel mismo día salió Jesús de casa y se sentó a la orilla del lago. Como se reunió mucha gente, Jesús subió a una barca y se sentó, mientras la gente se quedaba en la playa. Entonces Jesús se puso a hablarles de muchas cosas por medio de parábolas. Jesús les dijo: "Un sembrador salió a sembrar. Y al sembrar, una parte de la semilla cayó en el camino, y llegaron las aves y se la comieron. Otra parte cayó entre las piedras, donde no había mucha tierra; esa semilla brotó pronto, porque la tierra no era muy honda; pero el sol, al salir, la quemó, y como no tenía raíz, se secó. Otra parte de la semilla cayó entre espinos, y los espinos crecieron y la ahogaron. Pero otra parte cayó en buena tierra, y dio buena cosecha; algunas espigas dieron cien granos por semilla, otras sesenta granos, y otras treinta. Los que tienen oídos, oigan." Los discípulos se acercaron a Jesús y le preguntaron por qué hablaba a la gente por medio de parábolas. Jesús les contestó: "A ustedes, Dios les da a conocer los secretos del reino de los cielos; pero a ellos no. Pues a la persona que tiene, se le dará más, y tendrá bastante; pero a la persona que no tiene, hasta lo poco que tiene se le quitará. Por eso les hablo por medio de parábolas; porque ellos miran, pero no ven; escuchan, pero no oyen ni entienden. Así, en el caso de ellos se cumple lo que dijo el profeta Isaías: 'Por más que escuchan, no entenderán, por más que miran, no verán. Pues la mente de este pueblo está entorpecida, tienen tapados los oídos y han cerrado sus ojos, para no ver ni oír, para no entender ni volverse a mí, para que yo no los sane.' Pero dichosos ustedes, porque tienen ojos que ven y oídos que oyen. Les aseguro que muchos profetas y personas justas quisieron ver esto que ustedes ven, y no lo vieron; quisieron oír esto que ustedes oyen, y no lo oyeron. Escuchen, pues, lo que quiere decir la parábola del sembrador: Los que oyen el mensaje del reino y no lo entienden, son como la semilla que cayó en el camino; viene el maligno y les quita el mensaje sembrado en su corazón. La semilla que cayó entre las piedras representa a los que oyen el mensaje y lo reciben con gusto, pero como no tienen suficiente raíz, no se mantienen firmes; cuando por causa del mensaje sufren pruebas o persecución, fallan. La semilla sembrada entre espinos representa a los que oyen el mensaje, pero los negocios de esta vida les preocupan demasiado y el amor por las riquezas los engaña. Todo esto ahoga el mensaje y no lo deja dar fruto en ellos. Pero la semilla sembrada en buena tierra representa a los que oyen el mensaje y lo entienden y dan una buena cosecha, como las espigas que dieron cien, sesenta o treinta granos por Semilla."

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around that Jesus got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as they sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not

have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. If you have ears, hear!" Then the disciples came and asked, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the reign of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to 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. The reason I speak to them in parables is that 'seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.' With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says: 'You will indeed listen but never understand, and you will indeed look but never perceive. For this people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, so that they might not look with their eyes, and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.' But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. Hear, then, the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the reign and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

+ 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 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

"Almighty God, Your Word is Cast"

#11/Hymnal

"Bendición y Honra"

#23/Hymnal

"Ven a mi Ser"

#248/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Keep Hope Alive"

Please stand as able

Keep hope alive, Keep hope alive—

Don't let the dream die—

Got to keep hope alive . . .

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



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your donations
to MCCNY
over the
SUMMER!



NYC ICE HOTLINE UPDATE

**THE NYC HOTLINE WILL BE DOWN
UNTIL EARLY JULY**

THE HOTLINE (229-304-8720) IS BEING
TRANSFERRED TO A NEW CARRIER. HOTLINE
VOLUNTEERS ARE EAGER TO BE UP AND
RUNNING AGAIN AND BETTER EQUIPPED TO
PROVIDE LONG-TERM SUPPORT.

**UNTIL THE HOTLINE IS BACK UP,
SEND SIGHTINGS & S.A.L.U.T.E TO:**

@FLOODTHESTREETSNYC

@NYCICEWATCH

@HANDSOFFNYC

ON INSTAGRAM

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!



Use S.A.L.U.T.E. when reporting ICE activity

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

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 Siegel	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

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PROGRAMMING

Religious Education/Membership

Bishop Reg Richburg	Facilitator
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E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward, Kay Osborn, Mary Jane Gibney	Facilitators
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Hospitality	Deacon Brenton Buchannan
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Newsletter/Bulletin

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Deacon Les LaRue	<i>The Query</i> , Bulletin Graphic Designer

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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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