



... the price of wisdom is the cost of love. ~John Mogabgab

+ July is Disability Pride Month +

SUNDAY, JULY 26

+ **4th SUNDAY**
after PRIDE

* **World Grandparents Day!**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Roy Birchard!**

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

(I Kg. 3: 5, 7-12 & Mt. 13: 44-52)

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

12:45 pm **Rise of the Resistance** (see Alva Bostick)

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, July 27: Office Closed

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Troy Perry, Mel Bryant, and Alfie!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, July 28

♥ **Happy Birthday Pat Fischer!**

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 29: Global Tiger Day

+ **Feast of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus**

♥ **Happy Birthday Abdiel Muñoz and Bp. Flunder!**

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Rev. Lu Johnson!**

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 30

♥ **World Day Against Human Trafficking**

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 31

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniversary Rev. Joe Pang!**

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

◆ **August is Black Business Month** ◆

Saturday, August 01

♥ **Happy Ordination Anniv. Rev. Tony Freeman!**

1:00 pm **Memorial for Myrleen Knight in Georgia**

Live-streamed (watch for link)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, AUGUST 02

+ **5th SUNDAY after PRIDE**

♥ **Happy Birthday Richie Torres and Barry Barn!**

+ **Lay Preacher Mary Elizabeth Poole, preaching**

(Is. 55: 1-3 & Mt. 14: 13-21)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

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

12:45 pm **Rise of the Resistance** (see Alva Bostick)

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 26, 2026
✚ 4th 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 Sieggell, Soloist

PROCESSION

"All to Jesus, I Surrender"

#7/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

1 Reyes 3: 5, 7-12
1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

Una noche, en Gabaón, Dios se apareció en sueños a Salomón y le dijo: "Pídeme lo que quieras, y yo te lo daré." ... Salomón dijo, "Tú, y Dios mío, me has puesto para que reine en lugar de David, mi padre, aunque yo soy un muchacho joven y sin experiencia. Pero estoy al frente del pueblo que tú escogiste: un pueblo tan grande que, por su multitud, no puede contarse ni calcularse. Dame, pues, un corazón atento para gobernar a tu pueblo, y para distinguir entre lo bueno y lo malo; porque ¿quién hay capaz de gobernar a este pueblo tuyo tan numeroso?" Dios le agradó que Salomón le hiciera tal petición, y le dijo: "Porque me has pedido esto, y no una larga vida, ni riquezas, ni la muerte de tus enemigos, sino inteligencia para saber oír y gobernar, voy a hacer lo que me has pedido: yo te concedo sabiduría e inteligencia como nadie las ha tenido antes que tú ni las tendrá después de ti."

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

One night at Gibeon God appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." Solomon responded, "O my God, you have made your servant regent in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?" It pleased God that Solomon had asked this. God said to Solomon, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning heart; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Mateo 13: 44-52
Matthew 13: 44-52

Jesus dijo, "El reino de los cielos es como un tesoro escondido en un terreno. Una persona encuentra el tesoro, y lo vuelve a esconder allí mismo; lleno de alegría, la persona va y vende todo lo que tiene, y compra ese terreno. Sucede también con el reino de los cielos como con un comerciante que andaba buscando perlas finas; cuando encontró una de mucho valor, el comerciante fue y vendió todo lo que tenía, y compró esa perla. Sucede también con el reino de los cielos como con la red que se echa al mar y recoge toda clase de pescado. Cuando la red se llena, los pescadores la sacan a la playa, donde se sientan a escoger el pescado; guardan el bueno en canastas y tiran el malo. Así también sucederá al fin del mundo: saldrán los ángeles para separar a los malos de los buenos, y echarán a los malos en el horno de fuego. Entonces vendrán el llanto y la desesperación." Jesús preguntó: "¿Entienden ustedes todo esto?" "Sí," contestaron ellos. Entonces Jesús les dijo: "Cuando un maestro de la ley se instruye acerca del reino de los cielos, se parece al dueño de una casa, que de lo que tiene guardado sabe sacar cosas nuevas y cosas viejas."

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

Jesus said, "The reign of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a person found and reburied; then in joy the person goes and sells all that they have and buys that field. Again, the reign of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, the merchant went and sold everything they had and bought it. Again, the reign of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And Jesus said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the reign of heaven is like the head of a household who brings out of their treasure what is new and what is old."

+ **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.

+ *Communion Celebrated in Memory of Mahmoud Asgari and Ayaz Marhoni (Iran, 2005)*

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

"Bellas Palabras de Vida"

#205/Hymnal

"Allegres Tomamos . . ."

#2/Hymnal

"Dios, Tu Eres Nuestra Luz"

#55/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"I Can See Clearly Now" by Johnny Nash

Please stand as able

*I can see clearly now the rain is gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright sun shiny day (repeat)*

*I think I can make it now the pain is gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright (bright), bright sun shiny day*

*Look all around, there's nothin' but blue skies
Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies
(Repeat v. 1)*

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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to MCCNY
over the
SUMMER!



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THE HOTLINE IS **BACK**

CALL OR TEXT

**SEE ICE? TAKE A PICTURE &
TEXT US THE INFO**

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EVERYDAY FROM

**6 AM
8 PM**

ENGLISH & SPANISH

**PROTECT YOUR
NEIGHBORS**

NYCHOTLINE.NET

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

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**Size of the group
of officers**

A

**Actions/Activity
What are they doing?**

L

**Location
Address or street names**

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**Uniforms/Clothes
Look for letters**

T

Time/Date

E

Equipment/Weapons

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!

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