



Deepest Desires of Our Hearts

~September is Hunger Action Awareness Month • Hispanic Peoples Month begins September 15th~

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 01

+ **9th Sunday after PRIDE!**

✿ **Labor Day Weekend!**

+ **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**

+ **The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi, preaching**

(Dt. 4: 1-2, 5-8 & Mk. 7: 14-15, 21-23)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, September 02: Office Closed

Labor Day/Jouvert Carnival Day

+ **Birth of Fr. John McNeill**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, September 03

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, September 04

+ **Canonization of Mother Teresa (2016)**

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

2024: We are the Church Alive!

Thursday, September 05

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

6:00 pm **Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom**

7:00 pm RTM Choir Rehearsal

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, September 06

♥ **Happy Birthday Theresa Pascoe!**

12:15 pm **Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett (Facebook)**

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

6:00 pm Plant Medicine Group (see Jessie Daniels)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Saturday, September 07

+ **Annual Day of Remembrance of Archbp. Carl Bean (d. 2021)**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 08

+ **10th Sunday after PRIDE!**

+ **Commemoration of September 11th**

♥ **Happy Anniversary Jerome Dumaine & André Moreira!**

+ **Deacon Les LaRue, preaching**

(Is. 35: 4-7 & Mk. 7: 31-37)

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9:00 am **Traditional Liturgy**

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy**

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

September 01, 2024
✦ 9th Sunday after PRIDE

MCC globally celebrates “55 Years of Offering Our Light to the World”
52nd Anniversary Year at MCCNY: We are the Church Alive!

The Community at Worship 11am
ASL Interpreter (First, second, and third Sundays of the month and special celebrations)

Pat Dash

PRELUDE

Udi Gershuni, Music Director
Carolyn Traore, Song Leader

PROCESSION

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

#212/Hymnal

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

+ *The Baptism of Yongjing Mo*

+ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera
The First Lesson

Deuteronomio 4: 1-2, 5-8
Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 5-8

Moises dijo, “Ahora pues, israelitas, escuchen las leyes y decretos que les he enseñado, y pónganlos en práctica, para que vivan y ocupen el país que Dios de sus antepasados les va a dar. No añadan ni quiten nada a lo que yo les ordeno; cumplan los mandamientos de su Dios, que yo les ordeno. Yo les he enseñado las leyes y los decretos que mi Dios me ordenó, para que los pongan en práctica en el país que van a ocupar. Cúmplalos y practíquenlos, porque de esta manera los pueblos reconocerán que en ustedes hay sabiduría y entendimiento, ya que cuando conozcan estas leyes no podrán menos que decir: ‘¡Qué sabia y entendida es esta gran nación!’ Porque, ¿qué nación hay tan grande que tenga los dioses tan cerca de ella, como tenemos nosotros a nuestro Dios cada vez que lo invocamos? ¿Y qué nación hay tan grande que tenga leyes y decretos tan justos como toda esta enseñanza que yo les presento hoy?”

+ **Esta es la Palabra de Dios**

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Moses said, “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of your God with which I am charging you. See, just as God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them and perform them, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as our God is whenever we call? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?”

+ **This is the Word of God**

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Marcos 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Se acercaron los fariseos a Jesús, con unos maestros de la ley que habían llegado de Jerusalén. Éstos, al ver que algunos discípulos de Jesús comían con las manos impuras, es decir, sin haber cumplido con la ceremonia de lavárselas, los criticaron. (Porque los fariseos y todos los seguidores siguen la tradición de sus antepasados, de no comer sin antes lavarse las manos debidamente. Y cuando regresan del mercado, no comen sin antes cumplir con la ceremonia de lavarse. Y aun tienen otras muchas costumbres, como lavar los vasos, los jarros, las vasijas de metal y las camas.) Por eso, los fariseos y los maestros de la ley le preguntaron a Jesús: “¿Por qué tus discípulos no siguen la tradición de nuestros antepasados, sino que comen con las manos impuras?” Jesús les contestó: “Bien habló el profeta Isaías acerca de lo hipócritas que son ustedes, cuando escribió: ‘Este pueblo me honra con la boca, pero su corazón está lejos de mí. De nada sirve que me rinda culto: sus enseñanzas son mandatos de la humanidad.’ Porque ustedes dejan el mandato de Dios para seguir las tradiciones de la humanidad.” Luego Jesús llamó a la gente, y dijo: “Escúchenme todos, y entiendan: Nada de lo que entra de afuera puede hacer impuro a la persona. Lo que sale del corazón de la persona es lo que lo hace impuro. Porque de adentro, es decir, del corazón de la persona, salen los malos pensamientos, la inmoralidad sexual, los robos, los asesinatos, los adulterios, la codicia, las maldades, el engaño, los vicios, la envidia, los chismes, el orgullo y la falta de juicio. Todas estas cosas malas salen de adentro y hacen impuro a la persona.”

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Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of the disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all their followers, do not eat unless they wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders, and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash, and there are also many other traditions that they observe: the washing of cups and pots and bronze kettles and beds.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat with defiled hands?" Jesus said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, debauchery, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

SELECTION

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi
Staff Clergy, Metropolitan Community Church of New York

SPECIAL MUSIC

Carolyn Traore

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 Buchannan
Deacon Len Richardson
The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi
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

"Quédate, Oh Dios"

#190/Hymnal

"God, I Want to be a Christian"

#74/Hymnal

"Ven a Mi Ser"

#48/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

#264/Hymnal
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](https://www.facebook.com/mccny) and celebrate with your family of faith!

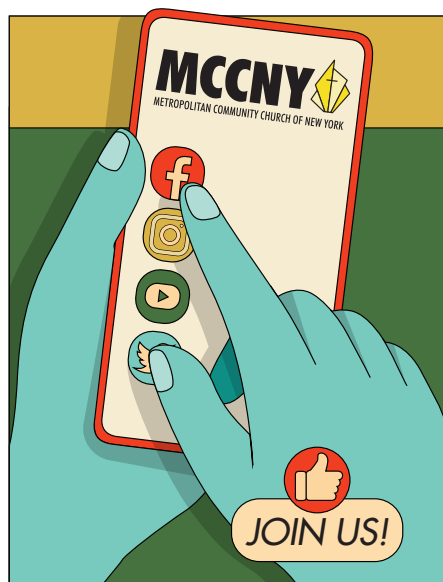
BIBLE STUDY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: The Queer Life & Faith religious education program is led by Bishop Reg Richburg every Thursday at 5 pm. Our discussions connect the Scriptures, our faith, and queer Life. We use educational materials and methodologies that will help look at life from different perspectives: 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.

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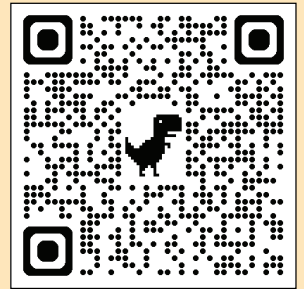
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New York, NY 10018



Bless you for your generosity!

SAVE
THE
DATE

HOMECOMING SUNDAY
is September 15th! One celebration at 11am!

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September 27
to 29, 2024



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