SUNDAY, MARCH 20
✦ 3rd Sunday in Lent/ Women’s History Month!
✦ Native American AIDS Awareness Day
✦ Deacon Les LaRue, preaching
  (Ex. 3:1-15 & Lk. 13:1-9)
8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
9:00 am Traditional Liturgy
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
12:30 pm Genderpeople with Moshay Moses is on break
9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Youth Shelter

Monday, March 21: Office Closed
❤️ Happy Birthday Rev. Tawnee Walling!
✦ International Day to Eliminate Racism
✦ Global Day of Prayer to End Famine
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
7:00 pm Lavender Light rehearsal (sanctuary)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Tuesday, March 22: World Water Day
❤️ Happy Birthday Chan Tak!
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, March 23
❤️ Happy Birthday Deacon Tressie and Tracie!
1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
6:00 pm (to 7:30pm) Q Clinic (now virtual & in person)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Thursday, March 24: World TB Day
✦ Feast of St. Oscar Romero
1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)
5:00 pm Covenanted Bible/Theology Study w/Rev. Reg via Zoom
5:00 pm The Gary Skala Drop-in Clinic (HYS—to 8pm)
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

Friday, March 25: ✦ Feast of the Annunciation
12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett & Tonie Boykin
  (facebook.com/mccny)
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

Saturday, March 26
❤️ Happy Birthday Christopher Bramfitt & Rev. Kerri Mesner!
9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia’s Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 27
✦ 4th Sunday in Lent/ Women’s History Month!
❤️ Birthday Sunday
✦ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
  (Josh. 5:13-15 & Lk. 15:1-3,11-22)
8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
9:00 am Traditional Liturgy
10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am
11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
12:30 pm Genderpeople with Moshay Moses is on break
9:00 pm Sylvia’s Place Youth Shelter

* 11AM CELEBRATION LIVE-STREAMED EVERY SUNDAY!  
* Pantry and shelter remain open.  
* For pastoral calls: (212) 629-7440

Please make sure the Church has your cell phone number and email address!  
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2022: Leading with Our Legacy
March is Women’s History Month!
I am who I am.

The Second Lesson

La Lección Primera

Moisés cuidaba las ovejas de su suegro Jetró, que era sacerdote de Madían, y un día Moisés las llevó a través del desierto y llegó hasta el monte de Dios, que se llama Horeb. Allí el ángel de Dios se le apareció en una llama de fuego, en medio de una zarza. Moisés se fijó bien y se dio cuenta de que la zarza ardía con el fuego, pero no se consumía. Entonces Moisés pensó: “¿Qué cosa tan extraña! Voy a ver por qué no se consume la zarza.” Cuando Dios vio que Moisés se acercaba a mirar, Dios lo llamó desde la zarza: “¡Moisés! ¡Moisés!” “Aquí estoy,” contestó Moisés. Entonces Dios le dijo: “No te acerques. Y descalzate, porque el lugar donde estás es sagrado.” Y Dios añadió: “Yo soy el Dios de tus antepasados. Soy el Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob.” Moisés se cubrió la cara, pues tuvo miedo de mirar a Dios, pero Dios siguió diciendo: “Claramente he visto cómo sufre mi pueblo que está en Egipto. Los he oído quejarse por culpa de sus capataces, y sé muy bien lo que sufren. Por eso he bajado, para salvarlos del poder de los egipcios; voy a sacarlos de ese país y a llevarlos a una tierra grande y buena, donde la leche y la miel corren como el agua. Es el país donde viven los cananeos, los hititas, los amorreos, los ferezeos, los heveos y los jebuseos. Mira, he escuchado las quejas de los israelitas, y he visto también que los egipcios los maltratan mucho. Por lo tanto, ponte en camino, que te voy a enviar ante el faraón para que saques de Egipto a mi pueblo, a los israelitas.” Entonces Moisés le dijo a Dios: “¿Y quién soy yo para presentarme ante el faraón y sacar de Egipto a los israelitas?” Y Dios le contestó: “Yo estaré contigo, y ésta es la señal de que yo mismo te envío: cuando hayas sacado de Egipto a mi pueblo, todos ustedes me adorarán en este monte.” Pero Moisés le respondió a Dios: “El problema es que si yo voy y les digo a los israelitas: ‘El Dios de sus antepasados me ha enviado a ustedes’, ellos me van a preguntar: ‘¿Cómo se llama este Dios?’ Y entonces, ¿qué les voy a decir?” Y Dios le contestó: “YO SOY EL QUE SOY. Y dirás a los israelitas: ‘YO SOY me ha enviado a ustedes.’” Además, Dios le dijo a Moisés: “Di también a los israelitas: ‘El Dios de los antepasados de ustedes, el Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob, me ha enviado a ustedes.’ Éste es mi nombre eterno; éste es mi nombre por todos los siglos.”

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; Moses led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of God appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; Moses looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When God saw that Moses had turned aside to see, God called to Moses out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” Then God said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’” Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But then God said, “I have heard the cry of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is the name of this God?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.”’ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’”

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

La Lección Segunda

Por aquel mismo tiempo fueron unos a ver a Jesús, y le contaron que Pilato había mezclado la sangre de unas personas de Galilea con la sangre de los animales que ellos habían ofrecido en sacrificio. Jesús les dijo: “¿Piensan ustedes que esto les pasó a esos personajes de Galilea por ser ellos más pecadores que los otros de su país? Les digo que no; y si ustedes mismos no se vuelven a Dios, también morirán. ¿O creen
que aquellos dieciocho que murieron cuando la torre de Siloé les cayó encima eran más culpables que los otros que vivían en Jerusalén?

Les digo que no; y si ustedes mismos no se vuelven a Dios, también morirán.” Jesús les contó esta parábola: “Una persona tenía una higuera plantada en un viñedo, y fue a ver si daba higos, pero no encontró ninguno. Así que la persona dijo al jardiner que cuidaba el viñedo: ‘Mira, por tres años seguidos he venido a esta higuera en busca de fruto, pero nunca lo encuentro. Córtala, pues; ¿para qué ha de ocupar terreno inútilmente?’ Pero el jardiner que cuidaba el terreno le contestó: ‘Déjala todavía este año, voy a aflojarle la tierra y a echarle abono. Con eso tal vez dará fruto; y si no, ya la cortarás.’”

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then Jesus told this parable: “A person had a fig tree planted in a vineyard; and came looking for fruit on it and found none. So the person said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ The gardener replied, ‘Let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

SELECTION
SERMON
Deacon Les LaRue
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SPECIAL MUSIC

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

+ Please consider an extra gift to the Global Justice Institute!
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THE CELEBRATION AND SHARING OF COMMUNION

The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner
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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

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” #8/Lenten Pages
“My Jesus, I Love thee” #9/Lenten Pages
“Tal Como Soy/Just as I Am” #128/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

“I’ve Got a Feelin’”
I’ve got a feelin’ everything’s gonna’ be alright, Oh, Oh, Oh
I’ve got a feelin’ everything’s gonna’ be alright, Oh, Oh, Oh
I’ve got a feelin’ everything’s gonna’ be alright, be alright, be alright, be alright (Verses)

BENEDICTION

+ Reception by Project Achieve!  + Stained Glass by Jackson Hall
CELEBRATE the LENTEN and EASTER Seasons with MCCNY!

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 2nd at 7pm
Begin the Lenten Season with the Distribution of Ashes and the Remembrance that We are God’s Beloved!

Sundays, March 6th - April 3rd at 9am and 11am
Mark the Sundays of LENT with something new and positive in your life!

Sunday, April 10th at 9am and 11am
Celebrate PALM SUNDAY with the Blessing of Palms

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15th at 7pm
Join MCCNY and Lavender Light Gospel Choir as we put the “Good” back in this Friday celebration!

HOLY SATURDAY, April 16th at 7pm
Join MCCNY in one of the most beautiful and ancient of celebrations with the Lighting of the New Fire!

EASTER SUNDAY, April 17th at 11am only
Celebrate the Resurrection as the 9am and 11am communities come together in joy!
Gala Reception at the Playwright!
(27 West 35th Street)

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Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. To place your order, go to:
https://www.covidtests.gov/
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 212-629-7440.

CHRISTIANS OF AFRICAN DESCENT (C.A.D.) is part of the overall spiritual environment of MCCNY. For more information, call the Church office at 212-629-7440 or see Deacon Tressie or Aaron Lee Battle to talk about future plans.

GENDERPEOPLE OF MCCNY, hosted by Moshay Moses, is taking a break! We are a dynamic and confidential spirituality group of Transgender, Transsexual, Androgynous, Two-Spirit, and people with other than man–male or female–woman gender experience. For further information, see Moshay Moses or call 212-629-7440 ext. 221.

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

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MCCNY E-Prayer Ministry: If you would like to participate 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.

MCCNY E-Newsletter: This e-newsletter provides reflections, news and information for members and friends of MCC New York. If you want to subscribe, email Mike Easterling at Mike@mccny.org or text MCCNY to 22828.

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. Please send your information to Mike at Mike@mccny.org

Support MCCNY!!!

Options abound!

➤ Sign up for one time or recurring giving at www.easytithe.com/mccny
➤ Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to 646-681-7445
➤ Email Mike (mike.mccny@gmail.com) to have credit giving set up for you

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Currently, 43 people are recurring givers with donations totaling $3500 a month.
Average donation is $20 a week.
Imagine if 7 more people become $20 weekly donors:
Our monthly total will be $4060!
And if 17 more people sign up for recurring giving at $20 a week
Our monthly total will be $4860!
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The Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry, Founder

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- HYS Program Manager: LaDedra Brown
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