



Each day may I remember the source of Thy mercies
 Thou hast bestowed on me gently and generously
 Each day may I be fuller in love to Thyself. ~Celtic Prayer

April is Arab American History Month and STD Awareness Month

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

+ 5th SUNDAY of EASTER!

♥ Happy Anniv. Jessie Daniels & Amanda!

+ The Rev. Pat Bumgardner, preaching

(Acts 9: 26-31 & John 15: 1-8)

8:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 9am

9:00 am Traditional Liturgy Live-streamed!

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!
 Blessing of Alejandro Luna

6:00 pm Queer Muslim Gathering

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, April 29: Office Closed

♥ Happy Birthday Sunshine Degoldi!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, April 30

♥ Happy Birthday Bev Heath!

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

~May is A/PI Heritage Month & Nat'l Foster Care Month~

Wednesday, May 01: ❀ May Day! ❀

+ St. Joseph the Worker

♥ Happy Birthday Ted Bohn & Jules Netherland!

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, May 02: + National Day of Prayer

♥ Happy B'day Stan Kimer & Rev. Jim Mitulski!

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 Restoration Temple Rehearsal

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Friday, May 03: Friendship Day!

❀ World Press Freedom Day

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, May 04

♥ Happy Birthday Lloyd Lee!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MAY 05

+ 6th SUNDAY of EASTER!

+ Orthodox Easter

❀ Yom HaShoah ❀ Cinco de Mayo

♥ Happy 38th Anniversary Mary Jane Gibney & Rev. Pat! ♥

+ The Rev. Elder Miller Hoffman, preaching

(AAcTs 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 & John 15: 9-17)

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

* 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

April 28, 2024
✦ 5th Sunday of Easter

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
Heidi Siegell, Song Leader

PROCESSION

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#127/Hymnal
Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera
The First Lesson

Hechos 9: 26-31
Acts 9: 26-31

Cuando Saulo llegó a Jerusalén, quiso reunirse con los creyentes; pero todos le tenían miedo, porque no creían que Saulo también fuera creyente. Sin embargo, Bernabé lo llevó y lo presentó a los apóstoles. Les contó que Saulo había visto al Maestro en el camino, y que el Maestro le había hablado, y que, en Damasco, Saulo había anunciado a Jesús con toda valentía. Así Saulo se quedó en Jerusalén, y andaba con ellos. Hablaba del Maestro con toda valentía, conversando y discutiendo con la comunidad que hablaban griego; pero éstos procuraban matarlo. Cuando los hermanos y las hermanasse dieron cuenta de ello, llevaron a Saulo a Cesarea, y de allí lo mandaron a Tarso. Entonces la iglesia, en todas las regiones de Judea, Galilea y Samaria, tenía paz y crecía espiritualmente. Vivía en el temor de Christo y, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo, iba aumentando en número.

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

When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples, and they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that Saul was a disciple. But Barnabas took Saul, brought him to the apostles, and described for them how on the road Saul had seen the Teacher, who had spoken to Saul, and how in Damascus Saul had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus. So Saul went in and out among them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of Jesus. Saul spoke and argued with the Hellenists, but they were attempting to kill him. When the brothers and sisters learned of it, they brought Saul down to Caesarea and sent Saul off to Tarsus. Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the reverence of Christ and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

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

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Juan 15: 1-8
John 15: 1-8

Jesús dijo, "Yo soy la vid verdadera, y Dios es el uno la cultiva. Si una de mis ramas no da uvas, Dios la corta; pero si da uvas, la Dios poda y la limpia, para que dé más. Ustedes ya están limpios por las palabras que les he dicho. Sigán unidos a mí, como yo sigo unido a ustedes. Una rama no puede dar uvas de sí misma, si no está unida a la vid; de igual manera, ustedes no pueden dar fruto, si no permanecen unidos a mí. Yo soy la vid, y ustedes son las ramas. La persona que permanece unido a mí, y yo unido a la persona, da mucho fruto; pues sin mí no pueden ustedes hacer nada. La persona que no permanece unido a mí, será echado fuera y se secará como las ramas que se recogen y se queman en el fuego. Si ustedes permanecen unidos a mí, y si permanecen fieles a mis enseñanzas, pidan lo que quieran y se les dará. En esto se muestra la gloria de Dios, en que den mucho fruto y lleguen así a ser verdaderos discípulos míos."

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Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and God is the vinegrower. God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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SELECTION

SERMON

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Richie Torres

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. 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

"Nearer, My God, to Thee"

#142/Hymnal

"Oh, Qué Amigo"

#172/Hymnal

"Es la Vida"

#62/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Resucito"

Printed

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.

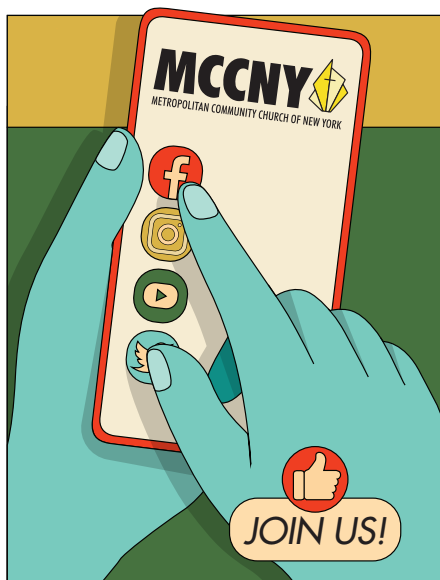
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- Sign up for one time or recurring giving at www.easytithes.com/mccny
- Donate by text message by sending any numerical amount to **646-681-7445**



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Resucitó

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.

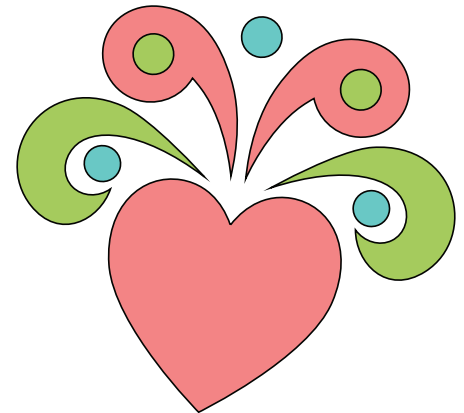
La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
¿Dónde está mi muerte? ¿Dónde su victoria?

Resucitó, resucitó, resucitó, aleluya.
Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.

Aleyua, aleyua, aleluya, resucitó.

La muerte. ¿Dónde está la muerte?
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RECRUITING PARTICIPANTS

BLACK, AFRICAN-AMERICAN BISEXUAL
WOMEN LIVING WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES

For a research study on Physical Activity

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU

- Are between 25 and 65 years old
- Identify as a Black/African-American Bisexual Woman
- Have been diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes for at least 1 year
- Are able to participate in physical activity

PARTICIPATION INVOLVES

- Participating in a 90-minute focus group
- Completing a brief demographic survey prior to the focus group

Join other Black/African-American bisexual* women to discuss how your experiences have impacted your beliefs, behaviors and attitudes about physical activity as a part of your diabetes management routine.

THIS STUDY IS CONDUCTED BY
HUNTER COLLEGE AT CUNY (CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK)

Participants who complete the focus group will receive a \$50 Visa Check Card
*Bisexual includes but is not limited to having attraction to more than one gender and can also include women who experience romantic attraction regardless of gender, women who believe sexual orientation is fluid over the course of one's life, those who may predominantly be attracted to one gender but not exclusively, and those who acknowledge gender as fluid and nonbinary



Register Now

WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION
FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
TEENA BROOKS, LMSW, PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR
AT CBROOKS@GRADCENTER.CUNY.EDU

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Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

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Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Facilitator
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Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Deacon Les LaRue	<i>The Query</i>/Bulletin Design

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Virtual Worship Leader	Bob Ferrara

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