



What are you thirsty for?

+ March is Women's History Month

2026: A Year of Resilience!

SUNDAY, MARCH 08

- + 2nd Sun. Women's History Month
- + 3rd Sunday of Lent
- + International Women's Day
- ♣ Time "springs forward" 1 hour!
- ♥ Happy Birthday Bp. Zachary Jones!
- + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Ex. 17: 3-7 & Jn. 4: 5-11)

10:00 am Choir Rehearsal for 11am

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

1:30 pm Bengali Group/Gallery

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, March 09: Office Closed

♥ Happy Birthday Tyrone Jackson & Aaron!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, March 10

♣ National Women & Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Harry Knox & Elandus Lake!

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

7:00 pm BOARD MEETING (via Zoom)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Wednesday, March 11

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

6:00 pm PASTORAL STAFF MEETING (via Zoom)

6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)

Wednesday, March 11 (continued)

7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study begins (see ad)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, March 12

♥ Happy Birthday Rev. Joan Saniuk & Logan!

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, March 13

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, March 14

♥ Happy Birthday Maria-Elena Grant, Rev. Robert Arnau, and Jesse James!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

+ 3rd Sun. Women's History Month

+ 4th Sunday of Lent
(Laetare Sunday)

♥ Happy B'day Gerald Tucker & Scott Heyward!

+ Lay Preacher Maribelle Vazquez, preaching
(I Sam. 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 & Jn. 9: 1-12)

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!

Send to: RvPatMCCNY@aol.com

MCCNY 
METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF NEW YORK

March 08, 2026

✦ 2nd Sunday in Women's History Month

✦ 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

"Sing Praise to God Who Gives Us Life"

#203/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

Éxodo 17: 3-7

The First Lesson

Exodus 17: 3-7

El pueblo tenía sed, a Refidim y hablaron en contra de Moisés. Decían: "¿Para qué nos hiciste salir de Egipto? ¿Para matarnos de sed, junto con nuestros niños y nuestros animales?" Moisés clamó entonces a Dios, y dijo a Dios: "¿Qué voy a hacer con esta gente? ¡Un poco más y me matan a pedradas!" Y Dios le contestó a Moisés: "Pasa delante del pueblo, y hazte acompañar de algunos ancianos de Israel. Llévate también el bastón con que golpeaste el río, y ponte en marcha. Yo estaré esperándote allá en el monte Horeb, sobre la roca. Cuando golpees la roca, saldrá agua de ella para que beba la gente." Moisés lo hizo así, a la vista de los ancianos de Israel, y llamó a aquel lugar Meribá porque los israelitas le habían hecho reclamaciones, y también lo llamó Masá porque habían puesto a prueba a Dios, al decir: "¿Está o no está Dios con nosotros?"

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

The people thirsted at Rephidim for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to God, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. Moses called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested God, saying, "Is God among us or not?"

+ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda

Juan 4: 5-11

The Second Lesson

John 4: 5-11

Jesús llegó a un pueblo de Samaria que se llamaba Sicar, cerca del terreno que Jacob había dado en herencia a su niño José. Allí estaba el pozo de Jacob. Jesús, cansado del camino, se sentó junto al pozo. Era cerca del mediodía. (Los discípulos habían ido al pueblo a comprar algo de comer.) En eso, una mujer de Samaria llegó al pozo a sacar agua, y Jesús le dijo: "Dame un poco de agua." Pero como los hebreos no tienen trato con los samaritanos, la mujer le respondió: "¿Cómo es que tú, siendo hebreo, me pides agua a mí, que soy samaritana?" Jesús le contestó: "Si supieras lo que Dios da y quién es la persona que te está pidiendo agua, tú le pedirías a él, y él te daría agua viva." La mujer le dijo a Jesús: Tu ni siquiera tienes con qué sacar agua, y el pozo es muy hondo: ¿de dónde vas a darme agua viva?"

+ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by the journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (The disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "How is it that you, a Hebrew person, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (The Hebrew people do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to Jesus, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

+ 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

"Jesus, All My Gladness"

#7/Purple Pages

"Cristo, Cristo"

#47/Hymnal

"No Hay Otro Nombre"

#143/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"You've Got the Whole World"

#286/Hymnal

Please stand as able

BENEDICTION



✿ *Everyone is welcome to a reception following the service!*

+ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

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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.

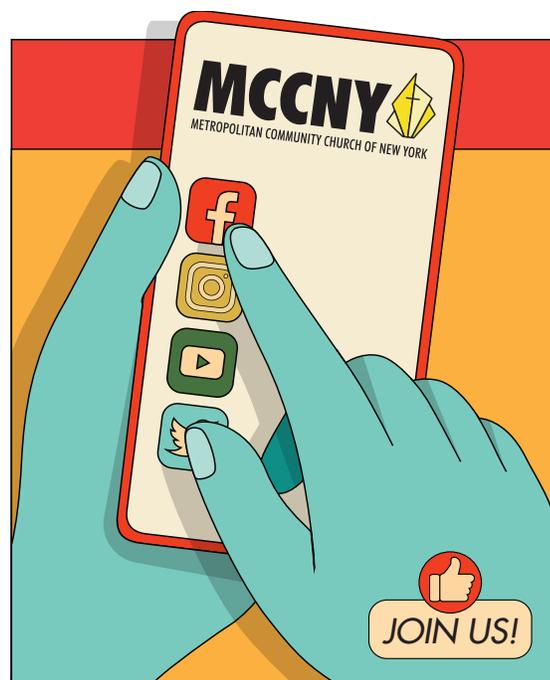
MCCNY has a new phone number! 332-400-7488

Join in a Lenten Bible Series,
**“Tell Me The Stories of Jesus
I Love to Hear”** 🎵🎵🎵

with author Amy Levine and Bp. Reg
**Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom
February 25th – March 25th**

Zoom link: <http://bit.ly/4tgX83D>
Passcode: 536020/Meeting ID: 834 0533 0821

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



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March
is

Women's History Month

"Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future"

In 2026 we honor women who have and are reimagining and rebuilding systems to ensure long-term sustainability environmentally, economically, educationally, and socially.



Simone Biles, commonly referred to as the GOAT, or Greatest of All Time, is the single most decorated gymnast in history, holding 11 Olympic medals and 30 World Championship medals. After winning the Gold in the 2016 Rio games, she said, "I'm not the next Usain Bolt or Michael Phelps. I'm the first Simone Biles." Though she had a challenging early life, her grandparents were able to eventually provide her the stability she needed. In her autobiography, which reached number one on the NYTimes Best Sellers young adult list, she wrote, "I want people to reach for their dreams and there are so many people who have inspired me with their love and encouragement along the way and I want to pass on that inspiration to readers."

Holy Week and Easter at MCCNY

Palm Sunday, March 29th	11am	+ Blessing of Palms + The Rev. Dr. David Williams, preaching
Holy Thursday, April 2nd	7pm	+ Footwashing Ceremony
Good Friday, April 3rd	7pm	+ Stations of the Cross/Reading of the Passion + Lavender Light Gospel Choir + The Rev. Dr. DeWayne Davis, preaching
Holy Saturday, April 4th	7pm	+ Easter Vigil Liturgy/Lighting of the New Fire + Reading of Salvation History/String Ensemble + The Rev. Kristen Orion, preaching
Easter Sunday, April 5th	11am	+ Celebration of the Resurrection! + Heart Awards/Gala Reception + The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching



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 Siegell	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

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Deacon Philip Pares
Deacon Tressie Carter	Deacon Len Richardson
Deacon Jen Heyward	Deacon Frances Wood
Deacon Les LaRue	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bp. Pat Bumgardner	Moderator
Lyndsey Jones-McAdams	Special Events
Rob Franek	Public Relations/Outreach
Sam Davis	Scribe
Montel Cherry-Holmes	Member at Large

PROGRAMMING

Religious Education/Membership

Bishop Reg Richburg	Facilitator
Deacon Tressie Carter	Membership

Christians of African Descent

Deacon Brenton Buchannan	Facilitator
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E-Prayer Group

Deacon Jen Heyward	Facilitator
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Hospitality

. Deacon Brenton Buchannan

Newsletter/Bulletin

Deacon Frances Wood	<i>The Query</i> Editor
Deacon Les LaRue	<i>The Query</i> /Bulletin Design

Audio & Virtual Ministries

. John Phelps	
Live-streaming	Bob Ferrara
Virtual Worship Leader	Margot Wagner

Web Sites

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ASL Interpreter

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