



A Sure Place

✦ August is Black Business Month ✦

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

✦ 8th SUNDAY after PRIDE

✦ International Day for the Remembrance
of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition

♥ Celebration of John Fischer's Birthday
following the 11am! All are welcome!

✦ The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching
(Is. 22: 15,19-23 & Mt. 16: 13-20)

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, August 24: Office Closed

♥ Happy Birthday Kedrick Faulk and
Larry Smith!

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, August 25

♥ Happy Birthday LaDedra Brown and
Evan Swanson!

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, August 26: National Dog Day!

✦ Anniversary of Emmet Till (1955)

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, August 27

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, August 28

☆ March on Washington to Defend the Vote!

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, August 29

✦ Passion of John the Baptist

♥ Happy Birthday Jeffrey Miller!

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

✦ 9th SUNDAY after PRIDE

♥ Memorial Celebration of the Life of
Myrleen Knight following the 11am.
All are welcome. ♥

♥ Happy Birthday Sylvester McCracken!

✦ The Rev. Dr. Robin Gorsline, preaching

(Gen. 1: 20-28 & excerpt/The Great Work: Our Way into the Future)

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

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August 23, 2026
✚ 8th 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 Siegell, Soloist

PROCESSION

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

#139/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

Isaías 22: 15,19-23
Isaiah 22: 15,19-23

Dios todopoderoso me dijo: "Ve a ver a Sebná, mayordomo de palacio, y dile: 'Yo te quitaré de tu puesto, te retiraré de tu oficio.' . . . En ese día llamaré a mi siervo, a Eliaquim, niño de Hilquías; lo vestiré con tu túnica, le pondré tu cinturón de honor y le daré tu autoridad. Eliaquim será como un padre para los habitantes de Jerusalén y para el pueblo de Judá. En los hombros de Eliaquim le pondré la llave de la casa de David; nadie podrá cerrar lo que Eliaquim abra ni abrir lo que Eliaquim cierre. Eliaquim será como un trono de honor para la familia de sus padres. Yo haré que quede firme en su lugar, como si fuera un clavo."

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

Thus says the God of hosts: "Go to the steward Shebna, who is head of the household, and say to him: 'I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your post.' . . . On that day I will call my servant Eliakim child of Hilkiyah and will clothe Eliakim with your robe and bind your sash on him. I will commit your authority to the hand of Eliakim, and Eliakim shall be a parent to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. I will place on the shoulder of Eliakim the key of the house of David; Eliakim shall open, and no one shall shut; Eliakim shall shut, and no one shall open. I will fasten Eliakim like a peg in a secure place, and Eliakim will become a throne of honor to his ancestral house."

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Mateo 16: 13-20
Matthew 16: 13-20

Cuando Jesús llegó a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, Jesús preguntó a los discípulos: "¿Quién dice la gente que es el Niño de la Humanidad?" Ellos contestaron a Jesús: "Algunos dicen que Juan el Bautista; otros dicen que Elías, y otros dicen que Jeremías o algún otro profeta." "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy?" Jesús les preguntó. Simón Pedro le respondió a Jesús: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Niño de Dios viviente." Entonces Jesús le dijo a Pedro: "Dichoso tú, Simón, niño de Jonás, porque esto no lo conociste por medios humanos, sino porque te lo reveló Dios que está en el cielo. Y yo te digo que tú eres Pedro, y sobre esta piedra voy a construir mi iglesia; y ni siquiera el poder de la muerte podrá vencerla. Te daré las llaves del reino de los cielos; lo que tú ates aquí en la tierra, también quedará atado en el cielo, y lo que tú desates aquí en la tierra, también quedará desatado en el cielo." Luego Jesús ordenó a los discípulos que no dijeran a nadie que él era el Mesías.

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TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples, “Who do people say that the Child of Humanity is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Child of the living God.” And Jesus answered Peter, “Blessed are you, Simon child of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but God in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the reign of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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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

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

#137/Hymnal

“Cristo, Cristo”

#47/Hymnal

“Blessed Assurance”

#24/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

“Pueblo Libre”

#189/Hymnal
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

♥ *Everyone is welcome to celebrate
John Fischer's Birthday 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: 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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SUICIDE HOTLINE
(Trans Lifeline):
877-565-8860**



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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**

+1(229) 304-8720

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?**

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**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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