



Universal Sacred Community

✦ August is Black Business Month ✦

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)

11:00 am Celebration Liturgy Live-streamed!

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, August 31: Office Closed

♥ **Happy Anniv. Sherilyn and Rev. Joan Saniuk!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

September is Hunger Action Awareness Month and begins Hispanic Peoples Month

Tuesday, September 01: Internat'l Peace Day

✦ **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

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 02

✦ **Birth of Fr. John McNeill**

1:00 pm Lunch Distribution (until 3pm)

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

2026: A Year of Resilience!

Wednesday, September 02 (continued)

6:00 pm Q Clinic (3rd floor)

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Thursday, September 03

♥ **Happy Anniversary Michael & Erika Mohahi-Gibney!**

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, September 04

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, September 05

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 06

✦ **10th SUNDAY after PRIDE**
✦ **Labor Day Weekend**

♥ **Happy Birthday Theresa Pascoe and Rev. James Forbes!**

✦ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Ezk. 33: 7-9 & Mt. 18: 15-20)

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 
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August 30, 2026
✚ 9th 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

"Fairest Earth Mother"

Printed

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

Génesis 1: 20-28
Genesis 1: 20-28

Dios dijo: "Que las aguas produzcan en masas seres vivientes, y aves que vuelen sobre la tierra, por la bóveda del cielo." Dios creó los grandes monstruos marinos y todos los seres vivientes de toda especie que se arrastran, que las aguas produjeron en masas, y todas las aves aladas de toda especie. Y Dios vio que esto era bueno. Dios los bendijo, diciendo: "Sean fecundos y multiplíquense sobre la tierra." Y fue la tarde y la mañana del quinto día. Dios dijo: "Que la tierra produzca toda clase de seres vivientes: ganado, reptiles y bestias salvajes de toda especie." Y así fue. Dios hizo toda clase de bestias salvajes, ganado y toda clase de reptiles de la tierra. Y Dios vio que esto era bueno. Y Dios dijo: "Hagamos al ser humano a nuestra imagen, conforme a nuestra semejanza." Gobernarán a los peces del mar, a las aves del cielo, al ganado, a toda la tierra y a todos los animales que se arrastran sobre la tierra. Y Dios creó al ser humano a su imagen, a imagen de Dios creó Dios al ser humano; varón y hembra los creó Dios. Dios los bendijo y les dijo: "Sean fecundos y multiplíquense. Llenen la tierra y sométanla; gobiernen a los peces del mar con sumisión, a las aves del cielo y a todos los seres vivos que se arrastran sobre la tierra."

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

God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and birds that fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." God created the great sea monsters, and all the living creatures of every kind that creep, which the waters brought forth in swarms, and all the winged birds of every kind. And God saw this was good. God blessed them saying, "Be fertile and increase on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning a fifth day. God said, "Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: cattle, creeping things, and wild beasts of every kind. And it was so. God made wild beasts of every kind and cattle of every kind, and all kinds of creeping things of the earth. And God saw this was good. And God said, "Let us make humanity in our image, and after our likeness. They shall rule the fish of the sea, and the birds of the sky, the cattle, the whole earth, and all the creeping things that creep on earth. And God created humans in God's image, in the image of God God created humans; male and female God created them. God blessed them and God said to them, "Be fertile and increase, fill the earth and master it and rule the fish of the sea with benevolent oversight, the birds of the sky, and all the living things that creep on earth."

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Thomas Berry, *La Gran Obra: Nuestro Camino hacia el Futuro*, pág. 82
Thomas Berry, *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*, p. 82

. . . el universo entero se compone de sujetos con los que podemos conectar, no principalmente de objetos para explotar. Esta experiencia de conexión es, creo, universal. Se puede observar en la reacción inmediata de casi cualquier persona que simplemente contempla el océano al amanecer o al atardecer, o el firmamento nocturno con todas las estrellas resplandecientes, o que se adentra en un paraje natural con sus aspectos tanto inquietantes como fascinantes. En cada fase de nuestra vida imaginativa, estética y emocional, dependemos profundamente de este contexto más amplio del mundo que nos rodea. No hay vida interior sin experiencia exterior. La tragedia de la destrucción de los bosques primigenios no es económica, sino que implica una pérdida del alma. Porque estamos privando a nuestra imaginación, a nuestras emociones e incluso a nuestro intelecto de esa experiencia abrumadora que nos transmite la naturaleza salvaje. Que los niños vivan únicamente en contacto con hormigón, acero, cables, ruedas, máquinas, ordenadores y plásticos, y que rara vez experimenten la realidad primordial o incluso vean las estrellas por la noche, supone una privación del alma que disminuye las experiencias humanas más profundas.

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

. . . the entire universe is composed of subjects to be communed with, not primarily objects to be exploited. This communion experience is, I believe, universal. It can be observed in the immediate reaction of almost anyone who simply looks at the ocean or sunset or at the heavens at night with all the stars ablaze, or who enters a wilderness area with its foreboding as well as its entrancing aspects. In every phase of our imaginative, aesthetic, and emotional lives we are profoundly dependent on this larger context of the surrounding world. There is no inner life without outer experience. The tragedy in the elimination of the primordial forests is not the economic, but the soul-loss that is involved. For we are depriving our imagination, our emotions, and even our intellect of that overwhelming experience communicated by the wilderness. For children to live only in contact with concrete and steel and wires and wheels and machines and computers and plastics, to seldom experience any primordial reality or even to see stars as night, is a soul deprivation that diminishes the deepest of their human experiences.

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

SELECTION

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Robin Hawley Gorsline
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

“Alegres Tomamos”

#2/Hymnal

“God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea”

#83/Hymnal

“Ven a Mis Ser”

#248/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#125/Hymnal
Please stand as able

BENEDICTION

♥ *Everyone is welcome to join in a light reception
immediately following the Benediction!*

✚ *Stained Glass by Jackson Hall*

OVER →

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
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to MCCNY
over the
SUMMER!



NYC ICE HOTLINE

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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?**

L

**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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