



Homecoming is Heartcoming

✦ September is Hunger Action Awareness Month and begins Hispanic Peoples Month ✦

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

✦ **11th SUNDAY**
after **PRIDE**

* *Joint Celebration with Long Island Community Fellowship*

✦ **Commemoration of September 11th**

♥ **Happy Birthday David Gibney!**

✦ **The Rev. Dr. Gale Jones, preaching**
(Sir. 27:30 - 28:7 & Mt. 18:21-35)

11:00 am **Celebration Liturgy** Live-streamed!

12:45 pm **Rise of the Resistance** (see Alva Bostick)

9:00 pm Sylvia's Place Youth Shelter

Monday, September 14: Office Closed

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

Tuesday, September 15

✦ **Exaltation of the Cross/Our Lady of Sorrows**

♥ **Happy Birthday Isabella Rose!**

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 16

* **Bisexual Awareness Week begins**

♥ **Happy Birthday Frances Wood!**

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, September 17

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 18

* **National HIV/AIDS & Aging Awareness 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, September 19

♥ **Happy Anniv. Jessie Daniels & Amanda Lugg!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

✦ **HOMECOMING**
SUNDAY!

* **Gala Reception! Heart Awards!**

* **Imago Dei MCC in the house!**

✦ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**
(Ps. 23 & Lk. 15: 1-11)

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!

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MCCNY 
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September 13, 2026
✚ 11th 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 with Long Island Community Fellowship of West Babylon

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

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

#234/Hymnal

Please stand as able

WELCOME

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

✚ *Commemoration of "September 11th"* ✚

✚ The Sign of Peace

THE LESSON

La Lección Primera
The First Lesson

Eclesiástico 27: 30-28: 7
Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

Ira y enojo son cosas detestables, pero del pecador nunca se apartan. Del vengativo se vengará Dios; Dios llevará cuenta estricta de sus pecados. Perdona las ofensas a tu prójimo, y Dios perdonará tus pecados cuando se lo pidas. Si uno guarda rencor a su prójimo, ¿cómo querrá que Dios le dé a él la salud? No tiene compasión de una persona igual a él, ¿y pide a Dios el perdón de sus pecados? Es un simple mortal y guarda rencor, ¿quién le obtendrá el perdón de sus pecados? Piensa en tu fin y ya no odies más; piensa en la muerte y cumple los mandamientos. Recuerda los mandamientos y no odies al prójimo; piensa en la alianza del Altísimo y perdona las faltas.

✚ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations, yet a sinner holds on to them. The vengeful will face the vengeance of God, for God keeps a strict account of their sins. Forgive your neighbor the wrong done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does anyone harbor anger against another and expect healing from God? If people have no mercy toward those like themselves, can they then seek pardon for their own sins? If mere mortals harbor wrath, who will make an atoning sacrifice for their sins? Remember the end of your life and set enmity aside; remember corruption and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbor; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook faults.

✚ This is the Word of God

THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Mateo 18: 21-35
Matthew 18: 21-35

Pedro fue y preguntó a Jesús: "Maestro, ¿cuántas veces deberé perdonar a mi hermano o mi hermana si me hace algo malo? ¿Hasta siete?" Jesús le contestó a Pedro: "No te digo hasta siete veces, sino hasta setenta veces siete. Por esto, sucede con el reino de los cielos como con un gobernante que quiso hacer cuentas con los funcionarios. Estaba comenzando a hacerlas cuando le presentaron a uno que le debía muchos millones. Como aquel funcionario no tenía con qué pagar, el gobernante ordenó que lo vendieran como esclavo, junto con su esposa, sus niños y todo lo que tenía, para que quedara pagada la deuda. El funcionario se arrodilló delante del gobernante, y le rogó: 'Tenga usted paciencia conmigo y se lo pagaré todo.' Y el gobernante tuvo compasión de la persona; así que perdonó la persona la deuda y lo puso en libertad. Pero al salir, aquel funcionario se encontró con un compañero suyo que le debía una pequeña cantidad. Lo agarró del cuello y comenzó a estrangularlo, diciéndole: '¡Págame lo que me debes!' El compañero, arrodillándose delante de la persona, le rogó: 'Ten paciencia conmigo y te lo pagaré todo.' Pero el otro no quiso, sino que lo hizo meter en la cárcel hasta que le pagara la deuda. Esto dolió mucho a los otros funcionarios, que fueron a contarle al gobernante todo lo sucedido. Entonces el gobernante lo mandó llamar, y le dijo: '¡Malvado! Yo te perdono toda aquella deuda porque me lo rogaste. Pues tú también debiste tener compasión de tu compañero, del mismo modo que yo tuve compasión de ti.' Y tanto se enojó el gobernante, que ordenó castigarlo hasta que pagara todo lo que debía." Jesús añadió: "Así hará también con ustedes mi Dios celestial, si cada uno de ustedes no perdona de corazón a su hermano y su hermana."

✚ Esta es la Palabra de Dios

TE ALABAMOS, O DIOS

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Teacher, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to Peter, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the reign of heaven may be compared to a ruler who wished to settle accounts with the workers. When the ruler began the reckoning, one who owed ten thousand talents was brought before the ruler, and, as this person could not pay, the ruler ordered the person be sold, together with the person's spouse and children and all their possessions and payment to be made. So the person fell on their knees, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity, the ruler released the person and forgave the debt. But that same worker, on going out, came upon a fellow worker who owed them a hundred denarii, and seizing this worker by the throat, said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then the fellow worker fell down and pleaded, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But the first worker refused, and went and threw the fellow worker into prison until the debt could be paid. When all the other workers saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to the ruler all that had taken place. Then the ruler summoned the first worker and said, 'You wicked person! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow worker, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger the ruler handed the person over to be tortured until the entire debt could be paid. So my God in heaven will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

SELECTION

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gale Jones
Long Island Community Fellowship of West Babylon

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

"Amor de Jesús Nos Unio"

#15/Hymnal

"Caridad y Comprensión"

#34/Hymnal

"Blest be the Tie"

#26/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Oh, Happy Day"

Please stand as able

Oh happy day (Oh happy day) Oh happy day—When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed) 3X

He washed my sins away

He taught me how to watch, fight, and pray—(fight and pray)

And I'll rejoice—every day (every day) . . .

BENEDICTION

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

✚ *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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HOME-COMING SUNDAY!

is September 20th

Spread the word!

Reach out to
summer vacationers!

Celebrate with your
family of faith at 11am!

Gala reception to follow!

NYC ICE HOTLINE

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

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NEIGHBORS**

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Use **S.A.L.U.T.E.** when
reporting ICE activity

S	Size of the group of officers
A	Actions/Activity <i>What are they doing?</i>
L	Location <i>Address or street names</i>
U	Uniforms/Clothes <i>Look for letters</i>
T	Time/Date
E	Equipment/Weapons

Please

don't forget
your donations
to MCCNY
over the
SUMMER!



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