



# I Shall Not Want

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

✦ **HOME COMING SUNDAY!**

✦ *Gala Reception! Heart Awards!*

✦ *Imago Dei MCC in the house!*

✦ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**  
(Ps. 23 & Lk. 15: 1-10)

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 21: Office Closed /Yom Kippur**

✦ **National Migrant Week begins**

✦ **Global Day of Prayer to End Famine**

✦ **International Day of Peace**

♥ **Happy Anniv. Jonathan Lebolt & Rev. Robin!**

♥ **Happy Anniv. James Baker & Tom Purtill!**

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

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**Tuesday, September 22**

✦ **Signing of Emancipation Proclamation**  
(1862/issued January 1, 1863)

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 23**

♥ **Celebrate Bisexuality Day!**

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 24**

♥ **Happy Birthday Nanett Falu!**

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 25**

✦ **National Daughters Day**

✦ **Anniversary of the Little Rock 9 (1952)**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Wanda Floyd and David Badella!**

12:15 pm Taize Prayer w/Rev. Brett (Facebook)

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

6:00 pm **Memorial Celebration for Bradley Curry**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**Saturday, September 26**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

✦ **1st SUNDAY AFTER HOME COMING!**

✦ **Nat'l Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day**

✦ **Lay Preacher Sophia Pazos, preaching**  
(Ezk. 18: 25-28 & Mt. 21: 28-32)

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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September 20, 2026  
✚ Homecoming Sunday!

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

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

#87/Hymnal

*Please stand as able*

## WELCOME

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

✚ *Presentation of Heart Awards* ✚

✚ The Sign of Peace

## THE LESSON

La Lección Primera  
The First Lesson

Salmos 23  
Psalm 23

Dios es mi pastor; nada me falta. En verdes praderas Dios me hace descansar, a las aguas tranquilas Dios me conduce, Dios me da nuevas fuerzas y Dios me lleva por caminos rectos, haciendo honor a el nombre de Dios. Aunque pase por el más oscuro de los valles, no temeré peligro alguno, porque tú, oh Dios, estás conmigo; tu vara y tu bastón me inspiran confianza. Me has preparado un banquete ante los ojos de mis enemigos; has vertido perfume en mi cabeza, y has llenado mi copa a rebosar. Tu bondad y tu amor me acompañan a lo largo de mis días, y en tu casa, oh Dios, por siempre viviré.

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

God is my shepherd; I shall not want. God makes me lie down in green pastures; God leads me beside still waters; God restores my soul. God leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of God's name. Yea though I walk through valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of God my whole life long.

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

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda  
The Second Lesson

Lucas 15: 1-10  
Luke 15: 1-10

Todos los que cobraban impuestos para Roma y otra gente de mala fama se acercaban a Jesús, para oírlo. Los fariseos y los maestros de la ley lo criticaban por esto, diciendo: "Éste persona recibe a los pecadores y come con ellos." Entonces Jesús les dijo esta parábola: "¿Quién de ustedes, si tiene cien ovejas y pierde una de ellas, no deja las otras noventa y nueve en el campo y va en busca de la oveja perdida, hasta encontrarla? Y cuando la encuentra, contento la pone sobre sus hombros, y al llegar a casa junta a sus amigos y vecinos, y les dice: 'Alégrense conmigo, porque ya encontré la oveja que se me había perdido.' Les digo que así también hay más alegría en el cielo por un pecador que se convierte que por noventa y nueve justos que no necesitan convertirse. O bien, ¿qué mujer que tiene diez monedas y pierde una de ellas, no enciende una lámpara y barre la casa buscando con cuidado hasta encontrarla? Y cuando la encuentra, reúne a sus amigas y vecinas, y les dice: 'Alégrense conmigo, porque ya encontré la moneda que había perdido.' Les digo que así también hay alegría entre los ángeles de Dios por un pecador que se convierte."

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until you find it? And when you have found it, you lay it on your shoulders and rejoice. And when you come home, you call together your friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

**+ 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**

“In Memory of the Savior’s Love”

#115/Hymnal

“Tal Como Soy”

#128/Hymnal

“BEs la Vida”

#62/Hymnal

### **CLOSING SONG**

**“You’ve Got the Whole World”**

**#286/Hymnal**  
*Please stand as able*

### **BENEDICTION**

♥ *Everyone is welcome to join in a gala 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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

**GIVE TO  
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**GIVE TO  
MCCNY** →



**TRANSGENDER  
SUICIDE HOTLINE  
(Trans Lifeline):  
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**Youtube:** @MCCNewYork

*Happy*  
**HOME-  
 COMING  
 SUNDAY!**

*Welcome Home!*

## 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!

[unitedwedream.org/end](http://unitedwedream.org/end)

@UnitedWeDream



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

**S**

Size of the group of officers

**A**

Actions/Activity  
 What are they doing?

**L**

Location  
 Address or street names

**U**

Uniforms/Clothes  
 Look for letters

**T**

Time/Date

**E**

Equipment/Weapons

## NYC ICE HOTLINE

**THE HOTLINE IS  
 BACK**

**CALL or TEXT**

**SEE ICE? TAKE A PICTURE &  
 TEXT US THE INFO**

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EVERYDAY FROM

**6 AM  
 8 PM**

ENGLISH & SPANISH

**PROTECT YOUR  
 NEIGHBORS**

**NYCHOTLINE.NET**

## PASTORAL STAFF

|                                         |                          |
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| The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner . . . . . | <b>Pastor</b>            |
| The Rev. Dr. Brett Degoldi . . . . .    | <b>Staff Clergy</b>      |
| The Rev. Reg Richburg . . . . .         | <b>Staff Clergy</b>      |
| The Rev. Dr. Jim Merritt . . . . .      | <b>Staff Clergy</b>      |
| John Fischer . . . . .                  | <b>Director of Music</b> |
| Carolyn Traore . . . . .                | <b>Music Ministry</b>    |
| Heidi Siegel . . . . .                  | <b>Music Ministry</b>    |

## MCCNY Charities

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| LaDedra Brown . . . . . | <b>HYS Program Manager</b> |
| Kailiah Hayes . . . . . | <b>Food Pantry Manager</b> |

## LAY DELEGATES

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| Deacon Brenton Buchannan | Deacon Jen Heyward          |
| John Fischer             | Mary Jane Gibney, alternate |

## BOARD OF DEACONS

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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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| Rob Franek . . . . .            | <b>Finances</b>        |
| Sam Davis . . . . .             | <b>Scribe</b>          |
| Montel Cherry-Holmes . . . . .  | <b>Member at Large</b> |

## PROGRAMMING

### Religious Education/Membership

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| Bishop Reg Richburg . . . . . | <b>Facilitator</b> |
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### E-Prayer Group

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| Deacon Jen Heyward, Kay Osborn,<br>Mary Jane Gibney . . . . . | <b>Facilitators</b> |
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| <b>Hospitality</b> . . . . . | Deacon Brenton Buchannan |
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### Newsletter/Bulletin

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| Deacon Frances Wood . . . . . | <i>The Query</i> Editor                      |
| Deacon Les LaRue . . . . .    | <i>The Query</i> , Bulletin Graphic Designer |

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Audio &amp; Virtual Ministries</b> . . . . . | John Phelps   |
| Live-streaming . . . . .                        | Bob Ferrara   |
| Virtual Worship Leader . . . . .                | Margot Wagner |

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| <b>Web Sites</b> . . . . . | Rev. Jim Merritt |
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| <b>ASL Interpreter</b> . . . . . | Pat Dash |
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