



Willingness is the key?

+ *October is Hispanic Peoples/Domestic Violence Awareness/Pastor Appreciation/
Nat'l Arts & Humanities/Queer History Month!*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

+ **1st SUNDAY AFTER HOMECOMING!**

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

+ **Lay Preacher Sophia Pazos, preaching**

(Ezk. 18: 25-28 & Mt. 21: 28-32)

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 28: 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 29

+ **Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel,
and Raphael**

♥ **Happy Birthday Rev. Darlene Garner!**

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 30

♥ **Happy Birthday Dion Brown, Bob France,
and Valentina Mota!**

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, October 01

* **International Day of Elder Persons**

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, October 02: Birth of Gandhi (1869)

+ **International Day of Non-Violence**

+ **Feast of the Guardian Angels**

♥ **Happy Birthday Robert King!**

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, October 03

♥ **Happy Birthday Charles Bumgardner!**

9:00 pm MCCNY HYS at Sylvia's Place

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 04

+ **Feast of St. Francis**

+ **Blessing of Animals**

♥ **Happy Anniv. Lynn Domina & Sandra Jones!**

+ **The Rev. Elder Pat Bumgardner, preaching**

(Is. 5: 1-7 & Mt. 21: 33-48)

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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September 27, 2026
✚ 1st Sunday after Homecoming!

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

"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

#212/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

Ezequiel 18:25-28

Ezekial 18:25-28

Ustedes dirán que yo no estoy actuando con justicia; pero escucha, pueblo de Israel, ¿piensan ustedes que yo no estoy actuando bien? ¿No será más bien lo contrario, que son ustedes los que están actuando mal? Si el justo deja de hacer lo bueno y hace lo malo, morirá por culpa de sus malas acciones. Por el contrario, si el malvado se aparta de su maldad y hace lo que es recto y justo, salvará su vida. Si abre los ojos y se aparta de todas las maldades que había hecho, ciertamente vivirá y no morirá.

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

You say, "The way of God is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die.

+ This is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

MCCNY Choir

La Lección Segunda
The Second Lesson

Mateo 21:28-32

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesús les preguntó: "¿Qué opinan ustedes de esto? Una persona tenía dos niños, y la persona le dijo a uno de ellos: 'Niño mío, ve hoy a trabajar a mi viñedo.' El niño le contestó: '¡No quiero ir!' Pero después cambió de parecer, y fue. Luego el padre se dirigió al otro, y le dijo lo mismo. Éste contestó: 'Sí, yo iré.' Pero no fue. ¿Cuál de los dos hizo lo que su padre quería?" "El primero," contestaron ellos. Y Jesús les dijo: "Les aseguro que los que cobran impuestos para Roma, y las prostitutas, entrarán antes que ustedes en el reino de los cielos. Porque Juan el Bautista vino a enseñarles el camino de la justicia, y ustedes no le creyeron a Juan; en cambio, esos cobradores de impuestos y esas prostitutas sí le creyeron. Pero ustedes, aunque vieron todo esto, no cambiaron de actitud para creerle."

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Jesus asked: "What do you think? A person had two children; the person went to the first and said, "My child, go and work in the vineyard today.' The child answered, 'I will not,' but later changed their mind and went. The parent went to the second and said the same, and that child answered, 'I go,' but did not go. Which of the two did the will of their parent?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and those trading sex for survival are going into the reign of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed John, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe."

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THANKS BE TO GOD**

SELECTION

SERMON

Sophia Pazos, Lay Preacher
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

"Dame, mi Büen Cristo "

#48/Hymnal

"Oh, Qué Amigo"

#172/Hymnal

"Yo te Amo"

#9/Hymnal

CLOSING SONG

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

#127/Hymnal
Please stand as able

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):
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VIRTUAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY IN TURKEY

GLOBAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE



OCTOBER 1, 2026
11 AM EASTERN

ALL ARE WELCOME

Join the Global Justice Institute for a Global Prayer Vigil as we gather in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ community following recent events in Turkey. This sacred online gathering will bring people together across borders, faith traditions, and communities to pray for healing, safety, justice, dignity, and peace.

Please register using this link: <https://11nq.com/zcx5p0e>

A Zoom link will be emailed to you with details for joining the Prayer Vigil.

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A Actions/Activity
What are they doing?
L Location
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U Uniforms/Clothes
Look for letters
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8 PM**

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