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NEW YORK COMMUNITY BANCORP, INC.
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JOSEPH R. FICALORA
TO SPEAK AT RAYMOND JAMES AND CITI INVESTOR CONFERENCES

Westbury, N.Y., February 29, 2012 – New York Community Bancorp, Inc. (NYSE: NYB) (the “Company”) today announced that President and Chief Executive Officer Joseph R. Ficalora will speak about the Company’s fourth quarter 2011 performance and its business model at the Raymond James Institutional Investors Conference on Monday, March 5th in Orlando, and at the Citi Financial Services Conference on Thursday, March 8th in New York City.

Mr. Ficalora’s presentation at the Raymond James Conference will commence at 11:35 a.m. Eastern Time on March 5th and will be simultaneously webcast at the Company’s Investor Relations web site, ir.myNYCB.com. A replay of the webcast will be available within several minutes, and will be archived, together with the accompanying PowerPoint slides, through March 12, 2012.

Mr. Ficalora’s presentation at the Citi Conference will commence at 11:10 a.m. Eastern Time on March 8th, and will be simultaneously webcast at ir.myNYCB.com. A replay of the webcast will be available within one hour of its completion and will be archived, together with the accompanying PowerPoint slides, through March 22, 2012.

About New York Community Bancorp, Inc.

With assets of \$42.0 billion at December 31, 2011, New York Community Bancorp, Inc. is the 21st largest bank holding company in the nation and a leading producer of multi-family mortgage loans in New York City, with an emphasis on apartment buildings that feature below-market rents. The Company has two bank subsidiaries: New York Community Bank, a thrift with 241 branches serving customers throughout Metro New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Florida, and Arizona; and New York Commercial Bank, with 34 branches serving customers in Manhattan, Queens, Brooklyn, Long Island, and Westchester County in New York.

Reflecting its growth through a series of acquisitions, the Community Bank operates through seven local divisions, each with a history of service and strength: Queens County Savings Bank in Queens; Roslyn Savings Bank on Long Island; Richmond County Savings Bank on Staten Island; Roosevelt Savings Bank in Brooklyn; Garden State Community Bank in New Jersey; Ohio Savings Bank in Ohio; and AmTrust Bank in Florida and Arizona. Similarly, the Commercial Bank operates 17 of its branches under the divisional name Atlantic Bank. Additional information about the Company and its bank subsidiaries is available at www.myNYCB.com and www.NewYorkCommercialBank.com.