

\$212,000

OUR PARISH HISTORY

In the heart of New York's Lower East Side, where generations of immigrants to America made their first home in their new country, stands one of the city's most treasured Roman Catholic churches, St. Teresa's. The beautiful Gothic-style church, rich with history of this most vibrant neighborhood, is located on the corner of Henry and Rutgers Streets and is the site of New York's oldest hand-wound tower clock. St. Teresa's is one of the community's most beloved institutions, having ministered to the needs of its parishioners for 140 years.

Built in 1841 by the Presbyterians, the church served its community well over the next 15 years, but as its increasingly affluent members moved "uptown," its glory faded as the seat of a great congregation. From 1856 to 1862, the basement of the church was used as storage for the Hecker Flour Mills Company. In April of 1863, the Archdiocese of New York purchased the church in order to meet the needs of the rapidly growing Catholic population on the Lower East Side.



No time was lost making it ready for the celebration of Mass and the administration of the Sacraments, and on June 21, 1863, St. Teresa's was dedicated by the Most Rev. John Hughes, Archbishop of New York.

Throughout its history, St. Teresa's has always reflected the character of its neighborhood. The church's original mission was to serve the refugees of Ireland's Great Famine. Those surviving the treacherous trans-Atlantic journey would often walk the few blocks from the piers and kneel at St. Teresa's, giving thanks to God for their safe passage and future in America. Succeeding waves of immigration brought a wide variety of nationalities to the neighborhood: Italians, Poles, Slovaks and Lithuanians among others.

Our Parish History—continued

And though the faces and the languages may have changed, the Lower East Side continues to welcome new generations of those wishing to make their home in America. Hispanic and Chinese residents now constitute the large majority of Catholics in the parish, and just as it has always been during the past 140 years, all the various ethnic groups live side by side, learning to know each other, worshipping together, sharing life's ups and downs.



BICENTENNIAL PARISH CAMPAIGN

The Archdiocese of New York is one of the largest, most diverse communities of faithful in the country. As we approach the 200th anniversary of this vibrant and diverse community of faith in New York, every parish within this Archdiocese will participate in the Bicentennial Campaign, a vital fundraising effort designed to secure the current and future needs of our parish and other parishes within the Archdiocese.

Parishioners of St. Teresa will work together for the good of both our parish and the broader Catholic family. Funds raised will be divided, with 80% of funds being allocated to our own parish needs and 20% to a dedicated fund helping to benefit parishes and schools in the needy communities of the three boroughs and seven counties which make up our Archdiocese.

Our Parish Today and Tomorrow

Today, St. Teresa's actively continues to meet the needs of its congregation. Mass is celebrated each Sunday in English, Spanish and Cantonese (with Mandarin translation booklets). In the spirit of St. Francis Cabrini, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Cabrini Sisters), officially came to the parish in 1997 and opened Cabrini Immigrant Services in 1998. Operating from the convent at St. Teresa's, they dedicate themselves to helping all newcomers enjoy the benefits and opportunities offered in the United States.

One of St. Teresa's historical strengths has always been that every parishioner, regardless of background, discovers that the faith and traditions of their homeland can survive the long voyage to their new home in New York City. Today, under the leadership of Father Donald C. Baker, St. Teresa's Church proudly looks back on its past while confidently looking forward to the future, secure in its mission to serve its community well into the millennium.



By implementing a successful parish campaign, St. Teresa's will be able to address some of the pressing needs and tackle other priority project as they arise. Our main objective for the parish is to use the funds to create the Bishop Sullivan Parish Center that will house meeting rooms and offices. In addition, we are able to share with parishes most in need across the Archdiocese.

- Bishop Sullivan Parish Center
- Designated Fund for Needy Parishes
- 2007 Cardinal's Appeal

The total cost for our project is: \$212,000

Our Opportunity



As parishioners, it is our responsibility to secure the future of St. Teresa. To be successful, we invite the participation of the entire parish. Through open-minded, thoughtful consideration, and prayerful sacrifice we can meet the challenge of this opportunity placed before us.

Our total goal for this campaign is \$212,000. While this is an ambitious figure, our renovations and repairs require that we, as a parish, undertake. Please keep in mind that our Cardinal's Appeal goal of \$14,300 for 2007 is also included in our total. Once this figure has been secured in cash and pledges, 80% of funds raised will remain at St. Teresa. The breakdown looks like this:

Bicentennial Campaign Goal: \$212,000
 2007 Cardinal's Appeal - \$ 14,300
 \$197,700 x 0.8
St. Teresa's Share = \$158,160

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request. As always, we are indebted to, and deeply grateful for, your loyalty and continued support.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES Three Year Payment Period

	Total Pledge	Down Payment	Balance	Annual Sacrifice	Monthly Sacrifice	Daily Sacrifice
Leadership Gift	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$4,500	\$375	\$12.50
Major Gift	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$1,800	\$150	\$5
Special Gift	\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$125	\$4.17
General Gift	\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$900	\$75	\$2.50

Gifts of \$10,000 or more may be given over a five year period.
 Your gift to the St. Teresa Campaign is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
 Please make all checks payable to St. Teresa—Bicentennial Campaign.

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 We Grow*



Rev. Donald Baker, Pastor