

Our Lady of Victory Gift Chart

Your Opportunity to Help

A gift chart has been developed to assist our Parishioners and Friends in determining their sacrificial gifts to this campaign.

Three Year Payment Period

Total Pledge	Down Payment	Balance	Annual Payment	Monthly Payment
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$15,000	\$1,250
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$7,500	\$625
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$3,000	\$250
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$125
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$900	\$75

*Gifts of more than \$10,000 may be given over a five year period.

A gift commitment of \$10,000 pledged over five years is \$5 per day after a 10% down payment.

Your gift is a charitable donation and is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please make all checks payable to Our Lady of Victory - Bicentennial Campaign.

*“Those who believed...
shared...”*

Acts 2:44-45

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NEW YORK, NY \$250,000 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

TO CELEBRATE THE
BICENTENNIAL OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Through Faith We Grow



REVEREND MONSIGNOR
MARC J. FILACCHIONE
PASTOR

Dear Monsignor Filacchione,

As the Archdiocese of New York prepares for its Bicentennial, we prayerfully reflect upon our history of faith and service, a history that mirrors the exciting story of New York itself. Over the past two hundred years, millions of men, women and children began their lives anew here in our community; and many of them found identity, support and solace in the parishes and institutions of the Archdiocese.

I am pleased to learn that you and your parish family of Our Lady of Victory are beginning the Bicentennial Campaign and, as you start this Campaign, I wish to extend to you and your loyal parishioners my prayerful best wishes.

It is truly heartening to know that your efforts in making necessary repairs and restoring the Church will enable you and your parishioners to better minister to the Wall Street Community. I realize that this is a special time in your parish history as you approach the Sixtieth Anniversary of the dedication of your Church. I am confident that the spirit of generous cooperation, which has always been characteristic of the friends and parishioners of Our Lady of Victory, is the same spirit that will carry you to the successful completion of this crucially important Campaign.

Assuring you of my heartfelt gratitude for your support, may I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edward Cardinal Egan
Archbishop of New York

Dear Parishioners & Friends:

I am grateful to Cardinal Egan for his encouragement in allowing us to make this special Bicentennial Campaign Appeal to you as we begin preparations to celebrate the Bicentennial of our Archdiocese and the Sixtieth Anniversary of the dedication of our Church.

Needless to say, Our Lady of Victory Church is no longer the “new kid” on the block. Cardinal Spellman dedicated our church to Our Lady at the conclusion of World War II, the “War to end all Wars.” Little could anyone imagine that this Church would see and live through other wars, highlighted by the devastating horror of the terrorists’ attack on the Twin Towers, our neighbors. When the lights went out in Lower Manhattan, the only light shining was the Sanctuary Lamp in our Church reminding us all of God’s continuing presence. September 11th affected the lives of so many people. It also affected our Church building structure, some effects of which we are only realizing now, a few years later.

Parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Victory are being asked to participate in this Campaign to help make the needed repairs – some visible and some invisible – and also help enhance the beauty of our treasured Church in the Wall Street Community. This Campaign will not only focus on our needs as a parish but also, keeping in mind the message of the Gospel, the desperate situation of many needy parishes within our Archdiocese.

With complete confidence in the support of our parishioners and friends, I ask you to prayerfully consider your participation in this Bicentennial Campaign. We hope this brochure will help to give an explanation of our needs. There is nothing that can substitute for our faith and for our Church. We should always remember that God will not be outdone in His generosity to us and is always mindful of us and our needs.

Thank you for all that you do for us.

Sincerely,

Rev. Monsignor Marc J. Filacchione
Pastor

Church of Our Lady of Victory

Through Faith We Grow - \$250,000

Our Parish History Yesterday and Today

Francis Cardinal Spellman founded Our Lady of Victory Church in 1944 at Pine and William Streets in the financial district of Manhattan. It is known as the War Memorial Church and, at the front door, there is a quotation from Cardinal Spellman:

“This Holy Shrine is dedicated to Our Lady of Victory in thanksgiving for victory won by our valiant dead, our soldiers’ blood, our country’s tears, shed to defend men’s rights and win back men’s hearts to God.”

The Parish occupied temporary quarters at 23 William Street until the present church was constructed and dedicated by Cardinal Spellman on June 23, 1947. Major Edward Bowes donated this property to Cardinal Spellman.

In August 1997, the church celebrated 50 years of service and commitment to the passionate words of St. Paul “to nurture a strong, steadfast, and generous faith in the men and women who worship here, a faith which is unafraid to reach out to those in need, limitless in compassion, hardy in service and full of joy.”

A visitor to the Wall Street area, the financial capitol of the world, will be impressed and pleased to see such a great throng of men and women coming to Our Lady of Victory Church.



Those coming to church know God has blessed them, and come to say “Thank You.” They know that God loves them, and they come to adore Him, to thank Him for His many blessings, and to implore His help.



Many also come to the church during the day to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are heard every day for three hours. On a Holy Day of Obligation, 21 Masses are offered, and on Ash Wednesday, an estimated 22,000 receive their ashes, lining up often around the block. Many come daily to our church between 1:30 and 5:00pm to visit and adore their Lord during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Our Lady of Victory has a special devotion to our Blessed Mother, with public recitation of the rosary held twice daily. Every hour, on the hour, church bells ring throughout the heart of the financial district, a reminder of God’s love and call to grace.

Our Lady of Victory is a parish committed to making a difference in people’s lives, committed to helping us become missionaries in our daily lives - missionaries in the office and at home, in this bruised but beautiful city, this city so full of potential. In our church a special shrine is dedicated to the Saints of New York and many people come to worship and to ask for help.

September 11, 2001 touched members of our community and Church and many people lost their lives. We pray for them and for their families. We always welcome all to visit and to pray for their needs as well as for spiritual refreshment.

Through Faith We Grow

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 Our Lady of Victory will work together for the good of both our parish and the broader Catholic family of the Archdiocese. After our 2006 Cardinal’s Appeal commitment is met, 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 less fortunate parishes throughout the Archdiocese.



Looking to Future Needs and Projected Costs

There are several immediate needs for capital improvement that our operating revenue cannot meet. In consultation with engineers and construction representatives, these are the needs that we have identified below. Please note that we would like to increase the parish’s operating reserves in order to meet future needs, and that our Cardinal’s Appeal commitment for 2006 will be included in our capital campaign.

OUR CHURCH	Estimate
September 11th Memorial Stained Glass Window and Door on Pine Street and New Church Doors on William Street	\$27,000
Air Conditioning Water Tower	\$35,000
Office Air Conditioning	\$4,275
Replace Parish House Windows	\$13,365
Paint upper portion of Church	\$20,000
Relocate Blessed Sacrament behind Altar of Sacrifice	\$28,500
Re-zone heating system in the Church and Rectory	\$12,500
Purchase new office computers and printers	\$6,300
Total	\$146,940
SUPPORT	
Dedicated Fund for Needy Parishes of the Archdiocese	\$41,000
2006 Cardinal’s Appeal Commitment	\$45,000
Our Total Goal	\$250,000