

† SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

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Dear friends,

I hope this letter finds you well and healthy and I pray you may stay that way. We are living through an unprecedented time, a time that calls all of us to be more prayerful, to trust in our God, and to truly care for one another.

I write to you today to first thank you from the bottom of my heart and with all my strength. I thank you for your generosity to our parish. You have given your faith, your time, and your treasure to us. Without it, we would not be here. This past weekend, as the COVID-19 crisis began to hit home, as with all churches, our attendance was about 1/3. Even so, the parishioners who came and those who made other arrangements gave to the parish over \$10,000 in the collection. I was so grateful.

As we now move forward with all public Masses cancelled until further notice, I am writing to ask you to please continue your support of St. Lawrence Church. There are easy ways to do this. You may go to our website (<https://www.stlawrencegreeceny.org>) and click on the left hand side "On line giving." The second box down will be "Overview of St. Lawrence WeShare Online Giving Program." Click on that, scroll down to One Time Giving and follow the directions. You may also instruct your bank to do one time bill pay to our address. You will have to do this every weekend until the crisis is over. You can also drop off to the rectory office your envelopes or mail them to us. If we are closed, the door closest to the garages has a key drop slot to leave your donation.

I do not like to ask for money and you do not like to be asked, I know. However, I truly am concerned that the parish ministries may continue through this crisis, that we do not have to lay off, even temporarily, any member of our staff. I know you understand. I thank you in advance for your support. Know that I continue to pray and offer Mass for all of you during this time. Your pastor will not forget you!

In His Name I ask God's blessings upon you,

Father Lee P. Chase
Pastor, St. Lawrence Church

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