

Dear parishioners,

Recently our parish of Mary, Mother of the Church was the beneficiary of a generous bequest from the estate of Leslie Beland. We are so grateful for this great act of generosity. The faith and kindness that marked the life of Mr. Beland here among us will now be part of his lasting legacy. The bequest will assist our parish in many ways, including in the areas of education, worship, and physical plant needs. Again we are so thankful for this generous memorial donation, and others received over the years, in support of the parish ministry and operations. It really does mean a lot.

We are given many blessings in our lives. Through the gift of our Catholic faith, we are strengthened and affirmed each day by God's grace. This includes outreach in times of need and struggle. Remembering our parish as a beneficiary in your estate planning, helps to ensure that the parish can continue to serve our community and future generations can experience the goodness of God in many ways.

I also remain grateful for everyone's cooperation with our guidelines and protocols regarding Mass and other parish activity. Please remember that the moral obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted by the Archbishop until November 28<sup>th</sup>, the conclusion of our current liturgical year. If you are not feeling well, please refrain from coming to Mass in the church. You can always participate in the celebration of Mass through varied means through television and the internet.

Thank you also for your prayerful support of our parish during these challenging times and for your faithful witness to God's saving presence. We continue to seek the intercession of our patron saints for the needs of all.

All the way – to God's embrace.

Sincerely, Father Lavorgna