

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

“...I am writing to inform you that Saint Luke Parish will remain open.” With those words, Archbishop O’Malley has given our community a new lease on life, a rebirth, a wake-up call, an awesome task and serious responsibility. We must be part of rebuilding the Church of Boston in our collaborative. We have been selected to remain open and rebuild our community, welcoming our brothers and sisters, our neighbors and friends from parishes that will be closing.

It will be our privilege to welcome them and, with them to build a new Saint Luke parish. It can no longer be business as usual. Our gratitude must be expressed by our actions, our faith demonstrated in service. Life here can no longer be the same. We must become a new community that invites and uses the gifts of all the members, the new and the former. It will require the efforts of every person of this parish, not just a few. Together we will build a new parish community to continue the mission of the church in our area of the Archdiocese.

Time and time again, this community has demonstrated its foundation of faith as a people of the Spirit, filled with grace and rooted in prayer. On the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, God shows us that we are meant to be a community. We need to be aware that many members of the community are hurting, saddened and feeling a deep sense of loss because their parishes will be closing. We need to reach out to them. We need to welcome them. And, together, all of us must build a new Saint Luke’s that will continue to be here, that will grow and serve the needs of all of our people now and for future generations.

In this time of transition may our prayer be that the Spirit guide us with wisdom and our faith help us to rise to the challenge and task entrusted to us.