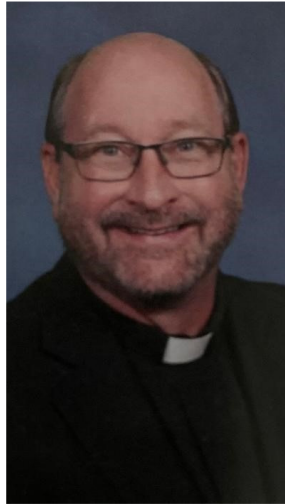


## **WELCOME FR. THOMAS E. BARRETT**



Rev. Thomas E. Barrett has been a priest of the Diocese of Palm Beach for the past 27 years. Originally from New York, Fr. Tom moved to South Florida with his family in 1976. He was ordained in 1993. In fact, he was ordained a deacon in Vero Beach at St. Helen Parish in the same year. His most recent assignment was Rector of the Cathedral for the Diocese of Palm Beach Gardens for the past 15 years. During his time at the Cathedral, he was responsible for renovating the Church (2006) and for the construction of a new Parish Family Life Center (2019), including a new parish hall, parish offices, and meeting rooms. He is also currently assigned (since 2002) as the President of John Carroll Catholic High School in Ft. Pierce. His past assignments include: Pastor of St. Mark the Evangelist Parish in Ft. Pierce (2002-2005), Teacher at Cardinal Newman Catholic High School in West Palm Beach (1995-1999), and Parochial Vicar at Holy Family Parish in Port St. Lucie (1993-1995). He was sent to Boston College for further studies from 1999-2002 for the purpose of working with Catholic Charities for the diocese. He has been a member of the Catholic Charities Board of Directors for the past 17 years and is currently serving as the Immediate Past President of the Board.

Fr. Barrett has enjoyed serving in a variety of assignments in the northern area of the diocese and very much looks forward to taking up his new role as Pastor of Holy Cross Parish. Even though he has other current diocesan appointments, his primary role and top priority will be in service to the people of this fine and beautiful parish family. He is committed to continuing and building upon the wonderful ministry and work of Rev. Richard Murphy and the successes of the parish. His assignment will be effective as of July 1, 2020.