## **Associate Rector's Report – 2023**

The Rev. Bernard Pecaro

## **Family Prayer and Praise Service**

After many months of prayerful planning and following the Guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Family Ministry Team opened the doors for our first Family Prayer and Praise Service on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am, in the Parish Hall. We welcomed 43 children, parents, and other guests. Folks came to the Service via the Day School, the invitation of friends and family, our webpage articles, and parishioners. This unique interactive Service integrates a hands-on Sunday School bible lesson with a child-friendly Holy Communion. Contemporary music is played throughout which engages the hearts and voices of the kids and grown-ups. We will continue this Family Service throughout the remainder of the school year and start it up in the fall. All are welcome, so pread the Good News!

## **Veterans and Active-Duty Ministry**

Our Veterans and Active-Duty Ministry continues to build its mission and outreach. This past year we joined with Forgotten Soldiers and packed 50 care-packages for deployed Service members who receive little, or no support from home. At our monthly meetings, community Veteran groups regularly shared their own mission to Veterans and Active Duty. We gathered at the Palm Beach Memorial Park where wreaths were placed on Veteran's markers. Services of remembrance and thanksgiving were offered at St. Paul's on Veterans and Memorial Days. Food and clothing drives gave food to needy Veterans living within our local communities in partnership with the VA Hospital. As we look to the future we will hear from other engaged Veterans groups, participate in past Veterans events, and prayerfully consider the "adoption" of a Veteran in need. We meet the first Thursday of every month at 10:00am. All are welcome to join this active ministry team.