

LOOKING THROUGH STAINED GLASS



A Column by Fr. Tom

It's YOUR Parish - What are You Gonna Do?

On January 17, a number of our parishioners gathered to begin work on a special project. That special project has meaning for a lot of our parishioners. That special project is our 50th Anniversary. In August 1970, St. Paul of the Cross became a parish in the Archdiocese of Miami. Fr. Charlie Sullivan was chosen as the new parish's first pastor. In October 1984, the parish became part of the new Diocese of Palm Beach. We have many parishioners here who have been here since the very beginnings of the parish. If you listen to conversations, you can hear people brag, "I've been here since the fire house days." (On Sundays, the firetrucks were moved and Masses were held in the Juno Fire House.)

Some of us, myself included, were not at St. Paul of the Cross since the beginning, but we all love our parish. Beginning in August of this year, we will celebrate our 50th year. There are already a number of projects that are in the works. For example, we will welcome Bishop Barbarito to a special Anniversary Mass on February 22, 2020, which will be followed by a great celebration dinner. We are also planning a Parish Family Day and a Memory Book, which will recall the first 50 years of St. Paul.

There's a lot to love about our parish, St. Paul of the Cross. We are a very active and welcoming parish. I cannot tell you how many times that I have heard from newcomers and

visitors how they feel right at home here. Oftentimes, people will tell me that every year when they come to the area, this is their church for the length of their stay. We are also a very active parish. We have many ministries. There is literally something for everyone to get involved in. We have liturgical ministries, social ministries, spirituality ministries, education ministries for adults and children, and outreach ministries.

If you are new to the parish, or even if you've been coming to the parish for quite some time, I would encourage you to get involved in one of our ministries. It will help you to really enjoy and get more out of your parish.

If you'd like to be a part of the 50th Anniversary Committee, please contact the office, and we will connect you with the head of the project or event that interests you.

If you'd like to get involved in another ministry in YOUR parish, please join us on the weekend of Feb. 9-10 "For the Love of Ministries Fair".

Check the bulletin for more information about these and other opportunities to get involved. It's YOUR Parish, what are YOU gonna do?

