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Rocco Wynn Greenwald

October 26, 2025.



Weekend Masses

Daily Masses (Winter Schedule begins Nov 1)

November through Wednesday of Holy Week

Monday - Friday7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Chapel open for Prayer when the Parish Office is open

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Adoration Friday 8:00 AM - Benediction 11:50 AM

First Friday 8:00 AM—Benediction 8:50 PM

Holy Day and Holiday Schedule:

Schedule will vary. Check the previous weekend's bulletin for information.

(Bulletin available at saintcecilias.org).

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Parish Office is closed daily from Noon to 1:00 PM for lunch.

Adoration: Friday, November 7 is First Friday. Adoration will begin at 8:00 am in the Chapel with the Benediction at 8:50 pm. Family Adoration is held the Thursday prior to First Friday from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Reconciliation is available during Family Adoration.

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Saint Cecilia Catholic Community is to "Live Jesus" and to see His image in all people. With the Eucharist at the center of our lives and inspired by Scripture, Tradition and Community, we give honor and glory to God through education, example, prayer, service, social justice and worship.

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 1 Purchase Casino Night Tickets after Mass** 6:00 pm PH Movie Night Great Pumpkin & Mary Poppins SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 2 Purchase Casino Night Tickets after Mass** PH 9:00 - 11:00 am Family Faith Formation ALL SAINTS DAY EVENT PH MONDAY, **NOVEMBER 3** 12:10 pm Mass of Remembrance CH **NOVEMBER 4** TUESDAY. 101 8:30 am Men's Gospel Forum Walking with Purpose PH 10:30am 12:45 pm CH Rosary Our Grief Journey 1:00 pm L 101 6:00 pm **OCIA** WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 5** 12:45 pm Rosary CH Walking with Purpose 7:00 pm PΗ THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 6** 104 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group 10:00 am Bible Study РΗ 12:45 pm CH Rosarv PH 7:00 pm Bible Study CR 6:30 pm Choir Practice FRIDAY, **NOVEMBER 7** 10:00 am Divine Mercy Cenacle 104 СН 12:45 pm Rosary CH 5:30 pm Rosary SATURDAY. **NOVEMBER 8** 7:00 pm **CASINO NIGHT** MH SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 9** PH 9:00 - 11:00 am Family Faith Formation PH 12:00 - 3:00 pm Sacramental Prep



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BOW DOWN FOR THE BLESSING

You may bow to receive a blessing at the end of Mass. The words asking you to do so have been slightly revised. In the past, the deacon or priest has said words such as these: "Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing." Now, however, you hear this formula: "Bow down for the blessing." The Final Blessing does not always include this invitation. You hear it only when the blessing is extended in one of two ways. In a Solemn Blessing, the priest offers a threefold formula addressed to the people, who answer "Amen" to each part. In a Prayer over the People, the priest addresses God, concluding with the phrase "Through Christ our Lord," which prompts the people to answer "Amen". If either extension is made, you are invited to bow before it, and you receive the usual blessing after it: "May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit." The deacon issues this invitation because he instructs the people concerning their actions, whether to share the Sign of Peace or to be dismissed from the gathering. He may also assign postures such as kneeling, standing, and bowing. In the deacon's absence, the priest performs this function. The revised English translation of the Mass has changed the words to reflect the invitation in Latin, which makes no mention of the head, and instead implies a low bow of the upper part of the body. The third edition of *The Roman Mis*sal has removed the permission for the priest or deacon to use other expressions, thus restricting him to one formula: "Bow down for the blessing." Ironically, the rubrics of the Mass never instruct the people to carry out this posture, but the implication of course, is that they do.











In one of his pamphlets that was later published in a broader collection entitled <u>The Catholic Controversy</u>, Francis de Sales wrote:

"We maintain that we may pray for the faithful departed, and that the prayers and good works of the living greatly relieve them and are profitable to them for this reason: that all those who die in the grace of God – and consequently, in the number of the elect - do not go to Paradise at the very first moment, but many go to Purgatory...from which our prayers and good works can help and serve to deliver them." "We agree the blood of Our Redeemer is the true purgatory of souls, for in it are cleansed all the souls of the world. Tribulations also are a purgatory, by which our souls are rendered pure, as gold refined in the furnace. It is well known that Baptism in which our sins are washed away can be called a purgatory, as everything can be that serves to purge away our offenses. But in this context we take Purgatory for a place in which after this life the souls which leave this world before they have been perfectly cleansed from the stains they have contracted. And if one would know why this place is called simply Purgatory more than are the other means of purgation above-named, the answer will be, that it is because in that place nothing takes place but the purgation of the stains which remain at the time of departure out of this world, whereas in Baptism, Penance, tribulations and the rest, not only is the soul purged from its imperfections, but it is further enriched with many graces and perfections. And agreeing as to the blood of Our Lord, we fully acknowledge the virtue thereof, that we protest by all our prayers that the purgation of souls - whether in this world or in the other – is made solely by its application." (CC, pp. 353) -354)

Notwithstanding the effects of our prayers and good works on behalf of our dearly departed, Francis de Sales reminds us that at the end of the day it is the life and death of Jesus Christ that purifies our souls, whether in this life or in the next. To that end, whether it's the just or the unjust, whether it's in this world or the next, we are all in the hands of God. Here's hoping that we pray for our faithful departed. Here's hoping that our faithful departed pray for us. All of us could stand to do with a little purgation of one kind or another from time to time!

Our 2025 assessment is \$243,000

% of Goal

109.03%

% of Households

31.48%

Total Payments

\$252,113.43



Thanks to your generosity we have made our goal for 2025



Announcing Our 2025—2026 Season

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The Diocese of Venice is committed to provide a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. To that end, persons working with children or visiting vulnerable adults, as well as any volunteer for any ministry, are required to be fingerprinted (this process includes a background check) and to receive training in recognizing potential signs of abuse. The training portion can be done in your home over a PC.

For further information, visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofvenice.org/safeenvironment to see what is required before the parish can accept a volunteer into any ministry. Any cost a volunteer incurs to complete these requirements will be fully reimbursed

on request. Report any abuse against minors to the Florida Department of Children and Families at 800-962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers also notify the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator, Susan Benton, at (941) 416 - 6114.



Mether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Cecilia Catholic Community. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful.

People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Cecilia is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration also simplifies the process with regard to religious education; sponsoring a sacramental candidate; and for the planning and preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours or on our website:

Registration form (saintcecilias.org)

Natacha Louis

Scripture Readings For the Week

 Monday
 Rom 11:29-36 Ps 69:30-36 Luke 14:12-14

 Tuesday
 Rom 12:5-16ab Ps 131:1-3 Luke 14:15-24

 Wednesday
 Rom 13:8-10 Ps 112:1-9 Luke 14:25-33

 Thursday
 Rom 14:7-12 Ps 27:1-14 Luke 15:1-10

 Friday
 Rom 15:14-21 Ps 98:1-4 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Ps 145:2-11 Luke 16:9-15 **Sunday** Eze 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-9

Eze 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22



ADVENT ALENDARS

Advent begins Sunday, November 30th! Pre-order now, pick up in November



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Calendars will also be available for purchase on Sundays during Faith Formation classes in the Parish Hall, and during the week in the parish office.

Prayer Intentions

Please go on line (Click on Link or scan QR code below) and submit your prayer requests. Enter the Person receiving the intentions first name, then last. Choose what type of intentions you are requesting, i.e., a birth or birthday, anniversary, prayers answered or blessing received, physical or spiritual healing, etc. After your choice is entered, enter your name and your phone number, (your name and number are not published). You may also view the prayer intentions.



To view the list, hold Control & click on the Link or scan the QR code.

Click here, to submit Prayer Intentions





Saturday NOV 1

by the Cozza Family

Sunday NOV 2

7:30 AM † Nicholas Harris

by Pat & Laura Agnew

11:00 AM St Cecilia Parishioners

Monday, NOV 3

7:30 AM † Dianna McKnight

by Jerry & Marge Manning

12:10 PM St Cecilia Parishioners

Tuesday, NOV 4

7:30 AM Hudson Ramos by Pat Cuevas 12:10 PM † Joseph Donnelly by Lois Mader

Wednesday, NOV 5

by Pat & Laura Agnew

12:10 PM † Mike Hyatt by the Zalud Family

Thursday, NOV 6

7:30 AM Priest's Intention 12:10 PM † Mike Granchi

by George & Sue Moeggenberg

Friday, NOV 7

7:30 AM † Mike Hyatt by Pat & Laura Agnew

Saturday NOV 8

4:00 PM † Brian Lowney

by James & Anita Lowney

Sunday NOV 9

7:30 AM † George Chatley

by Frank & Julie Reynolds

9:00 AM † Louis Tyska by Ginger McHale

11:00 AM St Cecilia Parishioners

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St. Cecilia Catholic Community presents

"Casino Night"

Saturday, November 8 at 7:00 PM in Marian Hall

Good luck and have Fun!!

Keep your eyes on the bulletin, and Fr. Paul as he speaks before Mass for the opportunity to attend this year's Casino Night, win fabulous prizes while having a marvelous time! Tickets are \$40, and are still available after all Masses thru the first weekend in November, and in the office . Invite your friends!



You could be a horse owner for just \$25. Try your luck and double your money. The races will be shown the night of

St Cecilia Catholic Community's CASINO NIGHT .Saturday, November 8, , 2025. 7:00 pm in Marian Hall.

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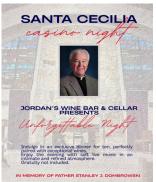
The horses will be seated by a committee. Races will run approximately every 20 minutes. Owners do not need to be present to win. Horse race programs will be available at the event. Forms must be received before Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025.



HORSE'S NAME	Owner's name, address & phone number



We will have a new feature this year during Casino Night. There will be a live Auction during the evening where you will have a chance to bid on and win two great prizes win two great prizes.



The first, is an exclusive dinner for ten people, with fine wine and soft music in a relaxed inviting atmosphere. Jordan's Wine Bar and Cellar will prepare and present this event to you and your guests in memory of Father Stan.

The second prize up for bid is a 4.5 ft. Potted Christmas Tree. The tree is Pre-lit Flocked Arctic Fir lovingly decorated by Fr Mike Matusz with 11 Red Hollies, 358 Branch Tips, and 100 Lights AND over \$600 in various gift cards!

Don't miss the opportunity to place a bid. See you November the 8th at Casino Night!





The Knight's Corner

THE KNIGHTS CORNER

In Loving memory of Father Stanley Joseph Dombrowski, our friend, our priest and our brother Knight. In recognition of Father Stan's service, we acknowledge that without him we would not have a Knight's Council at Saint Cecilia's Parish. Father Stan was our original founding Knight back in March of 2004.

Father Stan, we are eternally grateful for all your blessings. In Jesus's name we pray, amen.

Our Council here at Saint Cecilia meets on the second Tuesday of every month in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. New members are always welcome so come see what you have been missing as an adult Catholic Christian.

George J. Hambel CPA Financial Secretary, gjhcpa@comcast.net

52 STORIES

Mary Jo Nardello

My late husband Bill and I moved from New Jersey to Florida in 2006 and searched for a parish where we felt at home. After trying several churches without success, our neighbor Tony DiLorenzo, who was St. Cecilia's Deacon, recommended we attend Mass there. We immediately felt welcomed by Fr. Stan, Fr. Frank, and Fr. Paul and our parish community. I have remained close to Deacon Tony, and was thrilled when he and his wife joined us for the 60th Anniversary Mass and reception.

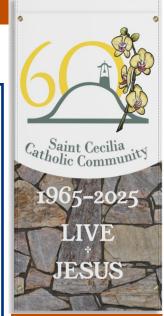
After Bill passed away, I began volunteering at St. Cecilia's as suggested by Fr. Frank. Since joining, my parish family has supported me through many of my life's changes, and I truly feel at home with them.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Church prescribes that at least one lamp should continually burn before the Tabernacle, not only as an ornament of the altar, but for the purpose of worship. It is also a mark of honor. It is to remind the faithful of the eternal presence of Christ, who is the "true light which enlighteneth every man" (John 1:9), and is a profession of their love and affection.

If you would like to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for one or more weeks, call or stop in the Parish Office.





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