

# Alumni and Friends

## St. Cecelia Interparochial Catholic School

An IB World School Grades PK3 through 8th Grade

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### Introducing Rev. Lou Turcotte –



Lou Turcotte, a 2004 graduate of St. Cecelia School was ordained a transitional deacon in April 2017, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Jude in St. Petersburg.

- **What years did you attend St. Cecelia?** Well, I graduated in 2004...so I think that means I started in 1995!
- **Who was your favorite teacher?** Oh gosh – I really loved my teachers in my time there. I should probably say my dad, who taught our computer classes when I was there, but he was well known for giving out detentions, so I'm not so sure! We really had a golden age of teachers in my nine years there, and some of the younger ones from that generation are still around – I remember Mr. Zemchak teaching Spanish to us in middle school!

• **What are some of your favorite memories of the school?** I actually just preached a homily on our annual Christmas pageant, which was always a highlight for me. I also have fond memories of playing “state tag” on the big

black-top, hatching baby chicks in our 6th grade science class, and of course the annual Jog-a-thon! I also got to be one of those middle school grades who experienced the transition into the new middle school building, which was a very exciting moment for our class.

- **How did SCS prepare you for the priesthood?** I can actually remember specific teachers mentioning to me that they thought I could be a priest – I always dismissed it as a nice compliment, but looking back I can see that my family and teachers always made sure to present that to me as a legitimate option, and that was important for me. Also, seeing many of my teachers from St. Cecelia at my first mass after ordination was an eye-opening reminder of how many people – classmates, parents, faculty and staff – had been praying for me while I was a student, and throughout my years studying to be a priest. I don't think I'd have made it to ordination without those prayers!
- **What parish are you currently assigned?** So, I'm up at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lutz, Florida. It's just north of Tampa, and can be reached pretty quickly from the Veterans Expressway or Dale Mabry. It's a really beautiful parish, led by our pastor Fr. Ken Malley, and a wonderful community of over 2,000 families. Lutz is rapidly growing as Tampa expands, but it still maintains some of its rural roots – we still have a chicken coop on our church campus! And since the area is growing so quickly, there are many new families joining pretty regularly, which means our early childhood center and diocesan school (Mother Teresa of Calcutta) are very full and very exciting!
- **What is your favorite pastime activity?** Finding “free time” can be tricky as a priest, especially as a new priest trying to get used to working in the parish – that one day off goes by quick! So when I can carve out time, I try to spend it with people I care about. I spend my day off, Monday, with my mom and dad in Clearwater, or meet up with friends around the bay area to catch up, grab a bite to eat, or explore the area. I'm also a huge soccer fan, so you can often find a few of my friends and I watching Liverpool games together! And if Fr. Malley and I both have a free evening, we'll usually cook dinner together, and then maybe watch a movie on the couch with our rectory dog, Reba!
- **Are you still in touch with any of your classmates?** From St. Cecelia? Not as many as I'd like, but there are several who I get to see every once in a blue moon, a few who I bump into at parishes around the diocese, and a couple who I get to see much more than that – I just had the opportunity to spend time with my classmates Michelle Habib and Stephen Signore over Christmas break, who are both very good friends – it was great to see them again!

**Alumni Officers:** Maryanne Del Monte, Development • Kevin Flynn, President • Marreen Majer, Vice President • Colleen Flynn, Treasurer • Steve Paul, Secretary

*“Celebrate the uniqueness of each person as a child of God while we proclaim the Gospel message, pray together, build community, and serve others...”*

## Alumni Awards, Honors & News

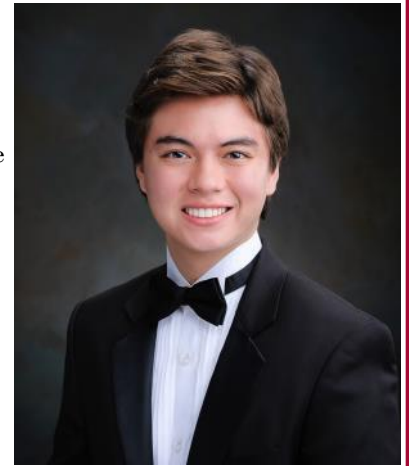


### NADINE KALLAY

We are proud to announce alumna Nadine Kallay as the Clearwater Central Catholic High School class of 2018 Valedictorian! Nadine is studying chemistry in college. Nadine was a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and the English, Science and Art Honor Societies. She was also a member of the Marauder girls varsity basketball team. We are so proud of Nadine and her accomplishments.

### ERIC GALLAGHER

We are proud to announce alumnus Eric Gallagher as the Clearwater Central Catholic High School class of 2019 IB Salutatorian! Eric plans to study mechanical engineering at the University of Notre Dame. Eric was also named a 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student. Commended students placed among the top three percent of more than 1.6 million students who took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). We are so proud of Eric and his accomplishments. Go Crusaders!



### NATHALIE SIEH

St. Cecelia School Alumna Student, Nathalie Sieh, Named 2019 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar. This year, the National Hispanic Recognition Program is recognizing nearly 5,000 students selected from a pool of over 200,000 students who took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®/PAA™) and identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino. Students recognized by the NHRP have achieved a minimum PSAT/NMSQT/PAA score for their region. Students with GPAs of 3.5 or higher are designated as Scholars.



### ANNALISE KLOPFER

St. Cecelia's alumna, and Clearwater Central Catholic High School Senior, Annalise Klopfer, recently signed to play tennis with the Goats at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Annalise is currently a four-star recruit on Tennis Recruiting Network, has been consistently ranked in the top 25 in the state of Florida in the 14, 16 and 18 year-old divisions, has competitively played in the USTA tournaments around the state and country, is currently ranked as top 10 recruit and top 100 in the Nation on Tennis Recruiting for the Class of 2018 – and has a 9 rating on Universal Tennis Rating. Annalise has maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.53 in CCC's IB Program all while competitively playing tennis year around. She won districts and advanced to State in her Sophomore year on the CCC tennis team. She was selected as the Home Team "Hot Shot of the Week" her Sophomore year, was on the HOT 100 list this past March on Tennis Recruiting Network and she received the highest GPA award as a Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior! Way to go, Annalise!

*"Encourage students to open their hearts to God, their minds to learning, and their talents to service..."*



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## IT IS A SMALL WORLD

Alumnus Ryan Hilpl '05 had quite the surprise when he took his two boys Eli, 2, and Owen, 1, to the pediatrician recently. When the attending physician entered the exam room it was none other than Alumna Taylor Alberdi '03. Ryan was surprised and happy to see his children would be well taken care of by a familiar face!



Alumnus Ryan Hilpl has a degree in Emergency Medical Services from SPC. He has been employed as a paramedic/fireman for 6 years at Lealman Fire Department. Ryan and his wife, Katie, have been married for 3 years and have 2 sons, Eli, 2, and Owen, 1. They currently live in Dunedin.



Alumna Taylor Alberdi Bradley received her undergraduate degree at the University of Florida (Go Gators). She then went on to get her medical degree from the University of South Florida. She stayed at USF for her residency and specialized in Pediatrics. She decided to stay local after graduation, and is currently working as a general pediatrician in the area.



St. Cecilia graduate Nick Brundage and his wife Sara were wed on July 14, 2018 in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The newlyweds were joined by many of their SCS alumni friends who they have kept in touch with over the years!

Blake Myregard '11, Chris Toups '08, Kelly (Krauser) Toups '08, Erik Andress '08, Cameron Brundage '15, Nick Brundage '08, Chris Brundage '06, Michael Myregard '08, Robert Dudenhoefer '08.



*“Strive to provide a strong spiritual and academic foundation so that our students can become responsible members of the Church and the community now and in the future...”*

**ST. CECELIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL IS PINELLAS COUNTY'S ONLY PRIVATE  
PREK-3 THROUGH 8TH GRADE  
IB WORLD SCHOOL!**

Wow! It's official, we are now a fully authorized IB World School for MYP and PYP, grades PK3 through 8. We are so proud of this distinction. Thank you to Mrs. Steele, our IB Coordinator, our Administration, and dedicated teachers for your hard work and tenacity to make this happen. We are so appreciative of our parents for their support of these programmes. Please share this news with family and friends. Go Crusaders!



**OPEN HOUSE DATES**

**November 6, 2019**

**January 29, 2020**

**March 18, 2020**



**11th Annual  
Crusader Gallop  
5K & 1 Mile  
Run  
Saturday, February  
8, 2020**

**Cost \$30 for 5K ♦ \$25 for 1 Mile**

**Eagle Lake Park, 1800 Keene Rd., Largo, FL  
5K begins at 10:00 am (registration at 9:00 am)**

**Fun run 10:30 am**

**After the run join us for a post race picnic. Bounce house,  
music and more....**

**Registration forms will be available soon.**

A huge thank you to Lee and Debbie Arnold for their very generous donation of the beautiful perimeter fencing surrounding our school. A dedication and ribbon cutting was held this past February. Those in attendance included Clearwater Mayor, George Cretekos, Clearwater City Manager, Bill Horne and Clearwater City Commissioner, Hoyt Hamilton.



**Give A Gift...** to help St. Cecelia Catholic School continue its mission of providing students with an affordable Catholic education. Please consider giving a gift that makes a difference... now and forever. Visit <http://www.st-cecelia.org/student-life/alumni/alumni-giving/> to donate.

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