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It's 'all in the family' at Kaliapy's

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Kaliapy's is a family-owned restaurant operated by two sisters, Monica Gill and Carol Bermudez. When you visit for dinner, you'll be rewarded with delicious fresh specialties prepared by Chef Monica and warm, welcoming service from Carol.

Chef Monica holds a bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales and takes great pride in every dish she makes, all homemade and prepared to order with the freshest ingredients. Customer favorites include Eggplant Parmigiano, Chicken Pappagallo, Tilapia Francese, classic pasta dishes and more, all served with a house salad and warm bread.

"Monica is known for her fish specialties," said Bermudez. "Our customers rave about the way she prepares fish."

Just in case you've tried the 14 fish entrées and everything else on the menu, Chef Monica offers specials every weekend, including a soup, entrées and dessert.

"Monica gets a bit creative with the specials and they often match her mood for the weekend," said Bermudez. "Her sense of humor is sometimes displayed on the 'Specials' board, too. Many of our customers visit on the weekends to try something new."

To keep up with the weekend specials, go to Kaliapy's on Facebook and choose "like it." Watch for news of the Thursday night happy hour coming soon, which will feature appetizers and beer and wine specials. On Tuesday nights, choose the lucky \$13 meal specials that include a choice of one of six entrées, salad, side, coffee or tea and a small dessert. Families will enjoy the "family pack", which includes a choice of one of 10 entrées, bread and salad for four.

Kaliapy's also offers a kid's menu with 10 choices, including mini versions from the main menu, as well as traditional kid friendly choices. The restaurant is cozy and comfortable, great for an early or late dinner, and also offers take-out and home and office catering.

Coral Gables resident Marie McClure says Kaliapy's is her favorite restaurant and she and her husband dine there frequently.

"We just love Kaliapy's. The food is homey Italian and you can just tell that it is made with



Chef Monica Gill (left) and Carol Bermudez, sisters and owners of Kaliapy's Casual Fine Italian Dining.

love," she said. "The sisters and the staff are always so genuinely happy to see you and they make you feel like family. I love it so much I even had them cater my holiday luncheon."

The two sisters and family members opened Kaliapy's, 12153 S. Dixie Hwy., in December 2006 and Bermudez says it was a dream come true for her sister.

"It was her dream to have her own restaurant. I thought why not help my sister's dream come true instead of working to make someone else's dream come true," said Bermudez.

Kaliapy was a name that Gill planned to give her baby if she had a girl. Family members agree that it was a blessing that she had a boy, but decided the name was a good choice for this baby, the family restaurant.

Bermudez has three children and both sisters are single parents doing what they love.

"We strive to deliver the highest quality food with fresh ingredients at a great value," said Bermudez. "We want everyone to have a great experience and we really care about the people who visit us."

Kaliapy's is open for dinner Tuesday through Sunday at 5 p.m.

For more information, call 305-252-7337 and to view the entire menu, go to <www.kaliapys.com>.

