

*I*n 1951, Ilio came to America to continue his professional wrestling career that began in Europe and South America. Wrestling in the United States was a dream come true! His career took him from Madison Square Garden to Hawaii. He also traveled to Haiti, Australia, Japan and just about every small town in America and Canada. In fact, Whipper Billy Watson and Ilio held the World Tag Team Title for two years. Ilio was enshrined in the Canadian Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame. In 2003, Ilio was also inducted into the Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame, along with good friend Dick "The Destroyer" Beyer, in Schenectady, New York. A great place to visit if you're a wrestling fan!

In 1953, Ilio married his promoter's daughter, Ethel Martinez. Already looking toward the future, the restaurant business was something they always dreamed of after wrestling. In 1965, a handshake agreement with George Taylor, a local businessman, and M&T Bank, they built a restaurant in Blasdell, New York. This current site has been expanded five times to accommodate the four children who grew up in the restaurant business, Dennis, Barbara, Michael and Lisa.

In 1977, Dennis joined the business after graduating from Baldwin-Wallace College, where he was teammates with Jim Tressel, Ohio State's Head Coach. Michael graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park in 1981 and joined the business as Executive Chef.

After the passing of Ilio in 1995, the entire family continued to take part in the family business. Handling the front of the business are Barbara and her daughter Kristen, a graduate of Fredonia College. Lisa's daughter Elicia, (Lisa, her mother, and Tara, her sister, are sadly missed) is currently attending Buffalo State College. Jenna, Michael's daughter, is completing her graduate studies at George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs and is a full time employee at the American Cancer Society in Washington D.C. Ilio, Dennis's son, is a starting quarterback for Lock Haven University. Jonathan (Barbara's son) is in Phoenix, Arizona honing his skills to handle the retail end of Ilio's products and Jesse (Barbara's son) is attending Erie Community College along with working at the restaurant.

Most importantly, the staff of Ilio's, many who have been here for 20 years or more, all believe in the same philosophy... "This is your house and treat guests the way you would want to be treated!"

Ilio's products can be found on the shelves of Tops, Wegmans and Market in the Square, including our Italian dressing/marinade, three marinara sauces and Italian seasoned breadcrumbs. Ilio's Al Casa Italian Market offers our entire lunch and dinner menus to go, along with fresh imported Italian meats, cheeses, pasta, ready to cook dishes and Ilio's products, gift boxes and baskets.

Monuments dedicated to Ilio in both of his "Hometowns" one in Blasdell, New York and the other in Introdacqua, Italy represent how loved he was with his Big Hands and Big Heart!

Buon Appetito!
The DiPaolo Family & Staff

APPETIZERS

Antipasti

Tripe

A bowl of tripe served in our special red sauce - 8.99

Calamari

Italian delicacy bowl - 8.99

Fried Calamari - 8.99

Stuffed Mushrooms - 6.99

Shrimp Cocktail (Five) - 6.99

Stuffed Banana Peppers - 6.99

Fried Zucchini Fingers - 5.99

Fried Mozzarella Served with house sauce - 5.99

Garlic Bread - 1.99 **With Cheese** - 2.59

Spinach Bread With cheese - 3.99

BUFFALO FAVORITES

Preferiti di Buffalo

Chicken Wings

Served with bleu cheese

Double (24) - 11.99 Single (12) - 6.59

Chicken Fingers

Served with French fries and bleu cheese

Double (8) - 12.99 Single (4) - 7.59

Fried Shrimp Platter

Served with French fries and cocktail sauce - 9.59

Haddock Fish Fry

Available on Fridays only. Served with French fries, coleslaw and macaroni salad - 9.99

Have it Broiled - 75¢

SOUP & SALADS

Zuppa e Insalata

Our soups are served in a crock.

Baked Minestrone - 3.99

Minestrone - 2.79

Italian Meatball Soup - 2.79

Soup Du Jour - 2.79

Baked French Onion - 3.99

Soup Bar

11:30 am to 2:30 pm

Help yourself to our homemade soup bar - 2.99

Add the Soup Bar to any entrée or sandwich - 1.99

Cajun Beef & Bleu

Cajun beef strips and crumbled bleu cheese over mixed greens in a balsamic vinaigrette - 8.99

Crabs In The Grass

Two crab cakes served over mixed greens in a balsamic vinaigrette, then drizzled with roasted red pepper purée - 8.99

Tuscan Salad

Artichoke hearts, mushrooms, fresh mozzarella cheese, roasted red peppers, black olives, red onions, pepperoncini and crisp romaine - 7.59

Add a 5 oz. **Grilled Chicken Breast** to your salad - 2.99

Lightweight Salad Plate

Your choice of turkey or tuna salad with cottage cheese, assorted fruits and vegetables served on a bed of mixed greens - 6.99

Roma Tomatoes & Fresh Mozzarella

With a balsamic vinegar - 6.99

Grilled Chicken Caesar

A Caesar salad with marinated chicken - 6.99

Antipasto Americana

Mixed greens with assorted meats and cheese - 7.59

Souvlaki Salad

Grilled marinated chicken, tomatoes, green peppers, onions, feta cheese and fresh greens. Served with pita bread - 6.99

Cobb Salad

Turkey, crumbled bacon, black olives, crumbled bleu cheese, red onions, shredded cheddar cheese, hard boiled egg and tomatoes over mixed greens - 6.99

STEAK, VEAL & CHICKEN

Bistecca, Vitello e Pollo

Served with a salad, your choice of potato with vegetable or pasta.

Bourbon Glazed Pork Chop

6 oz. boneless center cut pork chop grilled to perfection - 8.99

Filet Mignon

The finest 6 oz. cut of meat - 16.99

New York Strip

10 oz. choice strip steak grilled to perfection - 16.99

Chicken Abruzzi

Italian breaded chicken breast with lemon, white wine sauce, artichoke hearts and mushrooms - 9.79

Chicken Cacciatore

Boneless breast of chicken, mushrooms, green peppers, onions and tomatoes - 9.79

Eggplant Parmigiana

Ilio's famous sauce and mozzarella cheese served with spaghetti - 8.99

Veal Parmigiana

Tender veal cutlet topped with melted mozzarella cheese and Ilio's famous sauce - 9.99

PASTA COMBINATIONS

Le Combinazioni di Pasta

Served with soup or a salad.

SPECIALTY STUFFED HOUSE PASTA

Cheese Ravioli

Ilio's original family recipe - 7.99

Manicotti

Stuffed with creamy ricotta cheese - 7.99

Tortellini

Cheese filled pasta rings - 7.99

Meat Ravioli

Filled with seasoned meat - 7.99

HOMESTYLE PASTA

Start with your choice of pasta served with house sauce:

Homestyle Gnocchi - 7.99

Homestyle Angel Hair - 6.99

Spaghetti, Penne, Linguini - 6.79

Whole Wheat Penne - 7.79

Gluten Free Spirals - 7.99

Substitute your choice of sauce:

Meat, Mushroom, Marinara - 1.29

Alfredo Cream and blended cheeses - 1.69

Clam Red or white - 2.19

Top it with your choice of the following:

Meatball, Italian Sausage - 1.29

Melted Cheese - 1.00

EXPRESS MENU ITEMS

Il Menu Esprimere

Express menu is great for a half-hour lunch break.

Chef's Express Lunch Special

Served with our soup bar or a salad.

Ilio's Sandwich of the Day - 6.99

or

Wrap of the Day - 7.99

Take a "Cannoli" back to the office!

Large - 3.99 Mini - 2.79

Soup Bar

Help yourself to our three homemade soups - 2.99

Add the Soup Bar to any entrée or sandwich - 1.99

SANDWICHES & BURGERS

Served with pasta salad.

Add French fries - 50¢

Ilio's Specialty Sandwich

Salami, cappicola, provolone cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and Ilio's Italian dressing served on an Italian roll - 6.99

Chopped Sirloin Burger

Served with lettuce, tomatoes and mayo on an Italian roll - 6.99

Additional Toppings

Bacon, Provolone, American, Swiss, Cheddar, Mozzarella or Bleu Cheese - 50¢ each

Chicken Parmigiana Sandwich

Served with mozzarella cheese on an Italian roll - 6.99

Caprese Sandwich

Fresh sliced bocconcini, roma tomatoes and baby spinach. Served on herbal flatbread with balsamic vinaigrette - 6.99

Diablo Chicken Sandwich

Italian breaded chicken breast tossed in a spicy BBQ sauce with provolone cheese, red onions, lettuce and tomatoes. Served on an Italian roll - 6.99

Tuna Melt

Fresh tuna with melted Swiss cheese, tomatoes and bacon. Served open faced on rye toast - 6.99

Gondola Sandwich

Roast beef and bordelaise sauce topped with melted provolone cheese on Italian bread - 6.99

Positano Sandwich

1/4 lb. grilled Italian sausage topped with seasoned spinach, roasted red peppers, asiago cheese and a touch of Ilio's house sauce. Served on an Italian roll - 6.99

Open Meatball Parmigiana

Served with house sauce on Italian bread and topped with melted mozzarella cheese - 6.99

Triple Decker Club

Your choice of ham or turkey with bacon, American cheese, lettuce, tomatoes and mayo - 6.99

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for daily specials and promotions!**

PIZZA

Cheese

Small 13" - 8.99 Large 17" - 10.99

Cheese & Pepperoni

Small 13" - 10.49 Large 17" - 10.99

Bianco Pizza

Mozzarella cheese, fresh tomatoes and basil
Small 13" - 9.99 Large 17" - 12.99

Florentine Pizza

Spinach, roasted red peppers and asiago cheese
Small 13" - 11.99 Large 17" - 14.99

Sulmona Pizza

Marinara sauce with mushrooms and onions. Low fat, Jim's favorite!
Small 13" - 10.99 Large 17" - 13.99

Extra Ingredients

Large - 1.90 Half Large - 95¢
Small - 1.50 Half Small - 75¢

Italian Sausage, Meatballs, Anchovies, Green Peppers, Hot Peppers, Onions, Green or Black Olives, Mushrooms, Artichoke Hearts, Spinach

CHILDREN'S CORNER

For our guests 10 years old and under.
Served with soup or salad. Your choice - 5.99

Spaghetti & Meatball

Meat Ravioli

Three ravioli

Rigatoni & Meatball

Hamburger

A 1/4 lb. burger served with fries

SIDEKICKS FOR KIDS

Two Meatballs In Sauce - 2.99

Basket of Fries - 2.59

Kiddie Chef Salad - 2.59

Kiddie Parfait

Chocolate or Mint - 2.99

Kiddie Cocktail - 1.99

*Notice: Consuming raw or undercooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have a medical condition.