

# KATIE'S PIZZA & PASTA OSTERIA

# **ANTIPASTI**

CITRUS CURED SALMON		MELON & PROSCIUTTO	
ORA KING SALMON + FENNEL POLLEN + PRESERVED LEMON REDUCTION + FERMENTED JALAPENO + SHAVED FENNEL +		STRACCIATELLA + SMOKED SPECK PROSCIUTTO + SEASONAL MELON + BASIL + AGED BALSAMIC	18
BLACK OLIVE OIL + CROSTINI	23	MELOTI + DASIL + AGED BALSAMIC	18
	23		
BREAD SERVICE*		CHARRED CAULIFLOWER*	
PIZZA BIANCA + OLIO NUOVO + SEA SALT	7	LEMON PRESERVE + PECORINO	16
CANNELLINI BEAN DIP*		FIGS & WHIPPED RICOTTA*	
PIZZA BIANCA		WHIPPED BUFFALO MILK RICOTTA + FIGS + PISTACHIOS	
* ADD VEGETABLE CRUDITE <b>\$6</b>	13	+ WILDFLOWER HONEY + OLIO NUOVO + PIZZA BIANCA	19
NEAPOLITAN MEATBALLS		SWEET CORN ARANCINI*	
PORK & BEEF MEATBALLS + BIANCO DI NAPOLI		CREAMY SWEET CORN CARNAROLI RICE + PARMIGIANO	
TOMATO + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + PINE NUTS	18	REGGIANO + PICKLED CHILI AIOLI + VEGETABLE JUS + ALEPPO + CHIVES	19
FAMOUS FRIED ARTICHOKES*		FRITTO CALAMARI	
ROMAN FRIED ARTICHOKES + AGED BALSAMIC +		FRIED CALAMARI + FRIED LEMON + CALABRIAN CHILI	
STRACCIATELLA	17	BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + LEMON GREMOLATA	25
ARTICHOKE TOASTED RAVIOLI*		FRIED SQUASH BLOSSOMS*	
BASIL PINE NUT PESTO + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO	17	TEMPURA BATTERED RICOTTA STUFFED SQUASH BLOSSOMS	
		+ ARRABIATA	21
WOOD OVEN ROASTED CARROTS*		CACIOCAVERA CHEESE STICKS *	
STRACCIATELLA + PISTACHIO PESTO + WILDFLOWER		CRISPY HAND-BREADED LOVERA CACIOCAVERA	
HONEY + MINT	17	MOZZARELLA + BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO	16
HUCKLEBERRY BURRATA	BURR	BURRATA BLACK GARLIC "CHEESE BREAD"*	
MOUNTAIN HUCKLEBERRY MOSTARDA + PROSCIUTTO DI		BLACK GARLIC + BURRATA + ROASTED GARLIC + SHAVED	
PARMA + BURRATA + CROSTINI	21	GARLIC + PECORINO ROMANO + CHIVES	21
MOREL MUSHROOM BURRATA *		CAVIAR BURRATA	
MOREL MUSHROOM AGRODOLCE + BURRATA + CROSTINI	30	STURGEON CAVIAR + ANFOSSO TUMAI LIGURIAN OLIVE OIL +	7.5
		PIZZA BIANCA	35
	INSAL	ATA	
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INSALATA MISTA*		FAMOUS FRIED ARTICHOKE*	
ARUGULA + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + TOMATOES + PINE NUTS + BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE	15	ROMAN FRIED ARTICHOKES + ROASTED ASPARAGUS + WILD SPRING GREENS + PISTACHIOS + BAETJE FARMS GOAT CHEESE + BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE	20
TOM'S CHOPPED			_•
MARKET LETTUCE + SOPRESSATA SALAMI + WILD FENNEL +		CALABRIAN KALE CAESAR	
FONTINA + GARBANZO BEANS + CASTELVETRANO OLIVES + PECORINO ROMANO + RED WINE VINAIGRETTE	20	SHAVED KALE + CALABRIAN CHILI CAESAR DRESSING + COLATURA DI ALICI + FRIED CAPERS + CIABATTA	
BUDDATA CARREST		CROUTONS + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + WHITE ANCHOVIES	20
BURRATA CAPRESE *  HEIRLOOM TOMATOES + BURRATA + KALAMATA OLIVES +		WATERMELON*	
CALABRIAN PEPPERS + BASIL + BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE +		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
		ARUGULA + BAETJE FARMS FETA CHEESE + KALAMATA	
AGED BALSAMIC + LEMON	21	OLIVES + LIME VINAIGRETTE + MINT + PINE NUTS + AGED	20
AGED BALSAMIC + LEMON	21		20

# **HAND-CRAFTED PASTA**

FIORI ARRABIATA*		LEMON PACCHERI*	
KATIE'S SIGNATURE FIORI NOODLE + SPICY ARRABIATA TOMATO SAUCE + WILD ARUGULA + MASCARPONE + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO		LEMON PACCHERI NOODLE + CHARRED CAULIFLOWER + LEMON BUTTER + CREAM + PISTACHIOS + PECORINO ROMANO	24
	23	MOREL MUSHROOM & RAMP PAPPARDELLE*	
SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS  SPAGHETTI NOODLE + NEAPOLITAN MEATBALLS +		HAND-CUT RAMP DYED PAPPARDELLE NOODLE + ROASTED MOREL MUSHROOMS + RAMPS + TALEGGIO FONDUTA +	
BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + TOASTED PINE NUTS		MUSHROOM JUS + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + THYME + AGED	
+ PARMIGIANO REGGIANO	26	BALSAMIC	35
CRESPONE & RICOTTA TORTELLINI		FIAMA MAFALDA BOLOGNESE	
HAND-MADE SALUME BEDDU CRESPONE & RICOTTA		MAFALDA NOODLE + FIAMA BOLOGNESE + CALABRIAN CHILI	7.4
TORTELLINI + BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + CALABRIAN CHILI + SHERRY + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO	29	+ WHIPPED BUFFALO RICOTTA	34
· SHERRY · FAR HOIANG REGGIANG	29	LAMB SCARPINOCC	
VIGNOLE RAVIOLI*		FENNEL SCENTED BAROLO BRAISED LAMB STUFFED	
MINT & PARSLEY RICOTTA RAVIOLI + ASPARAGUS + ENGLISH PEAS + GREEN GARLIC + PRESERVED LEMON +		SCARPINOCC + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + LEMON + BUTTER + AGED BALSAMIC	32
CREME FRAICHE	29		
BUCATINI ALLA GRICIA		BLACK SPAGHETTI	
BUCATINI NOODLE + GUANCIALE + FAVA BEANS +		SQUID INK SPAGHETTI + LEMON BUTTER + PRAWNS + SCALLOPS + CLAMS + CALABRIAN CHILI + PARSLEY GREMOLATA +	
PECORINO ROMANO + FRESH CRACKED PEPPER	35	SALMON ROE	37
ADD	TO YOU	IR PASTA	
Roasted Chicken 9 Prawns 15 I	MEATBALLS	5 12 SCALLOPS 18 WHITE ANCHOVIES 5	
HAND-	CRA	FTED PIZZA	
CACIO E PEPE*		MARGHERITA RED DI BUFALA*	
SMOKED CACIOCAVALLO + MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA + PECORINO ROMANO + FRESH CRACKED PEPPERCORN + OLIO NUOVO	20	BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA + FRESH BASIL	21
MARGHERITA OLIO DI BUFALA*		MOREL*	
OLIO NUOVO + TOMATO + MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA +		OLIO NUOVO + MOREL MUSHROOMS + RAMPS + TALEGGIO	
FRESH BASIL	21	+ FONTINA + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + AGED BALSAMIC	35
ROASTED CHICKEN		BLACK GARLIC & ARTICHOKE*	
ROASTED CHICKEN  ROASTED GARLIC + ROASTED CHICKEN + CARAMELIZED		BLACK GARLIC & ARTICHORE  BLACK GARLIC + KALE + BAETJE FARMS GOAT CHEESE	
CIPOLLINI ONIONS + ROSEMARY + ARUGULA + BAETJE FARMS		+ ARTICHOKES + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + LEMON +	
GOAT CHEESE + AGED BALSAMIC + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA	22	WILDFLOWER HONEY	22
DEAD C DDOCCUITO			
PEAR & PROSCIUTTO OLIO NUOVO + PROSCIUTTO DI PARMA + TALEGGIO		EZZO PEPPERONI	
+ FONTINA + PEAR	22	OLIO NUOVO + STRACCIATELLA + EZZO PEPPERONI + WILDFLOWER HONEY + CALABRIAN CHILI PASTE	23
MEATBALL		DANIGETTA & FIG	
BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + NEAPOLITAN MEATBALLS		PANCETTA & FIG  OLIO NUOVO + FONTINA + BAETJE FARMS GOAT CHEESE	
+ PINE NUTS + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO	22	+ PANCETTA + FRESH FIGS + SHALLOTS + PARMIGIANO	
PARITIGIANO REGGIANO	22	REGGIANO + ARUGULA + AGED BALSAMIC	23
BOLOGNESE SAUSAGE			
BALSAMELLA + SALUME BEDDU BOLOGNESE SAUSAGE +		MARGHERITA EXTRA DI BUFALA	
CURRANTS + FRESH HERB & ARUGULA SALAD + RED WINE VINAIGRETTE + SHAVED PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + VINCOTTO	23	BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA + PROSCIUTTO DI PARMA + WILD ARUGULA + FRESH BASIL	23
CORN & ZUCCHINI*		FINOCCHIONA & BURRATA	
OLIO NUOVO + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA + GOAT CHEESE + ROASTED CORN + ZUCCHINI + JALAPENOS + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + CHESTNUT HONEY + LIME + MINT	21	SALUME BEDDU FINOCCHIONA SALUMI + BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + BURRATA + FONTINA + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + CARAMELIZED FENNEL + KALAMATA OLIVES + HOT HONEY	22
PESTO QUATTRO FORMAGGIO*		POTATO	
BASIL PINE NUT PESTO + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA +		BALSAMELLA + FONTINA + ALTO ADIGE SPECK PROSCIUTTO +	
FONTINA + BAETJE FARMS GOAT CHEESE + PECORINO	20	FINGERLING POTATOES + ONION + PARMIGIANO REGGIANO + ROSEMARY <b>ADD EGG \$3</b>	22
SAUSAGE & BALSAMELLA		SQUASH BLOSSOM & BURRATA*	
BALSAMELLA + FENNEL SAUSAGE + FONTINA + LEEK +		BIANCO DI NAPOLI TOMATO + FIOR DI LATTE MOZZARELLA	
CALABRESE PEPPER + PINE NUTS + FENNEL POLLEN	23	+ BURRATA + CHERRY TOMATOES + SQUASH BLOSSOMS + GREMOLATA	21

# TASTING MENU

\*PRICE IS PER PERSON

### **4 COURSE SEASONAL PASTA TASTING\***

SWEET CORN ARANCINI + WATERMELON SALAD + RAMP PAPPARDELLE+ TIRAMISU **55** 

### 4 COURSE SEASONAL PIZZA TASTING\*

SWEET CORN ARANCINI + WATERMELON SALAD + MOREL PIZZA + TIRAMISU 55

15 years ago the three amigos opened Katie's Pizza, Tom (Dad), Rolando and myself – a text book hole-in-the-wall pizzeria. We had a junk store in the building. The day before we opened we moved the unsold "antique" furniture into the restaurant, closed the junk store, and called it a Grand Opening. Who remembers that junk store with no name or phone number? Haha! Everything was used except for the big modern chandelier in the front that we splurged on. I think we opened for under \$50k. My Mom painted a mural map of Firenze on the wall. My Dad hired the most beautiful women, and the beer was cold with mandatory frosted glasses. Leave it to a recovered alcoholic to demand a frosted glass. He knew.

The first pizza we sold was a Margherita Pizza. Our margherita was olive oil based with cherry tomatoes. A sacrilege in STL in 2008. It took us so long to figure out how to make the pizza that the guy asked for it togo....then we had to figure out how to fold a pizza box. A fiasco.

Then the recession hit, then they shut down Hwy 40, and turned Clayton Road into a highway. Saved our asses. Those first years were

busy. The whole family was involved. The comedy was immense, the pain even more. Kitchen Confidential was child's play compared. But as my Dad always said, "Pain is the only teacher."

In the end, we learned a lot, humbled ourselves, and everyone got sober. Time is crazy. It all seems like a dream. Maybe it was. We lost my Dad and Rolando during the pandemic. More pain, more teaching, but very grateful to have started this thing with them, learing their sage lessons, and have their spirits guide me/us today. They're everywhere in everything we do.

Today the team has grown. My Family, of course Mom, and 300 amazing team members. We have a frozen pizza company selling pizzas across the country to over 400 grocery stores. Less comedy, less drama...but we are doing amazing things thanks to our guys, and we are grateful. Do your thing, be yourself! Thank you all for the support, love and memories. Here's to many more.

- Katie

# THE LEGEND OF ROLANDO COLON

Rolando Llerena Colon was born July 26th 1943 in Santa Clara, Cuba. His city was home to the most humble, beautiful and hardworking people in the country. He grew up cooking with his grandma, swimming in the ocean, playing baseball, and all the mangoes, avocados, papayas and plantains he could eat. He loved plantains. He would steal plantains from his grandma when she was cooking, and she would yell, "Rolando! Deja de comer todos los plátanos!". His childhood was simple, free and beautiful.

It was clear early on that Rolando was a gifted athlete and baseball player. At 13 years old his beautiful town and country was overtaken by Che Guevara and Castro at the final Battle Of Santa Clara. Around the age of 17 he began to play with the Orientale League Cuba. He was an outfielder. He played with the league across Cuba, as well as expositions in Italy, Panama, Japan, Mexico, and USA. He is proud to have played alongside the greatest Cuban players of all time and Joe Torre. As the Castro Regime continued its rule, the country and its people began to lose their freedoms and suffer.

At 38 in 1981 Rolando was forced to leave his home, his family and his beloved country, and he arrived in San Diego, USA. With nothing but the shirt on his back he began his life working in kitchens. He spoke no English, but his heart and hard work provided him with enough work and friendships to survive. He then moved to Lake Tahoe. He hated the cold weather, so in 1990 he arrived in St. Louis, MO.

While in St. Louis he worked at Cafe Zoe, Zoe Pan Asian Cafe, Jimmy's on the Park and Viva before finding his permanent home with Katie at Katie's Pizzeria Cafe. Throughout his years in restaurants he profoundly touched so many lives with his infectious spirit and love, and gained a family.

Rolando loved the game of baseball, and watched every single Cardinals game on tv, or went to the games when he could. His only complaint about the Cardinals year after year was, "no pitching". He was very educated and only watched tv for a baseball game or the news. He knew everything that was going on in the world and was passionate about politics. He was an outspoken critic of communism and mourned for the countries and people it ruined. His dream was to see his Cuba and it's people free. He spoke no English, not because he couldn't, but because he didn't want to. He had a gift for finding an object and transforming the object and the moment into something magical and mystical. He was true performance art. His magic was uncontained and it overflowed. He was proud, strong and outspoken....and the happiest man alive. He loved to feed his friends and strangers with his amazing Cuban food. He believed that happiness was through the stomach, and if you were full you were happy. He passed peacefully on March 4th in the morning on a beautiful warm and sunny day with his friends and adopted family by his side. His spirit is eternal. Merry Christmas and Hasta La Vista.....baby.

## LIFE LESSONS FROM TOM LEE

If the store is almost out of something, that's what you should buy.

Have more children.

Talk to old people.

Keep your vitamins out of the sun.

You'll go farther with street smarts than book smarts.

Check your pockets for cash before doing laundry. Wash Extra hot.

Say you're sorry.

Keep it simple, stupid.

Always ask for 50's. They can't break hundreds, and 20's take up too much room.

Make sure you've hung up the phone before you start talking about someone.

Change oil and filters frequently.

Always go a size up.

Say I love you.

Post date your checks.

Write letters.

Choke up on the bat and show 'em where you live.

Move out of St. Louis once

Live on the beach with the mountains behind you.

Take pictures.

Don't pluck your eye brows.

Don't cut down trees.

Make extra copies.

Double tie your shoes.

Always make sure tags and license are current.

Eat green shit.

Compliment painted nails.

Avoid horizontal stripes.

Keep your voice down.

Get extra napkins.

Quit drinking alcohol.

Ask for light ice or all you'll get is ice.

Make them brew a fresh pot.

When deciding where to eat, go to the place with the longest line.

During a negotiation, walk away.

During an auction, keep paddle up.

Pay cash.

You make your money when you buy.

Save the good boxes.

Double paper.

In any relationship you only have 49% of the vote.

Don't cut your flowers short. You don't need underwear. Never put anything in your name.

Sleep on it.

Let kids play.

Get a PO BOX and duct tape your mail box shut.

You can't get anything done with the wrong person.

Take bankers to lunch.

Cry poor.

Find someone who loves you for who you are and forgives you for who you're not.

Attorneys are like doctors, they're only good at one thing.

Make sure you have the right one for the right problem.

Ask a local.

Connect the dots.

Spend money on good pens, good socks, good pillows, good coffee.

Never leave trash in your house overnight.

Don't give out information.

Dogs not cats.

Always hiring.

Write it down.

No one cares about you. They only care about themselves.

Park far away. You could use the exercise.

Never call laclede gas.

Pay your taxes.

Sell your business.

Quit your job and work for yourself.

Alway's wear two t-shirts, so the holes in the first are hidden by the holes in the second.

Don't eat after 5pm.

Let go let God.

One day at a time.

Save the rainforest. Save the oceans.

Go to Quick Trip for the good gas.

Sleep is the key.

Buy your house. Buy your building. Buy the block.

Go with the flow.

Hand wash your dishes.

You keep coming back till you get it right. This is not your last time.

Shut up and listen.

Pursue your grandchildren.

Life is short.

Do your thing. Be yourself. Tape this to your dashboard.

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ARTISTS:

TED COLLIER + BELINDA LEE

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