



Depot Café

Serving the Lake County area since 1936

March, 2019

Chef Joe's Dinner Specials March

Fried Haddock

Breaded and fried to a golden brown served with french fries and cole slaw.

Spare Ribs Italian

Meaty St. Louis style pork ribs simmered in our homemade tomato marinara sauce topped with fresh grated Romano cheese and served over pasta.

Linguini & Shrimp in Clam Sauce

Rock Shrimp, Prince Edward Island Mussels and Middle Neck Clams tossed with linguini in a savory white garlic sauce.

Cavatelli

Dumpling pasta tossed in our homemade tomato marinara sauce with your choice of meatball, meat sauce, mushroom sauce or sausage.



*When we count our blessings,
We count you twice!!*

Irish saying

We now take all major credit cards!



Daylight Savings Time

March 10

**Don't forget to adjust your
clocks.**



Lenten Fish Fry

LENTEN FISH FRY

**Join us every Friday during Lent for Chef Joe's
Famous**

Fish Fry. Choice of:

- Beer Battered Haddock
- Hand breaded Lake Perch,
served with french fries and coleslaw.

**And, as always, our regular menu features
many varied seafood dishes such as:**

Scampies, Lobster, Salmon, Scallops, Eggplant
Parm, Pastas

*The newsletter is available on our website at:
www.silvestrosdepotcafe.com*

Deep Thoughts

By Jerry Silvestro

Hi Friends and Neighbors,

One of my favorite pastimes is dining out. You wouldn't think that would be true, seeing as how I spend most of my time in a restaurant. It's not just the eating part but the whole experience. Ambiance. Décor. Camaraderie. All the trappings of an evening out. Lately, the Cleveland area has seen a growth of the industry that includes some of the most eclectic, beautiful and innovative places that rival anything you will see anywhere.

But, you see, I was brought up a tavern guy. Old school bars that ooze character and were at one time the linchpins of the neighborhood. These were the places that your friends met, relaxed, danced, ate, fought and generally enjoyed thoroughly. Some had a sort of common theme and patrons of that ilk would congregate there and Painesville had a bunch of them.

In the neighborhood that I grew up in, the so-called North End, which was pretty much Erie St. to North, we had Guerra's, Diorios', Cardina's, Tony's and, of course our own Depot Café. Are we noticing a common thread here? Yeah, names ending in vowels were pretty common in that area back then. Guerra's, which was located on Chester St. was one of my Dad's favorite haunts. A combination bar, grocery, butcher shop and restaurant, this place was the convenience store of today. In the late '50's and early '60's, grocery stores closed at 6:00 p.m. If you needed a quart of milk or lunch meat in the North End after 6, you went to Guerra's. The grocery closed at 6 but the bar was open until 2:30 a.m. Tony Guerra would gladly stroll into the store to grab your vittles after you had your shot or three. I had my first taste of beer there, after a stern warning by Tony to never, never, come in without my father.

A little more uptown was a place that was at one time called O'Leary's Bucket of Blood, then later on the, Yakkity-Yak Lounge, but nowadays you know it as Nemeth's. As I got a little older, I would accompany my dad in there to see John and Florence, have one of their world-famous burgers and place the bets for the track that day. Also, I just might have a beer, after which John would make sure that I should never try that without my dad.

During my high school years, I discovered Tony's Subway Inn and befriended Tony and Maryanne Pace. Armed with my trusty fake ID and fortified cadre of friends, we spent many hours rating their fabulous pizza, shooting pool, playing pinball and getting shot down by older girls, very comfortable in the fact that Maryanne had no idea who I was or that I was not of age. On my 21st birthday, I proudly strolled in and ordered my first legal drink. Maryanne, who I had known for 3 years, told the bartender to check my ID. Puzzled, I pulled out my real ID. With my real name. She politely threw me out.

The next day I walked into Tony's to come face to face with a smirking Maryanne. She poured me a beer and said Happy Birthday, Mr. Silvestro.

Stay well and God Bless!





Take the Trivia Challenge

Each month we'll give you a new trivia question. Bring or mail in your entry. The first 10 people to answer correctly will be in the drawing to win a dinner certificate worth \$15.00. **February's winner: Craig Campbell**, knew *that the first President to meet Punxsutawney Phil was Ronald Reagan*. He has received a dinner certificate worth \$15.00.

What is the birth name of St. Patrick?

- 1) Maewyn Succat
- 2) Patricius
- 3) Patrick Celestine
- 4) Benignus

My Answer: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

St. Patrick: the Myth and the Man.....

For Some, St. Patrick's Day (March 17) is a reason to wear green, go to the parade, and drink more Irish whiskey than usual.

But just who was this St. Patrick fellow?

The most common belief is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. Ireland probably never had snakes though and the myth may refer to Patrick's efforts to stamp out the serpent imagery used by the Druids. He also may have used the three-leafed shamrock to illustrate the concept of the Holy Trinity to the people he was trying to convert to Christianity as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century. Historians agree that Patrick was born in Roman-occupied Britain, the son of a Christian deacon. At age 16 he was captured and taken to Ireland, where he was a slave for six years. During this time, his Christian faith strengthened, and one day heard a voice (according to a letter he wrote about his early life) promising he would soon return home. Shortly afterward he escaped, found his way to a ship, and went back to his family. An angel appeared to him in a dream, he later wrote, telling him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After a long period of religious training, Patrick went back to the land where he had been a slave to convert the Irish and to minister to those Christians living there. March 17 is believed to be the date of his death. Although never formally canonized, Patrick came to be considered a saint and March 17 was celebrated as a religious holiday until 1903, when it became a public holiday in Ireland by an act of the British Parliament.



May God be with you
and bless you; may
you see your children's children;
may you be poor in misfortune -
Rich in Blessings;
may you know nothing but
Happiness
From this day forward.



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Win a Free Dinner

Dining Room Hours

Lunch

Monday-Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Dinner

Monday - Thursday
4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Sunday

1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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