

**2. Wild Fig**

829 Franklin St., Garden City. 516-739-1002;  
167 Glen St., Glen Cove. 516-656-5645. www.wildfigonline.com

**3. Santorini**

133 Merrick Ave., Merrick. 516-967-5175

**MEXICAN****1. Besito**

402 New York Ave., Huntington. 631-549-0100; 1516 Old Northern Blvd., Roslyn. 516-484-3001 www.besitomex.com

Thank God for this duo of modern Mexican places, which also won Best Of LI honors in '08, that helped drag Long Island out of the taco/burrito/nacho doldrums. With high-end tequilas helping to fill the lively bars, and tableside-made guacamole, as well as creatively prepared entrees that move past the drowned-in-cheese and refried-bean preparations that the 'rita and fajita joints call "food," we can at last have what the western half of the country has been enjoying for decades.

**2. Don Juan**

535 Old Country Rd., Westbury. 516-333-1020; 4899 Merrick Rd., Massapequa Park. 516-796-1172. www.donjuanny.com

**3. Don Ricardo's**

94 E. Main St., Babylon. 631-587-0122  
www.donricardos.com

**OFF-SITE CATERING****1. Iavarone Bros.**

1538 Union Tpke., New Hyde Park. 516-489-

5600; 1166 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. 516-781-6400; 729 W. Jericho Tpke., Huntington. 631-367-4600. www.ibfoods.com

From prime meats, freshly caught seafood, abundant fresh produce and imported delicacies from around the world, for 80 years this Old World-style *salsicceria* has provided hundreds of gourmet offerings, specializing in Italian fare, with some of the freshest, finest and hardest to find ingredients.

**2. Vincent's Clam Bar**

179 Old Country Rd., Carle Place. 516-742-4577. www.vincentsclambar.com

**3. Zorn's**

4321 Hempstead Tpke., Bethpage. 516-731-5500; 1939 Hempstead Tpke., East Meadow. 516-357-7300; 2495 Merrick Rd., Bellmore. 516-826-8000. www.zornschicken.com

**PIZZA****1. The Original Umberto's of New Hyde Park**

633 Jericho Tpke., New Hyde Park. 516-437-7698; 1180 Wantagh Ave., Wantagh. 516-221-5696. www.originalumbertos.com

This is the fourth year that Umberto's has taken home Best Of LI honors. Pizza fanatics around the country recognize the original Umberto's in New Hyde Park as the birthplace of the Grandma slice, but the Sicilian continues to blow away the competition with its crispy crust and perfect ratio of tomatoes and quality mozzarella.

**2. Little Vincent's Pizza**

329 New York Ave., Huntington. 631-423-9620; 324 Smithtown Blvd., Lake Ronkonkoma. 631-981-9631.

**3. La Piazza**

1137 Old Country Rd., Plainview. 516-938-0800; 2191 Merrick Rd., Merrick. 516-546-2500. www.lapiazzaonline.com

**RESTAURANT****1. Vincent's Clam Bar**

179 Old Country Rd., Carle Place. 516-742-4577. www.vincentsclambar.com

Italian food is so prevalent on Long Island that to many, "Let's go eat" means one thing: pizza-pasta-parm. Vincent's offers all of the above plus a range of new and old dishes in a convivial atmosphere evoking the old days in Little Italy, steps from the busiest intersection in both counties, making this a popular choice: They have won five Best Of LI awards, in four different categories.

**2. Ciao Baby**

246 Voice Rd., Carle Place. 516-248-7600; 50-74 Sunrise Hwy., Massapequa. 516-799-5200; 204 Jericho Tpke., Commack. 631-543-1400. www.ciaobabyrestaurant.com

**3. Teller's American Chophouse**

605 Main St., Islip. 631-277-7070. www.tellerschophouse.com

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