

A New York State of Mind



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When they couldn't find a deli-style restaurant here in Ohio like the ones in New York, Dominic and Caryl-Lyn Mazullo opened their *NY Bagel Deli* in Medina.

By serving up authentic New York Style bagels and a slew of fresh deli faves, *NY Bagel Deli* is keeping diners permanently transfixed.

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Bringing a taste of the Northeast to our Midwest town, *NY Bagel Deli* is as authentic as it gets. As soon as you walk into this family owned and operated restaurant, you feel like you are in a famed New York City deli and bagel shop.

There are iconic photos like the sailor kissing a nurse in Times Square on VJ Day in 1945 and the ironworkers sitting atop the last beam when building the Empire State Building. Then there's the aroma of fresh corned beef and pastrami and the distinctive kettle boiled bagels. It has that big city flair.

Having grown up in Long Island and Philadelphia respectively, owners Caryl-Lyn and Dominic Mazullo and their four children



moved to Northeast Ohio two years ago, after Caryl-Lyn chose to relocate here for a job in the financial services industry. When they couldn't find a deli-style restaurant, Dominic opened his own place in Medina this past December.

"So many people stop to grab breakfast on their way into work in New York, so we wanted to open a similar place here," he says with a friendly East Coast accent. "Now that we have been open for nine months there has been a demand for dinner as well so we just added evening hours Tuesday through Friday until 7 p.m."

"We offer a variety of healthy options, and serve the food just as quickly as the fast food chains. Our quality is much better as we source locally, and it is priced right in line with the drive thru," he adds.

Their signature egg sandwich, aptly named "Fuhgeddaboutit," features three eggs, bacon, ham, sausage, home fries, and cheese on a hero bun. For those looking for lighter fare, there are 15 different egg white sandwiches with healthy ingredients, like the "5th Avenue," made with egg whites, spinach, and feta.

"We serve eggs all day in a New York minute," comments Dominic, noting that guests can order breakfast sandwiches or omelettes, along with freshly baked bagels and muffin tops, all day, every day.

"We ship our bagels in from the Bronx and bake them fresh every day in our kitchen, so they so they are truly an authentic NY bagel," says Dominic. "They are hand rolled, kettle boiled, double seeded, and have no preservatives. We also make our own homemade cream cheese in eight flavors, including lox, olive, and walnut raisin."

With more than 60 additional lunch sandwiches on the extensive menu, diners can choose from hearty sandwiches, wraps, salad sandwiches (egg, chicken, and tuna), grilled reubens, and hot-pressed paninis. In addition, Dominic takes pride in the South Philly Style Cheese Steaks, paying homage to his roots, having grown up in Philadelphia.

"Loaded with a half-pound of meat and served on an Amoroso roll, our cheese steaks are the best in town," smiles Dominic.

The deli cases are filled with Boar's Head meats, pastrami, turkey, and homemade corned beef and roast beef. "We slice to order

for all of our sandwiches, and all of our deli items are sold by the pound for take-home as well. Additionally we offer catering services and corporate delivery."

Also on the menu are chopped salads. Customers can create their own salad, choosing from four lettuce types and dozens of toss-ins, such as chicken, avocado and a variety of cheeses and top with a choice of salad dressings.

What makes *NY Bagel Deli* unique is its East Coast influences, but Dominic is quick to point out he is not a Yankees fan (despite a couple of Joe DiMaggio and Mickey Mantle framed prints adorning the walls). "I grew up in Philadelphia, so I root for the Phillies and Eagles," he comments. "I have a lot in common with long-suffering Browns fans."

NY Bagel Deli is located in Signature Square at 3725 Medina Road in Medina. New hours are Monday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Order online at NYBagelDelis.com, fax 330-952-0986, or phone ahead to 330-952-0985 for fast pickup.

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