

# Anthony's Out to Lunch

## FITZPATRICK'S DELI AND STEAKHOUSE



By Anthony Previti

Ring... Ring... Ring. Groggy, I rolled out of bed, looked over at my phone and saw it was my good buddy Charlie calling. It must have been important for him to call so early so I answered it right away. "Ant, hey Ant, it's Charlie... Aw man, I went to **Fitzpatrick's Deli** in Somers Point last night and the corned beef was outstanding. Ant, hey Ant, you there...?" While a normal person would have hung up the phone right there, I on the other hand, had to know the details. As Charlie described every bite of his meal, I knew there was no way I was going back to sleep. I tried to take my mind off it but I couldn't. The thought of a delectable deli sandwich had consumed my thoughts. By the time we made our way there for lunch, I was ravenous.

I knew that **Fitzpatrick's Deli** had been a staple in the Somers Point area since 1989. But Charlie told me how they moved to a new location just down the street and expanded not only their space, but also their menu. The restaurant has been renamed **Fitzpatrick's Deli and Steakhouse**. So not only will you find the same excellent breakfast and lunch specialties that they've served for 20 years, but also a new dinner menu served Tuesday through Sunday from 5 to 10 pm.

As we walked in, my wife immediately ran to the dessert case—which housed some pretty beautiful pies and cakes—while I noticed how great the renovation looked. The place has a nice open floor plan with an inviting countertop seating area. But enough of that, I was there for the food!

We sat down and I ordered immediately. I was doing everything in my power not to scream out what I wanted. So I took a deep breath and with all my restraint, calmly asked for the Hot Corned Beef and Pastrami Sandwich (\$6). Thankfully, it arrived just a few minutes later and it was even better than I had hoped. The soft rye bread was loaded—and I mean loaded—with the most tender and perfectly cooked corned beef and pastrami that I have ever had. The mound of meat was slathered in Russian dressing and covered with melted Swiss cheese. A flood of emotions rushed through my body as I took bite after bite, until sadly, it was all gone.

My favorite parts were the little bits around the edges of the meat that get so crispy from the flat-top grill. The meat, the cheese, the dressing, and the bread were all absolutely perfect. And I have to be 100% honest here—I have been to some solid New York Deli's (which shall remain nameless) in my life and have paid twice the price, for a sandwich only half as good as this one. Save the trip and eat this first. In fact, I wanted to order another sandwich right on the spot but opted to snack on a side of Chicken Dijon Pasta Salad (\$2.95) instead. The pasta salad and a pickle the size of Nebraska, which came with the sandwich, were just enough to convince me not to order a second sandwich. But I made a vow to come back within a few days with the rest of the lunch crew.

While I was in corned beef and pastrami heaven, my wife was enjoying her personal

favorite—the Baked Ham and Cheese Sandwich with mayo (\$5.50). However, she threw in a twist and decided to have that hefty quarter pound of sweet ham plus American cheese served on top of a freshly baked croissant. I applauded her innovation and she declared it to be a delicious decision. She also added a side of Egg Potato Salad (\$2.25), which I also devoured in an attempt to keep myself from ordering that second sandwich.

I have eaten at **Fitzpatrick's** over the years, but after my last experience, I believe it's better than ever. The deli has always put out solid food, but with the new décor and newly created dinner entrees, **Fitzpatrick's** feels like a completely new restaurant. I can't wait to try one of their grilled steaks. Well, that is if I can ever make it past that amazing corned beef and pastrami...



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650 New Road  
Somers Point, NJ 08244

### HOURS:

Monday:

7 am to 5 pm,

Tuesday – Sunday:

7 am to 10 pm

[fitzpatricksdeli.com](http://fitzpatricksdeli.com)

### MENU:

I still can't believe my sandwich was only six bucks. All of their prices are really reasonable, especially for the portions you get. Check out the complete breakfast, lunch, and dinner menus on their website.

### TONY'S TIP:

With the new location, Fitzpatrick's now has a private party room that you can reserve for your next corporate or special event. Corned Beef for everybody? Now that's a Happy Birthday!!

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