

**Lunch**  
**Monday through Friday 11am to 2:30pm**

**Dinner**  
**Monday & Sunday 5pm to 8pm.**  
**Tuesday through Saturday 5pm to 9pm**

*It has been a lifelong goal of mine to own and operate my own restaurant. This dream came to fruition on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2007 when I, with the blessing and support of my wife Rosemary, purchased the Gourmet Café, a local restaurant that had been open for 15 years. While I retained the name, I have made the restaurant my own.*

*Many people ask about my background so I thought I would share some of my story. It began washing dishes at the Cobblestone Restaurant in West Caldwell. I cooked at the Huddle Inn restaurant in Fairfield. Then, Columbo's in Orange before going to The New York Restaurant School in Manhattan, where I graduated with highest honors. While attending school, I worked at Gracie Mansion. The Highlawn Pavilion in West Orange was my next stop. At the Rainbow Room in New York City, I was the Poissonnier (Fish Chef).*

*Other credits on my path here include Executive Chef at The Racquets Club of Short Hills, Chef de Cuisine at Eccola Italian Bistro, Saucier at Rod's Steak House, Chef at The Green House Restaurant in Morristown & Sous Chef at the Grande Café, Morristown.*

*Yet my experience means little without the upbringing of my parents. Everyone who entered our home was warmly greeted and offered food & drink. This example of hospitality influenced me greatly and that is why I want you to feel welcome when you dine here.*

*I am proud to offer you high quality food at a reasonable price in a friendly Bistro setting*

*Enjoy... Chef Matthew Pierone*

**Catering Service Available**  
**This dining room is available for private parties**  
**Saturday & Sunday afternoons**

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