



The Best Sauces in Northeast PA

Readers' Choices for Best-Tasting Sauces

Scores of readers logged on to HappeningsMagazinePA.com to nominate their favorite sauce served at Northeast PA restaurants. *Happenings* is now proud to unveil the highest vote-getters in 14 separate categories! Congratulations to all the winners!



The Best Marinara:

Portofino Ristorante,
Wilkes-Barre

Runners Up:

Russell's Restaurant, Scranton
Stirna's Restaurant & Bar,
Scranton

Honorable Mentions:

Carmella's Italian Deli, Scranton
Colarusso's Pizza, Clarks Summit,
Avoca & West Scranton
Food-A-Licious, Matamoras
Kays Italian Restaurant, Daleville
La Fratte's Restaurant, Pittston
La Trattoria, Scranton
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup
Villa Maria II, Scranton

The Best Meat Sauce:

**The River Room at
Shawnee Inn & Golf
Resort,** Shawnee on
Delaware (Triple Meat
Bolognese)

Runners Up:

Olive Garden, national chain
Portofino Ristorante,
Wilkes-Barre

Honorable Mentions:

Arcaro & Genell Restaurant,
Old Forge
La Fratte's Restaurant, Pittston
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup
Russell's Restaurant, Scranton
Trattoria Bella, Moosic

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The Best Pizza Sauce: (Tie)

Colarusso's Pizza Express, Clarks Summit, Avoca & Scranton
Portofino Ristorante, Wilkes-Barre

Runner Up:

Ghigiarelli's Restaurant, Old Forge

Honorable Mentions:

Alfredo's Pizza Cafe, Scranton
Basilico's, Dickson City
Dominick's Cafe, Plains
Library Pizza, Jessup
Mary Lou's Pizza, Old Forge
Pizza House, Scranton
Revello's Cafe, Old Forge



The Best BBQ Sauce:

Sam Snead's Signature BBQ Glaze
Sam Snead's Tavern, Shawnee on Delaware

Honorable Mentions:

Bar Louie at Mohegan Sun, Wilkes-Barre
Bennigan's Grill & Tavern, national chain
Food-A-Licious, Matamoras
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup
Texas Roadhouse, national chain
Trax Perfectly Cosmopolitan, Scranton



The Best Gravy:

The Glider Diner, Scranton

Honorable Mentions:

Moosic Diner, Moosic
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup
Stirna's Restaurant & Bar, Scranton



The Best Salad Dressing: (Tie)

Cooper's Seafood House, Scranton & Pittston (Creamy Dill)
Food-A-Licious, Matamoras (Balsamic Vinaigrette)
Katana, Wilkes-Barre (Ginger)

Honorable Mentions:

AV Restaurant, Moosic
Brutico's Restaurant, Old Forge
Kazimi's Restaurant, Kingston
Kyoto, Clarks Summit
Russell's Restaurant, Scranton
River Rock Inn, Milford
Stirna's Restaurant & Bar, Scranton
Texas Roadhouse, national chain
Trax Perfectly Cosmopolitan, Scranton
Water Wheel Cafe, Milford
Wellington's Pub & Eatery, Clarks Summit



The Best Soy Sauce:

Blu Wasabi, Scranton

Honorable Mentions:

Mirakuya Japanese Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre
Osaka Restaurant, Scranton
Thai Rak Thai, Scranton



The Best Salsa:

Don Pablo's, national chain

Honorable Mentions:

Food-A-Licious, Matamoras
La Tolteca, Wilkes-Barre
La Tonalteca, Scranton
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup



The Best Pesto:

La Fratte's Restaurant, Pittston

Honorable Mentions:

Carmen's Ristorante & Wine Bar, Scranton
Leggio's Restaurant & Pizzeria, Wilkes-Barre
Olive Garden, national chain
Pietro's Restaurant, Jessup
Portofino Ristorante, Wilkes-Barre

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The Best Hot Wing Sauce:

Kelly's, Scranton

Runner Up:
Windsor Inn, Jermyn

Honorable Mentions:
Hun s Cafe 99, Wilkes-Barre
The Chicken Coop, Wilkes-Barre
Colarusso s Pizza Express, Clarks Summit, Avoca & Scranton
Donkey Cafe, Scranton
Lizza s Mezzo Mezzo, Pittston
Stadium Club Restaurant & Sports Grill, Moosic
Stewart s Family Restaurant, Matamoras
Trax Perfectly Cosmopolitan, Scranton
Wellington s Pub & Eatery, Clarks Summit



The Best Dessert Sauce:

Carmen's Ristorante & Wine Bar, Scranton

Honorable Mentions:
Pietro s Restaurant, Jessup
Thai Rak Thai, Scranton

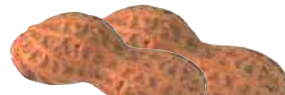


The Best White Sauce:

Hottle's Restaurant, Wilkes-Barre (Scampi Butter Sauce)

Runners Up:
Colarusso s Pizza Express, Clarks Summit, Avoca & Scranton
La Fratte s Restaurant, Pittston
Portofino Ristorante, Wilkes-Barre

Honorable Mention:
Crystal Pines Restaurant, Crystal Lake
Olive Garden, national chain
Pietro s Restaurant, Jessup
Ragnacci s Family Restaurant, Dunmore



The Best Peanut Sauce:

Thai Rak Thai, Scranton

Honorable Mentions:
Thai Thai, Wilkes-Barre



The Most Unique Sauces Nominated:

Vodka Pizza Sauce— Basilico's, Dickson City

Green Peppercorn Sauce— Peter's Europa House, Shohola

Horsey Sandwich Sauce— Food-A-Licious, Matamoras

Cranberry Chutney— Food-A-Licious, Matamoras

Hummus— Marvelous Muggs, Scranton

Vodka Sauce— Cara Mia's Delicatessen, Dunmore

Vodka Sauce— Cafe Soriano, Peckville

Pam Fenner makes her Casericco brand of sauces daily in her kitchen. Named for the Italian word for "homemade," the recipe dates back to Pam's grandmother. The sauce won "Sauce Wars" at the 2008 Pittston Tomato Festival. Her sauces are sold in NEPA, New Jersey and Philadelphia. **Find more at HappeningsMagazinePA.com!**

