



Coratti's Pizzeria Bar & Bocce

PETE CORATTI BRINGS A
SLICE OF ITALY TO HIS
HOWELL PIZZERIA

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"Pizza's my passion.

I have a pizzeria here in downtown Howell, a pizzeria in Detroit, and an Italian restaurant in downtown Milford. I'm from Detroit, and my uncle, Lou, and grandmother, Rosa, owned an Italian restaurant there called Lou Rosa. I enjoyed hanging out there, and that got me wanting to do something that concentrated on pizza.

So, my nephew and I went to Naples, Italy, to learn how to make Neapolitan-style pizza from the best pizzamakers in the world. From there, we went to Bologna, Italy, where we learned how to make gelato.

And, of course, being in Detroit, we wanted to offer Detroit-style pizza and traditional American pizza as well.

I wanted to make the best pizza you could have. I wanted to buy all the best equipment possible, which we have. I wanted to go to the best places to learn, which we did, and we use the best quality ingredients, sparing no expense.

Coratti's Pizzeria opened in downtown Howell in May 2021. It was a good location in a great area in a growing city, and it's not too far from our Milford location. I thought it was just the right fit for us.

We received Match on Main and Howell Main Street grants, which helped a lot. It was very expensive to build this restaurant; not only did we want to be able to offer the best pizza by having wood-fired ovens shipped here from Italy, but we also built two bocce courts inside the restaurant. It was nice to have the help through Match on Main and Howell Main Street, and it's worked out well."

- Pete Coratti, owner of Coratti's Pizzeria Bar and Bocce, Howell



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