

## About the Marchetti Family

On Sunday afternoons you won't find Maria Marchetti, her son Michael, or any of the Marchetti family working at their restaurants. Instead, you will find them attending Church at the Basilica of Saint John the Evangelist in Stamford and then enjoying a day dedicated to family and food at home. Ever since Maria and Antonio Marchetti immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1969 they instilled in their 6 children the most important priorities in life- love of the Church, love of neighbor and of course love of Italian food!

Maria Marchetti started the Marchetti family restaurant dynasty when her brother Michael Tarantino opened Rugantino, in Stamford in the early '70s. In 1983, Maria opened Maria's Trattoria in Norwalk. Soon after, her husband, Antonio, joined the family restaurant business in 1985 with the opening of Apuglia in South Norwalk and soon after [Columbus Park Trattoria](#) in Stamford, [Osteria Applausi](#) in Old Greenwich and [Tarantino's](#) in Westport.

Michael, the oldest child of Maria and Antonio's children, joined the restaurants full-time in 1993 when his father had a massive stroke. He gave stability to the restaurants and helped to secure the business for another generation of customers and friends to enjoy. Michael and his wife Jennifer have 5 kids of his own and reside here in Stamford.

While you can still find Maria making pasta on a daily basis, Tony helping out with invoices and the rest of the siblings pitching in on a regular basis, Michael Marchetti, and his brother Frank, are now the principal owners and operators of the Marchetti family restaurants.