

New Corner Family,

After much deliberation, sadness, and a heavy heart, I decided – after 84 years of business – to officially announce that I will not be reopening Colandrea New Corner Restaurant.

First and foremost, I want to thank all of **YOU** – countless customers, loyal patrons, dedicated staff, collaborative partners, long-time purveyors, and sincere friends that have become our extended family – for the heartfelt memories you contributed to Colandrea New Corner Restaurant's 84 year history. We are absolutely honored to have served three generations of family, friends, and our community. I have always enjoyed hearing stories from our long-time customers, who reminisce of their first dates, memorable holiday dinners, special celebrations, as well as traditional family gatherings that occurred at New Corner over the many years. Our longevity in the community is something we can all be proud of, and is a true testament that hard work and determination breed success; we simply could not have achieved this without all of you. We are truly overwhelmed by the support, faithfulness, and generosity many customers displayed to our restaurant and staff throughout our history and most recently during the pandemic; I sincerely thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Today's uncertain environment, unprecedented circumstances, renewed challenges, and the impact of Covid-19 have placed me in an undesirable position, contributing to my decision to close our family-run business and end this chapter of our lives. Although a great amount of thought and emotional stress went into this process, I have no regrets, and will always cherish and reflect upon the wonderful memories you afforded us during this journey.

What began in 1936 as a one room pizzeria on the corner of 72nd Street and 8th Avenue in Brooklyn, N.Y. has evolved into a three room full-service venue that welcomed hundreds of thousands of diners, hosted thousands of events, both happy and solemn, and employed thousands of people throughout the years. We have weathered decades of wars, economic downturns, and massive industry changes. Together we celebrated accolades and awards throughout this time period, and most recently featured our establishment in TV Shows and movie filmings. I am confident that my grandparents Vincenzo & Theresa, the pioneers of New Corner, as well as my father Joseph, who led our expansion in the 1970s, are all looking down from heaven with a smile knowing what a great run it has been, and with pride in what we collectively have accomplished. A very special thank-you to my mother, Marie, brother and business partner, Steven, wife AnneMarie, my children, Joseph and Nicole, and extended family for all their contributions and support over the years. Certainly, closing the door does leave a heartache that will be difficult to heal; however, the love, dedication, and long-time friendships have afforded us memories that will forever be imbedded in our hearts and minds.

While this decision is bittersweet, and while we adjust to this new landscape and "new normal," I for one plan to spend more time with my family and loved ones. Our family will continue to be part of the community and we will certainly cherish the friendships and enjoyable times we shared while operating the restaurant. From this point forward, I will relate our 84 year history to a quote I once read – "Life is like a book: some chapters are sad, some happy, and some exciting. But if you never turn the page, you will never know what the next chapter holds."

In the meantime, we will be actively searching for a new tenant to take over the restaurant space and will evaluate and consider all options.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your patronage over the years and for all the memories you shared with us. I wish you all the very best life has to offer, and a happy, healthy, and prosperous future.

Warm Regards,

*Vincent Colandrea*

Vincent Colandrea, President  
Colandrea New Corner Restaurant