

DINING

## Guide to Mother's Day dining and gifts in North Jersey



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A meal with Mom is the old standby for Mother's Day, which falls, this year, on May 8.

Mother's Day is the busiest day of the year for restaurants, and it's no wonder. Any grateful child can see the appeal of letting mom kick back while someone else does the cooking, serving and cleaning.

But, to secure a seat on May 8, make your reservations now. Our Mother's Day dining roundup includes restaurants of different cuisines and price points (including some chain restaurant options, if that's what your mom prefers).

If going out on Mother's Day isn't your mom's idea of a good time, we've also included some treats you can get mom to enjoy at home.

### Meals

#### LT Bar & Grill, Hackensack

LT Bar & Grill, acclaimed French chef Laurent Tourondel's spot in The Shops at Riverside mall, will offer brunch specials like white asparagus with poached eggs and sherry-shallot morels, and dinner specials, such as steamed black bass with pea and mint puree.

**Go:** 390 Hackensack Ave., Hackensack; 551-287-6333, [ltbarandgrill.com](http://ltbarandgrill.com).

#### Fleming's Steakhouse, Edgewater

This fine-dine steakhouse offers a three-course menu. Mom can dine on filet mignon paired with her choice of crab-stuffed shrimp or lobster tail scampi. The meal includes salad and dessert. The Mother's Day menu is also available for curbside pickup and delivery.

**Go:** 90 The Promenade, Edgewater; 201-313-9463, [flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/nj/edgewater](http://flemingssteakhouse.com/locations/nj/edgewater).

#### Madeleine's Petit Paris, Northvale

On Mom's special day, this longtime French restaurant will offer brunch and dinner specials including crab cakes, coquille St. Jacques, house-smoked salmon and Hudson Valley foie gras. Brunch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner from 3 to 9 p.m.

**Go:** 416 Tappan Road, Northvale; 201-767-0063, [madeleinespetitparis.com](http://madeleinespetitparis.com).

#### The Black Horse Tavern & Pub, Mendham Township

A brunch buffet will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the homey Black Horse Tavern & Pub. Price is \$42 for adults and \$21 for kids. An a la carte dinner menu with specials such as lobster and shrimp cocktail and crab-stuffed sole will be available from 4 to 9 p.m.

**Go:** 1 W. Main St., Mendham Township; 973-543-7300, [blackhorsenj.com/the-pub](http://blackhorsenj.com/the-pub).

#### Vesta Wood-Fired, East Rutherford

Hearth-baked quiche, shrimp cocktail, roasted beef tenderloin and more are on the roster for Vesta Wood Fired Mother's Day brunch. Hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Price is \$48; kids ages 4 to 9 are half price and kids under 3 are free. Chicken fingers, fries, mozzarella sticks and pizza are available for the kids.

**Go:** 64 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford; 201-939-6012, vestawoodfired.com.

## **Porter, Weehawken**

The Mother's Day prix-fixe menu at Porter includes a complimentary glass of Prosecco or Faux-Mosa. Appetizers include raw East Coast oysters or a cinnamon roll with vanilla brown butter. Entrée choices range from waffles to eggs Benedict to croque monsieur. Price is \$50.

**Go:** 1100 Ave. at Port Imperial, Weehawken; 201-430-8415, porterportimperial.com.

## **Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen, Morristown**

Head to Jockey Hollow, housed in a gorgeous old mansion, for a three-course prix-fixe brunch of chilled pea soup, fried chicken, croque madame, Basque cheesecake and more for \$55. Another three-course meal is available for \$65 with upgraded options like sheep's milk ricotta ravioli and Nashville hot chicken. The most decadent is an \$82 four-course meal with wagyu bavette steak. Brunch runs from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; dinner from 4 to 8:30 p.m.

**Go:** 110 South St., Morristown; 973-644-3180, jockeyhollowbarandkitchen.com.

## **1776, Morristown**

David Burke's 1776 will offer a three-course prix-fixe brunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Price is \$65. Dinner service includes Mother's Day specials, beginning at 4 p.m.

**Go:** 67 E. Park Pl., Morristown; 973-829-1776, 1776bydb.com.

## **Viaggio, Wayne**

Fine Italian restaurant Viaggio will offer a three-course prix-fixe menu featuring citrus-cured ocean trout, cacio e pepe arancini, branzino al cartocci and brown butter raspberry tart. Hours are from 1 to 7 p.m. Price is \$69.

**Go:** 1055 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne; 973-706-7277, viaggioristorante.com.

## **Osteria Crescendo, Westwood**

The three-course prix-fixe meal at award-winning Italian restaurant Osteria Crescendo includes dishes such as roasted swordfish, calamari fritti and chocolate olive oil cake. Hours are from 1 to 7 p.m. Price is \$69.

**Go:** 36 Jefferson Ave., Westwood; 201-722-1900, osteriacrescendo.com.

## **Son Cubano, West New York**

Cuban restaurant Son Cubano will offer a three-course prix-fixe brunch and dinner. They include such dishes as crispy pork belly, herb-roasted half chicken and spiced brioche bread pudding. Price is \$75.

**Go:** 40-4 Riverwalk Pl., West New York; 201-399-2020, soncubanonj.com.

## **Ventanas, Fort Lee**

Nosh on lobster dumplings, red velvet pancakes, chicharron pork shank and carrot layer cake at modern restaurant Ventanas on Mother's Day, when it will offer a three-course, prix-fixe meal. Price is \$75.

**Go:** 200 Park Ave., Fort Lee; 201-583-4777, ventanasatthemodern.com.

## **Bistro d'Azur, South Orange**

French/Mediterranean restaurant Bistro d'Azur will serve a two-course prix-fixe meal. First course includes lobster crepes and mushroom risotto and the main course includes a choice of loup de mer, petit filet mignon and pan-seared Diver scallops. Open from 12:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$79 and \$29 for children under 12 (kids meal options include roasted chicken breast, steak or salmon).

**Go:** 14 Academy St., South Orange; 973-327-9725, bistrodazur.com.

## **Restaurant Serenade, Chatham**

This elegant French restaurant will offer a three-course prix-fixe meal featuring lamb, halibut, crab cakes, sweet pea soup and mixed berry cobbler. Serving from noon to 7 p.m. Cost is \$89 and \$40 for children 10 years and younger.

**Go:** 6 Roosevelt Ave., Chatham; 973-701-0303, restaurantserenade.com.

## **Alstede Farms, Chester**

Mother's Day on the farm includes tractor-drawn wagon rides, self-guided museum tours and a brunch buffet. Tickets are sold by the table. A table for four is \$199.99; a table for six is \$299.99; and a table for eight is \$399.99. Dishes include frittatas, chicken, pasta and selections from a carving station. Highchairs for children 2 and younger are available. Time slots are at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Tomasello Winery outdoor patio will also be open for tastings.

**Go:** 1 Alstede Farms Lane, Chester; 908-879-7189, alstedefarms.com.

## **Others**

**Park West Tavern:** Brunch and dinner specials. 30 Oak St., Ridgewood; 201-445-5400, parkwesttavern.com.

**Barka:** 60 Route 46, Mountain Lakes; 973-917-3386, barkaseafoodrestaurant.com.

**Sear House Grill:** 1 Route 23, Little Falls; 973-785-4225, searhousegrill.com.

**Aurora Restaurant:** 203 Old Tappan Road, Old Tappan; 201-497-3658, aurorarestaurantnj.com.

## **Food gifts**

### **Vesta Chocolate, Montclair**

Owners Roger Rodriguez and Julia Choi Rodriguez have created a collection of jewel-toned bonbons inspired by flavors that remind them of their own mothers. Roger's flavors for his Dominican mom include guava and cheese, iced malt with milk and spiced coffee. Julia's umma from South Korea has inspired roasted bean flour-, yuzu- and red-pepper-flake-flavored bonbons. Boxes of six and 12 are available for \$24 for \$45, respectively.

**Go:** 598 Valley Road Ste.2, Upper Montclair; 973-860-7136, vestachocolate.com.

### **Trina's Treats, Lyndhurst**

Trina's is selling a picture-perfect box full of treats for Mom. It includes the word "Mom" in solid chocolate, four macarons, one chocolate-covered Oreo and six white or pink roses. Price is \$55.

**Go:** 296B Stuyvesant Ave., Lyndhurst; 201-804-7659, trinastreatsxo.com.

### **Plated By D, Lodi**

Charcuterie business Plated by D has special Mother's Day offerings. A 12-inch by 12-inch box includes Brie with a butterfly cutout, Manchego, cheddar and prosciutto, and your choice of salami or chorizo, plus jams, honey, fruits and edible flowers (\$95). A 7-inch by 7-inch box is also available, filled with your choice of cheese, meat and jam, plus fruit, crackers and edible flowers (\$40).

## **L'Arte della Pasticceria, Ramsey**

Also creating gorgeous treats for mom this year is L'Arte della Pasticceria. A heart-shaped vanilla sponge cake with fresh berries (\$22 for 4-inches and \$35 for 6-inches), another with lemon syrup and chantilly cream topped with yellow mimosa flowers (same price), a milk or dark chocolate purse (\$35) and shoes (\$30 for small and \$40 for large) and hand-decorated cookies (\$6) are all on the menu.

**Go:** 109 E. Main St., Ramsey; 201-934-3211, [larte.biz](http://larte.biz).

## **It's Delicious, Ridgefield Park**

Trained pastry chef Cristal Paredes is whipping up plenty of treats for mom, including a two-layered lettered "MOM" cake in chocolate or vanilla with berries, macarons and flowers (\$70). She's also linked up with Lilly Bouq in Clifton for sweets covered with flowers. Options include a fresh tulip bouquet with chocolate covered strawberries (\$103), a mini cannoli tower covered in white chocolate and fresh flowers (\$75), and a 6-inch tiramisu trifle (\$45).

Customers are able to pick up their orders on May 7 or 8.

**Go:** 213 Main St., Ridgefield Park; 646-242-5127, [itsdeliciousdesserts.com](http://itsdeliciousdesserts.com).

## **Chains**

*Here are some national deals offered at chain restaurants.*

**Bonefish Grill, Carrabba's, Chili's:** Get mom a \$50 gift card and get a \$10 e-gift card for yourself.

**California Pizza Kitchen:** Will offer heart-shaped pizzas on May 8.

**P.F. Chang's:** Offering a four-course prix-fixe meal for Mother's Day.

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