





Tony's Restaurant Picks - Newly Updated – 05/2009

 = Fair  = Good  = Excellent  = Outstanding

Spano's

719 Arnold Ave.
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 701-1600

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Street](#)



Another great find in Pt. Pleasant Beach. Try the hot appetizer for two, but only if you have a good appetite. The lump crab cakes appetizer is the best in the area. You get four. All of the pasta dishes are enough for two. I recommend the house specialty of shrimp, scallops, and crabmeat in a light cream sauce over angel hair. BYOB. This place also deserves a good bottle of wine.

Labrador Lounge

3581 Route 35 N
Normandy Beach, NJ 08739
(732) 830-5797

Cuisine: [Interesting](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Quaint](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



If you don't mind a bit of a ride, this place is a gem. Has an interesting and varied menu of fish and meat. We have ordered something different on every visit and never disappointed. Too varied to even mention anything in particular. Check out the website at www.labradorlounge.com. BYOB!

Scarborough Fair

1414 Meetinghouse Road
Sea Girt, NJ 08750
(732) 223-6658

Cuisine: [Continental](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Lot/Valet](#)



Nice place to bring that special someone. Make sure to visit during the holidays, as the decorations are wonderful. The menu is not large, but everything is plentiful and extremely good. A must visit.

Frescas

210 Ocean Ave.
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 892-1100

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Reasonable](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Valet/Street](#)



Across from Off-Shore, this new Italian restaurant was quite good on first visit. The food is well prepared and plentiful. Try the seafood risotto (loads of seafood including lobster meat, calamari, scallops, shrimp, etc.). It's enough for two and the fish is the freshest. BYOB.

Spano's Italian Steakhouse

1205 Ocean Ave.
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 701-0400

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Valet](#)



Same menu as Spano's above, but the service was quite slow. The food taste and presentation is also similar, but just missing that special something. This Spanos has a liquor license with a small bar if you are waiting for a table. Ask for a table with a view or outside seating when the weather is right. Off-season \$15.95 three-course meal on Sundays with a large number of entrée selections.

Mahogany Grill

142 Main Street
Manasquan, NJ 08736
(732) 292-1300

Cuisine: [Continental](#) Price: [Expensive](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Lot, Street](#)



Dining at its best. Great chops and a chocolate soufflé for dessert that beats all desserts in the area. Nice bar to wait and have a plentiful cocktail and you will wait on the weekend. Recommended for that romantic evening you want to share with that special someone.

Maria's

165 Main Street
Manasquan, NJ 08736
(732) 223-2033

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Street and Public Lot](#)



Great place for the Italian aficionados. The prices are affordable for families and the food is top-notch. A recent visit came with the best Tilapia we ever had and the portion was huge served over spinach. I tried an old Italian favorite of ravioli and meatballs and will go back for more. There will be a wait on weekends, but the bar area is quite large and you can pass the time there. If you are really adventurous, you can ask the wait staff to have the chef serve you whatever he feels is best for that evening. Don't fret, everything is good. I even tried the Lima beans once and they were great. I haven't eaten them since turning them down as a kid.

Farrells Stout and Steakhouse

401 Broadway
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 892-2090

Cuisine: [Irish Pub](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



We hit this place a lot. Terri **LOVES** the sliders. You must have their famous Irish Potato soup. Just the best anywhere. Quite a nice steak selection too. And of course, you can't go wrong in a place that serves Guinness, Harp, and Smithwicks. And lots of flat-panel TVs at the newly extended bar.

Teresa's South

530 Main Ave.
Bay Head, NJ 08742
(732) 892-1555

Cuisine: [Continental](#) Price: [Expensive](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Street](#)



Definitely a step up from other restaurants past in this location. Nice menu selections and the service was good. Of course, it was the off-season, so beware during high time. BYOB.

Tardi's

Broadway

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 899-8828

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Expensive](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Small Lot/Street](#)



Has taken a step back since its move from Bay Ave to Broadway. Still has good specials. You must order the stuffed Portobella mushroom. It is always on the specials of the day. The waiters are very helpful. Fish dishes are well prepared and you can get any dish whether it is chicken, veal, or fish with any sauce you choose. BYOB and cash ONLY. Don't skimp on the wine selection.

Kitchenetta Bistro

300 Broadway

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 899-8080

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Street](#)



Location of the old Beach Café. Just opened. Tried it on the first night (before the Grand Opening). No specials during our visit limiting the number of entrée selections. But, Rich Puleo recommends the Vegetable Giambotta appetizer and so do I. Have to give it another visit before finalizing this review. BYOB

Red's Lobster Pot

57 Inlet Drive

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 295-6622

Cuisine: [Seafood](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Beach](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



Always a wait, but bring a cooler with your favorite beverage as you can wait outside by the water at sunset and enjoy the cold clam bar fare. Excellent fish dishes. Really the right place to get into that shore feel. It's bring your own and this is where I go when in the mood for LOBSTER!

Lobster Shanty

83 Channel Drive

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 899-6700

Cuisine: [Fish](#) Price: [Expensive](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



It's where the summer tourists like to go. While the outdoor seating provides nice views, the smell of boat fuel fumes puts a damper on the experience. Has shown vast improvement over the past few years. Limited fish selection a bit disappointing, but what they do have is quite good.

Clarks Landing

847 Arnold Ave

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 899-1111

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



Reopened last summer and was not very impressed. Claim to have water views from every table. I didn't see any from our location in the restaurant. Food was just okay.

Frankie's Bar and Grill

414 Richmond Avenue (Route 35 South)

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 892-6000

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Economical](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [2 Lots in rear](#)



Standard bar and grill fare. Expect to wait on weekends. Drinks are large and well prepared. The burgers and steaks are very good. The pasta dishes are huge. Good selection of hot and cold sandwiches. Clams on the open fire grill. Yum. Good selection of beers on tap. Try the Yuengling on tap.

Martell's SeaBreeze

308 Boardwalk
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 892-0131

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Boardwalk](#)



Much improved in 2008. The fresh fish is very good. Try the Grouper as it is outstanding. The pastas are OK, especially with the crabmeat. The ocean view is breathtaking. The service is uneven. Usually college kids on summer break with little experience. But hey, it's next door to the famous TIKI Bar!

Squan Tavern

15 Broad St.
Manasquan, NJ
(732) 223-3324

Cuisine: [Italian](#) Price: [Cheap](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



OK, if you don't mind waiting a long time on weekend nights. Start with a pizza and then select from a pretty extensive menu. I had the salmon and it was quite good. Rich Puleo had a Fried Calamari starter and commented that it was better than most. Our waitress was extremely friendly and at our beckon call. Good place to hangout if you are only in the mood to dress down and have a nice lengthy meal with friends.

Harpoon Willies

2655 River Road.
Manasquan, NJ
(732) 223-8880

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Cheap](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



A bit disappointing, but the steaks are OK and at a good price if you are in the mood. Big bar to sit, wait, and watch a game if that is your cup of tea. Good beer selection too. Could get a bit noisy and not the type of place to take that special someone on a special night.

O'Neills

290 E. Main St
Manasquan, NJ 08736
(732) 528-5666

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Cheap](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



Excellent sushi selection. Lively bar gets very busy, but food is surprisingly good for what at first looks like tavern food. Definitely worth a visit.

The Ark

401 Sea Avenue (Route 35 North)
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 295-1122

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Economical](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



Fish is either very good or bland. Everyone likes the ever-present Tilapia Francese special. Bar is usually full, but there is a dining room both upstairs and down. Another good place for a burger. Any wait is usually quite short.

Marlin's Cafe

1901 Ocean Avenue
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 714-8035

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Small Lot](#)



Yet another local hangout in the off-season and another lively bar for the over 30 crowd. Food is fine, but not one of the best in the Point. Nice place to eat at the bar if you are alone. Pizza is available for the kids.

Simko Grill

403 Higgins Ave.
Brielle, NJ 08730
(732) 528-9989

Cuisine: [Continental](#) Price: [Cheap](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



We went with a large party. The steaks are OK and at a good price if you are in the mood. Big bar to sit, wait, and watch a game if that is your cup of tea. Good beer selection too. Obviously, with two stars, we are not talking about a great food experience, but with a group, it is very accommodating.

Broadway Bar and Grill

106 Randall Ave.
Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
(732) 899-3272

Cuisine: [American](#) Price: [Economical](#) Décor: [Fair](#) Parking: [Small Lot](#)



Bar food is the norm for this local yokel hangout. Bar is usually full, but there is a small dining room. If you want a burger, this is your place. Filet Mignon special was much better than one might expect. The place can be loud and smoky if that is not your cup of tea.

Capt'n Ed's Place

1001 Arnold Ave.
Pt. Pleasant, NJ
(732) 892-4121

Cuisine: [Continental](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Excellent](#) Parking: [Lot](#)



Has seen a decline in the last few visits and can no longer recommend. Good steaks. Try it on the stone. Ed's serves the steak rare and you slice and cook it to your liking on your own personal stone heated to 700 degrees. Every bite is piping hot. The smashed potatoes are the best anywhere! But get there early. They run out by 8:30PM. Fish is fresh and well prepared and can also be made on the stone. My wife Terri loves the flounder scampi. BYOB. Expect a long wait on weekends.

Shrimp Box

75 Inlet Drive

Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

(732) 899-1637

Cuisine: [Fish](#) Price: [Moderate](#) Décor: [Good](#) Parking: [Lot](#)

NO FLAGS

Great expectations for fish fail miserably. And if you can't get good fish here, don't bother. Disappointing on all three visits.