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Pasqualinos back in the restaurant business after opening café and bistro on Main Street

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he owners of Pasqualino Café and Bistro have yet to formally advertise their business and have already had to turn people away.

Domenic and Maria Pasqualino opened the Italian restaurant at Main and Martin streets November 4, after searching for almost three years for the perfect location.

"Being on Main Street wasn't as important as being in Milton," Mr. Pasqualino said, adding he and his wife stumbled upon the location while shopping in the area.

"It just so happened this space became available. We're very happy with the location because of the exposure. A lot of people walk down this street. And our back entrance on Mary Street is convenient for parking."

The fine dining establishment offers contemporary Italian cuisine, along with Canadian cuisine, in a simple yet elegant environment.

"It's predominantly Italian but I like to feature Canadian products, like Atlantic salmon," he said.

Like small towns

The Pasqualinos have prior experience in the restaurant business, having owned a similar style restaurant in Thunder Bay.

"We wanted to live in a small town and Maria's parents are here (Milton) so we decided to move here seven years ago," Mr. Pasqualino said.

In the short time the restaurant has been open, the Pasqualinos said business has gone beyond their expecta-

"It's been very good, excellent," Mr. Pasqualino said.

"Our lunches are very busy and our dinners have been good. We've had to turn people away. There haven't been any slow days."

Mr. Pasqualino said the pasta, fish and veal have been popular entrées, and he's looking to expand the wine list.

Casual but classy

He said he believes his restaurant is unique from other Italian eateries because of the moderate prices and fresh food.

"It's a casual but classy atmosphere. We have a variety of coffees and desserts and our customers have said they've enjoyed our fresh pastas, the variety of the menu and the quality of the food," he said.

"We make sure the quality of our food is very good and pay particular attention to how it's cooked."



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Pasqualino Cafe and Bistro owners Dominec and Maria Pasqualino are proud of their new restaurant.

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