

A taste for everyone offered at Angie's

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Sitting quietly by neighboring Farmer Jack's, Angie's can be easily missed as you speed along Stouffville Road. But next time, slow down and take a closer look. Despite its understated appearance, Angie's Eatery has become one of Stouffville's most popular dining spots.

Step inside to a dining room that is lighthearted, yet cozy. Brightly colored walls and table are enlivened by hanging plants and numerous paintings by local artists.

Large picture windows enhance its breezy decor, yet the room maintains its subtle charm for a relaxing and intimate meal.

Angie's is a family-run business that keeps Spiro, Sam and Luba Panos busy every day of the week.

"My father works 12 hours a day preparing the food for our customers," explains Spiro. "He makes everything from scratch, including some of our salad dressings. All our foods have that homemade touch."

To start off the evening, an extensive drink list only touches upon the available possibilities. Taking a keen interest in his bar, Spiro can mix any of your favorite drinks from his vast repertoire of cocktails, including any ideas you may have.

Wines include a selection of imported whites, reds, roses, sparkling wines and champagnes — including the classic Dom Perignon. A full complement of domestic beers, with some premium and imported brands are also available.

A tempting array of appetizers and tastebud teasers will take the edge off your hunger. An assortment of hearty soups, plump, juicy shrimp cocktail, Greek-style Calamari (lightly breaded morsels of squid in a tangy sauce), garlic bread, mushroom caps, zucchini sticks, asparagus tips and potato skins are among the choices available. All make a great beginning to your meal.

The selection of entrees is first rate. If you're in the mood for steak, tender filet mignon, a 16-oz. T-bone, or New York steak



SPIRO PANOS
Diner's delight

in a brandy sauce will make a truly satisfying meal. Other cuts are also available on the menu.

But many people come for the seafood. A choice of lobster tails, rainbow trout, jumbo shrimp, scallops, surf'n'turf and seafood platters are all thoroughly enjoyable dishes.

This variety of steak and seafood is further augmented by a list of favorites that include

prime rib, (a popular choice), barbecued back ribs, souvlaki and chicken parmigiana.

While the list is long, you will never run out of possibilities. "We try to offer a good variety for our customers," explains Luba. "We have daily specials that change every day — and that includes our lunch items."

"But," adds Spiro, "we like to do a little bit extra. If we don't have it on the menu, we'll try to make it for you."

Breakfast is served all day, although they have a separate menu for 7 until 11 a.m. "People enjoy bacon and eggs anytime," notes Spiro. "But come for breakfast, it's really popular."

Including everything from the western omelet to piping hot blueberry crepes, Angie's can get your morning off to a good start.

As the perfect ending for your meal, try a dessert accompanied by one of their specialty coffees. Spanish and Irish coffees are popular, but appeal to your sense of adventure with Spiro's Special. A delightful blend of coffee and various li-

quers, topped by a generous dollop of fresh whipped cream and shaved chocolate, puts a finishing touch on your evening.

And Wing Night is a popular event at Angie's. Every Monday evening, their meaty wings are featured at half-price, with a basket of 12 for \$1.98 and 20 for \$2.98.

"We also have dinners for two on the weekends," says Spiro. "For our Captain's platter, we fill a large plate with shrimp, scallops and two lobster tails. It includes rice, vegetables, garlic bread and any soup or salad. It's a complete meal."

In the near future, Angie's will be undergoing renovations to expand the dining room, but it will be business as usual, assures Spiro.

Reservations are not usually required, but may be a good idea on weekends. Visa, Mastercard, and American Express are accepted. Hours are Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Sundays.

Angie's is also available for weddings and parties. For information, call 640-8858.

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