

## Orazio Pub

Michelle Egizio knows the true meaning of “all in the family”. For her, blood lines, old friends, tradition and loyalty meld together into the ties that bind. When her father passed away in 2012 she, her mom and sister assumed ownership of Orazio Pub located at 333 N. Center St. next to the Naperville Train Station. It’s hallowed ground as far as bars, taverns and pubs go. Since the late 1930s it’s seen its days as the Parkside Café, the Nickel Inn, JB Deucenburg’s and for the last 31 years, Orazio Pub, named after owner Angelo Egizio’s father Orazio Egizio, an Italian immigrant who had owned Venice Tavern on old Route 66 in Joliet.

Angelo returned home as a Marine and worked with his dad side by side for fifteen years. His daughter Michelle carries on the family tradition of providing a “Cheers vibe where everyone knows everyone, my grandfather’s homemade recipes are made daily and an extended family cares about each other and the community.”

One of Angelo’s steadfast bits of wisdom to his employees was, “Our next new customer may be our next new family member, so treat them all well.”

The homemade menu items created by Orazio have never been written down – they’ve been passed down from Angelo to Ivan, who’s been the cook for more than 18 years.

“We grew up visiting Orazio’s and knowing the kindest and most hard-working employees, many of whom still work here,” said Michelle. “I have such warm memories of this place growing up.”

Michelle describes the collected effort of both employees and patrons to support the community, citing instances where they’ve rallied to help strangers in need due to hardship or illness.

In line with that sentiment, Orazio Pub recently participated in Loaves & Fishes first Dollar Up, Hunger Down initiative raising awareness and funds for hunger in DuPage County, and was one of the top three Naperville restaurants for dollars collected.

“The family aspect here at Orazio’s is what’s important,” said Michelle, “I love keeping this tradition going.”

To learn more about Orazio Pub, visit [www.oraziopub.com/](http://www.oraziopub.com/).