

# Testa's: Great Memories & Tomato Sauce

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**SOUTHINGTON** — Testa's Banquet Facility offers two newly-redecorated function rooms, banquet coordinators with over 35 years of experience, complete package options for any special event, and the Testa family's signature homemade tomato sauce.

The business has been family-owned and operated at 20 South Center St. since 1976.

Enzo Testa is the owner and he runs it with help from family members. He grew up in the business, having taken over in 1992 from his parents, Dominic and Carmina Testa.

"I have a hands-on degree, the best degree you can get," he said.

He just remodeled the facility from the bottom up a year and a half ago, adding a second banquet room and a bridal suite. The facility is booked a year in advance.

The elegant setting is suitable for bridal showers, stag parties, rehearsal dinners, weddings, baptism or communion celebrations, bar mitzvahs, corporate events, funeral lunches, and more, including formal, buffet, or family-style dinners.

Testa's also offers complete package options, including specialty cakes, flowers and DJs, to eliminate some stress from planning the big day. They also have themed events such as the "Taste of Italy," "Testa's Fiesta," wine tastings, comedy shows and New Year's Eve parties.

The catering is all done in-house, and it's all homemade, authentic northern Italian cuisine, including tomato sauce made from a family recipe using all natural ingredients, said Testa.

Over the years, so many patrons complimented the sauce that 10 years ago Enzo Testa decided to bottle it under the name Testa's Premium Homestyle Pasta, Marinara & Pizza Sauce.

"We sell it by the case here, and you can buy it at all the supermarkets — Stop & Shop, Big Y, Price Chopper, all your IGA stores," he said.

The Testa's website features a commercial telling all about the sauce and where it's available.

Even the commercial is a family affair, starring Testa's 11-year-old daughter Leana, and his nieces and nephews Reena and Peter Dichello and Carmina and Peppe Coppola.



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Above, the exterior of Testa's Banquet Facility at 20 South Center St. in Southington. Below, the elegant interior.



It took about a week to film and everyone had fun doing it, he said.

For more information on Testa's Banquet Facility, 20 South Center St., Southington,

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