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Sparkill, New York (June 5, 2026) — Lanni's Cucina Verace Italiana, the premier fine dining destination located at 645 Main St., Sparkill, NY is thrilled to announce the appointment of Michael Pekrul as its new Executive Chef. With a distinguished career in the culinary arts, Chef's Pekrul has spent over 25 years honing his craft at acclaimed NYC's restaurants, including his most recent post at One if by Land, Two if by Sea. Chef Pekrul is known for his unique approach to classic Italian and French cuisine, and his culinary philosophy centers around elevating traditional flavors and innovative bold mix of French and Italian classics, which perfectly aligns with Lanni's commitment to providing an unforgettable dining experience.

Few words of introduction from the Chef Pekrul: *"I've been living and breathing the kitchen life for over 25 years. My journey started when I was 17, inspired by watching my mom cook dinner every night. The magic of those family meals—the laughter, the connection, the love shared over food—shaped the way I see cooking today.*

I fell in love with French and Italian cuisine early on, but what excites me most is bringing in flavors from different cultures and building them on a French or Italian foundation. It's like storytelling through food, where every dish has a bit of tradition and a spark of creativity.

If you know me, you probably know my Beef Wellington—it's my signature dish, and I make over 10,000 of them each year. But beyond the numbers, what matters most to me is creating food that comes from the heart. I believe food is love, food is connection, and food will always bring people together.

Even when the kitchen is at its busiest, I feel most alive—I thrive on the energy, and I also enjoy seeing the customers having the greatest experience. I have cooked mostly in NYC and I am excited to bring that NYC energy, flavors and creativity here to Lanni's."

"We are delighted to welcome Michael to Lanni's. As we continue to grow, I wanted to take our dining experience offerings to the next level, and Michael is the perfect person to spearhead that transformation," said Kimberley Auth Lanni, Owner at Lanni's. "Michael's innovative techniques and dedication to his craft will allow us to offer our guests a truly spectacular dining experience. To launch our new culinary journey, we will be offering first of its kind an "Omakase Italian Style" 10-13 course tasting dinner menu on Thursday, June 11 and plan to expand this offering in the regular monthly special dinner event. "



To view the new menu or to make a reservation, please visit lanniscucina.com or call (845) 470-2505.

About Lanni's Cucina Verace Italiana

Established in 2023, Lanni's Cucina Verace Italiana is a fine dining Italian restaurant located in Sparkill, NY. Renown for its upscale take on the classic Italian dishes, superb wine selection and exceptional hospitality, Lanni's offers an elegant and welcoming atmosphere where locals and visitors alike can gather to enjoy extraordinary food and wine pairings.

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