

Classic Italian fare shines at Luna's

Cozy surroundings, reasonable prices in downtown Stuart.

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MENU

Classic Italian eatery and pizzeria, with appetizers, salads, soup, hot and cold subs, wide assortment of pizza, pasta, calzones, stromboli, chicken, beef, sausage, veal, seafood, vegetables, desserts.

ATMOSPHERE

Cozy and upbeat, with wooden tables and booths and bright colors accenting Italian landscape pictures and décor. There are a few tables outside if you prefer the fresh air, and there's a pickup window for to-go orders.

OUR FAVORITE FOOD/PRICE

We started with an appetizer of mozzarella sticks (\$7.95) and found them a delicious golden brown, served with plenty of marinara sauce for dipping. The chicken parmigiana (\$18.95) was a generous, savory portion of breaded chicken breast baked in tomato sauce and mozzarella. It was so tender I cut it with a fork. Served with salad and pasta or broccoli, the meal was accompanied by four of Luna's famous hot garlic knots. Since we were already splurging, we



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LUNA ITALIAN CUISINE

49 Flagler Ave., Stuart, 772-288-0550

Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Fri.-Sat., 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 4-8 p.m. (outside carryout window opens at noon).

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opted for a slice of New York-style cheesecake (\$4.25) and declared the meal a total victory for the senses.

REASON TO GO

Large portions of delicious, homemade Italian food at a reasonable price. Luna is one eatery in downtown Stuart that has stood the test of time, and for good reason. It appeals to all ages and income brackets.

SERVICE

Our waitress was friendly and quick, checking in on us frequently to refill drinks.

NOISE LEVEL

Moderate, with brisk chatter from customers and low music playing.

KID FRIENDLY

Kids have their own menu of such tasty entrees as cheese pizza, spaghetti or ziti with meatball, chicken fingers parmigiana and mozzarella sticks.