

CRITIC'S PICKS

Best taste of home

Venezia's New York Style Pizzeria

33 E. Southern Ave., Tempe
(480) 858-1660
www.venezias.com

A first-generation Italian, son of the original owners, cranks out real New York-style slices with dough made fresh daily and a pizza sauce that they promise "will make you think you're in Italy." Locations also in Chandler, Mesa and New Mexico.

Cupid's Hot Dogs

58 W. Buffalo St., Chandler
(480) 855-8343
geocities.com/cupidsdineraz/

Get the flavor of a true Chicago dog even when you're not at the ballpark with pickles, peppers and thick slices of tomato, all in a retro 1950s diner atmosphere.



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Hail Mary's

3233 E. Chandler Blvd., Ahwatukee Foothills,
also in Tempe
(480) 704-1418
www.hailmarysonline.com

The "five-way" Cincinnati chili at this sports bar is a delight of tastes and textures, served on top of spaghetti with red kidney beans, tiny diced red onions, finely ground beef sweetly seasoned with cinnamon and chocolate and a

coating of melted cheddar.

Corleone's Philly Steaks

411 S. Mill Ave., Tempe
(480) 966-8558
www.corleones.net

Greasy, sloppy and topped with a hefty dose of bright orange Cheez Whiz, just as fussy Phillyphiles like them. Chicken steaks, hoagies and even — gasp — grilled veggie sandwiches are also on the menu.

Whether you're from Cincinnati or not, Hail Mary's in Ahwatukee is the place to taste Cincinnati chili.