



Anthony Calandra

Over forty years ago, Luciano Calandra Sr. opened Calandra's Italian Bakery in Newark, NJ. Through the years, you've come to know Calandra's from our Italian & French Bakery. In fact, Calandra's Bakery has been serving bread and bread products for over 40 years. But in truth, Calandra's is in the hospitality and family service business. Whether it is through our great bread, cakes, pastries, or our family friendly restaurants, or even our new products such as our wines, the same commitment Luciano embarked on 40 years ago is maintained today by his sons. The evolution from bakery to hospitality business was in large part due to Anthony Calandra.

Anthony Calandra, the eldest of two sons, was raised in Belleville, NJ by his father, Luciano, and mother, Ortenza, both of whom had emigrated from Italy. They instilled the valuable principles common to the Italian Heritage of a strong work ethic and integrity. That became the foundation for the incredibly successful organization known as Calandra Enterprises.

Anthony started working at Calandra's in Newark at age twelve. He was the stock boy, the baker, the pot washer and whatever else was needed. He became the manager in due course. As he attended Seton Hall University, he would schedule his classes for the morning so he could be at work for the rest of the day and tend to his increased responsibilities.

Today Calandra Enterprises consists of hotels, bakeries, import, restaurants, apartment buildings and land holdings. The product line is carried by over 300 supermarkets and delis. The achievements of the Calandra family, Anthony in particular, have been noted by publications such as the NJ Monthly magazine for their production and importation of Olive Oil and Wine.

Anthony Calandra continues executing his view of the future of better products and expansion. An integral part of his plans have always consisted of continual and generous support for charity and education. He is an active supporter of Community Events, Fundraising and Planning.

Anthony has two children, both of whom have already begun learning the family business.