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Papa Mike’s Café Thanksgiving Menu

**Fall Green Salad**
Mixed greens topped with roasted squash, candied nuts, tomatoes, feta cheese, honey mustard with oregano

**Main Courses**
Roasted Tom Turkey
Slow roasted Tom Turkey, white & dark meat served with our own cornbread stuffing, topped with a rich giblet gravy.

Glazed Ham
Pit ham sliced and glazed with a sweet & tangy pineapple raisin sauce

**Rice and Stuffing**
Marinated tri-tip cooked to medium sliced then topped with a mushroom demi-glaze.

**Two Sides Per Meal**
Garlic mashed potatoes, scalloped potatoes, baked sweet potatoes topped with honey butter, green bean casserole, candied carrots

**Dessert**
Pumpkin or Apple Pie, Whipped cream

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NOVEMBER WISH LIST

- Twin Sheets
- Men’s Sneakers
- Backpacks
- Men’s Underwear
  (Size L, XL, 2XL)
- Travel Size Hygiene Items
- Canned Goods
  (corn, green beans, olives)
- Sugar
  (brown, cane, powdered)
- Stuffing Mix
- 16 oz Bottle Water

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- Monday - Friday
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MAIN COURSE
ROASTED TURKEY
SLOW ROASTED TURKEY, WHITE & DARK MEAT SERVED WITH OUR OWN CORNBREAD STUFFING, TOPPED WITH A Rich giblet gravy.

GLAZED PUMPKIN RUM
PIT HAM SLICED AND GLAZED WITH A SWEET & TANGY PINEAPPLE RUM SAUCE

ROASTED BEET SALAD
RECIPE: ROASTED BEETS, SALAD WITH A HOMEMADE CRANBERRY RELISH

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