

Jimmy's expands Italian imports

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Jimmy's Food Store, longtime neighborhood convenience store known for its Jamaican imports, is going Italian. Jimmy's sons, Paul and Mike DiCarlo, have been bringing trucks from New York and Chicago in recent months and have laid in quite an impressive inventory for the holidays.

Looking for Speck (smoked prosciutto), fresh Ital-

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ian sausage, salted anchovies, Sicilian olive oil or even a bocce ball game? They have it all, and the prices are reasonable. Parmigiano-Reggiano weighs in at \$10.99 a pound.

Jimmy's carries more than 50 kinds of pastas, more than 20 kinds of domestic and imported cheeses and at least 10 kinds of salami. If you're unfamiliar with a particular cheese, ask for a sample.

Jimmy's also carries the esteemed San Marzano canned tomatoes from Italy, \$1.59 for a 28-ounce can.

If you can't find what you're looking for, feel free to make a request, and Paul will get it, if he can.

The store doesn't have an Italian section; Italian goodies are tucked all around. Don't miss the frozen food case, which holds spumoni ice cream, tiramisu and cannoli.

Little smoked *scamorza* pigs, \$4.99 each, and 1½-pound loaves of provolone cheese, \$6.95 a pound, are tied with string to hang from a pot rack. Pair a bottle of Zardetto Prosecco sparkling wine with a box of Panettone or Pandoro, and your host will have dessert ready to go.



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Jimmy's makes its own fresh Italian sausage (\$2.99 a pound). It imports other cured Italian meats and regional Italian specialty cheeses.

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The store is at 4 Bryan, Fitzhugh; (214) 823-6180.