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NEW YEAR, FRESH CHALLENGES

Various Northern Virginia chefs have high culinary hopes for the coming year—many of which may test your personal resolve (good luck, dieters!).

Patrick Bazin (*Bazin's on Church*) is looking to broaden his powerbase in Vienna with a low-key trattoria specializing in homemade pastas and wood-fired pizzas. "There's a need for high-quality, family-oriented places," he says.

Minor league baseball player-cum-restaurateur Mike Cordero (*Caribbean Breeze*, *Prime Time Sports Grill*) got his start at a mom-and-pop pizza shop two blocks from Yankee Stadium. He plans to revisit that bygone era by opening Bronx Pizza, a New York-style pizzeria, somewhere in Clarendon.

Chris Ford (*Trummer's on Main*; pictured above) plans to indulge in pastry therapy. If his gourmet creations "remind you of what you ate when you were a kid," Ford will consider his resolution met.

Conversely, Michelle Poteaux (*Bastille*) is hoping to slow things down before her bundle of joy arrives this February—making her resolution a no-brainer: "Try to get more sleep before my baby is born." —Amy Loeffler