ST. MARY'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BALLSTON SPA, & ST. MARY'S MISSION, GALWAY

~ Fr. Francis R. Vivacqua, *Pastor* ~ Deacon Ronald Hogan

St. Mary's Church Ballston Spa
185 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Phone: (518) 885-7411
Rel. Ed. 518-884-8479 Fax: (518) 885-6863
smballst@rcda.org

St. Mary's Mission Galway
C/O St. Mary's Ballston Spa
185 Milton Ave. Ballston Spa, NY 12020
Phone: (518) 885-7411
smballst@rcda.org

St. Mary's Church website: https://stmarysballstonspa.org/
St. Mary's Church Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/stmarysballstonspa

November 27th, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

Together, Worshipping the Lord, Forming Disciples and Serving in the Name of Jesus

Established in 1867, Church Dedication Oct. 1897

MASS Intentions

MONDAY – Nov. 28
7:45 AM + Grace Fisher Farenell *req. by niece, Pam*
+ Jane Costello *req. by Claudette Farchione*
+ Father Kenneth Doyle
req. by Paul and Barbara McHale

TUESDAY – Nov. 29
5:30PM + Tony Fishetti *req. by cousin Pam*
+ Monfette Family *req. by Grabb Family*
+ Agnes Pompa *req. by Noreen Pompa*

WEDNESDAY– Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle
7:45 AM Special Int. of Antoinette Knudsen *req. by Pam*
Special Int. of Joe Brookshire *req. by Grabb Family*

THURSDAY – Dec. 1
7:45 AM + Kate Langley *req. by Pam and Jenny*
+ A. Jerome McCormick *req. by Mona Neubert*

FRIDAY – Dec. 2 First Friday
7:45 AM + Special Intention *req. by Jan Casey*

SATURDAY – Dec. 3 Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
4:00 PM + Ann and Jim Marzano *req. by Tina Marzano*
+ Frank Klementowski *req. by Sharon Ellis*
Special Int. of Mary Beth Flately *req. by Rosary Friends*

SUNDAY – Dec. 4 Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM + Pro Populo
+ Margaret DeFillippo *req. by husband, Al*
+ Katherine Langley
req. by Anthony and Susan Spagnoletti

10:00 AM + Mark Monroe Jr. *req. by Hollister Family*
+ Janice Meade
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rielly and family

12 Noon + John Otrembiak *req. by Pam Diel*
+ Agnes Pompa *req. by Joan Carbone*
+ James Farina *req. by Virginia Romero*

CHURCH SUPPORT

St. Mary's, Ballston Spa
The sacrificial offering of Sunday, Nov. 20th will be in next weeks bulletin

St. Mary's Mission, Galway, NY
Sunday Mass 9:30 AM **MASS INTENTIONS**

Nov. 27th Martha Shea *req. by sister*
Dec. 4th Michael Sawicki *req. by Sawicki Family*

The sacrificial offering of Sunday, Nov. 20th will be in next weeks bulletin .

CHURCH SUPPORT

The First Sunday of Advent

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays) and weekends) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time, and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candles" reminding us that Jesus is coming. Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, reminds us of the meaning of the season. Advent calendars for adults and children and a prayer resource, ***Together We Wait, daily reflections, prayers & actions*** by Connie Clark are available to help you fully enter into the season with daily activity and prayers.

Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sun: As we enter into Advent, we watch for and eagerly await the dawn that breaks over the horizon. Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Mon: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Is 4:2-6/ Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Jesus has been revealed as the ultimate king of justice and peace. Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wed: Come after me. Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22

Thurs: Believe in the Lord and do God's will. Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri: With open eyes, minds, and hearts, we can see what the Lord is asking of us. Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Sat: We wait in joyful hope. Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5-8

Next Sun: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

"Christmas in Galway" Community Celebration

Plan a tour of three village churches on
Sunday, 11 December 2022
Begin at St. Mary's Mission Church (1:30-2:30pm), then visit Galway United Methodist Church (2:45-3:45pm), and then Scotch Church, corner of Routes 67 and 147 (4:00 -5:00pm)

Each location will provide refreshments, activities, and a selection of raffle baskets. Come meet your neighbors or renew acquaintances while enjoying a warm beverage or tasty treat with holiday cheer. The event will end with carols, hot cocoa, cookies, and prize drawings. This event is FREE and everyone is welcome!

Enrich Your Faith

First Saturday Rosary Devotion
Saturday, Dec. 3 at 3:00 pm

Please join us on Sat., December 3rd, at 3:00pm, as we pay homage to the Mother of God. We will be meditating on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady tells us: "Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plentitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise."

Novena to Miraculous Medal and Holy Mass

Tuesdays at 5:30pm
Confession after Mass

Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group

Meets every other Tuesday night after Mass — Dec. 13, and 27th, etc. The Rosary is our refuge and Mary, The Mother of God, is our help at all times of our lives. Sr. Lucia, a seer from the apparitions of Fatima, stated "there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
All are welcome!

Attention Confirmation Candidates and Teens

Youth Ministry will be hosting "Journey in Faith" Advent Series. This series will meet weekly during Advent, beginning on **Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30**. It will be a time to help us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus more fully, and to make Advent a more meaningful time of preparation.

St. Mary's Parish Office Downstairs
6:30-7:30 PM

Begin with food and social time to get to know each other Read the Gospel from that week and make it relevant to us today. Discussion Service/Action: Leave the evening with a take-away. "What can I do?"
Contact Rebecca Cronin at 815-885-7411 or rebecca.cronin@rcda.org for more information or to register.

We have purchased a gift for you!
Enjoy a Free subscription to formed.org an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place!

There is no right way to grieve but letting yourself grieve is always right.

St. Mary's Bereavement Support Group will be meeting in person

Dec. 6th 4-5PM

in the Parish Center.

This group will offer emotional and spiritual support for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one through death. The group size will be limited to 8 people, to secure a spot please call the parish office at 518-885-7411.

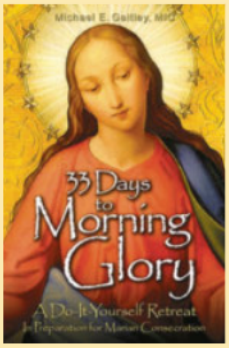
RCIA

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to become Catholic? Are you an adult who wants to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and or Confirmation? This is a great time to begin to get your questions answered, and to engage in the process of learning more about becoming Catholic.
Please contact Rebecca Cronin at rebecca.cronin@rcda.org
or Jeff Fortman at fortmanblue@gmail.com

Every Monday, St. Mary's Parish Center
6:30-8:00 PM

Marian Consecration: 33 Days to Morning Glory

Bishop Scharfenberger is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him in a 33-day preparation period with the book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, beginning Saturday, November 5, 2022 to Consecrate/Renew our Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The preparation will culminate with the consecration at Bishop Ed's diocesan consecration Mass, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, on Thursday, December 8, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. More information: www.rcda.org/marianconsecration

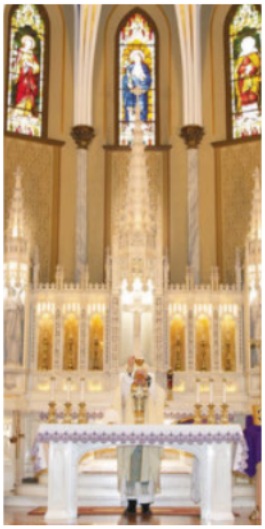


Contact Rebecca Cronin if you are interested in participating in the 33 Days to Morning Glory in a group setting. 518-885-7411 or rebecca.cronin@rcda.org

Ministry of Altar Servers

St. Mary's Youth….. Altar Servers Needed

Are you looking for a meaningful volunteer job?
We are looking for new recruits in our Altar Server Program.



Altar Servers form a very important part of the church. Our parish is enriched through the dedication and service of our Altar Servers. Be a part of St. Mary's special Masses on Christmas, Holy Thursday, Easter, and processions on Corpus Christi and the May Crowning.

It is a very important responsibility and we are looking for children who have received their First Communion and older, who want to be involved with the church. Please call the parish office at 518-885-7411.

A special Thank You to Branches and Bloom,
flowers by Roxanne Marsh for the
beautiful floral displays for our Anniversary Mass

Join Fr. Francis Vivacqua as he leads a St. Mary's Parish Poland Pilgrimage

St. Mary's Parish of Ballston Spa

Poland Pilgrimage

9 Days

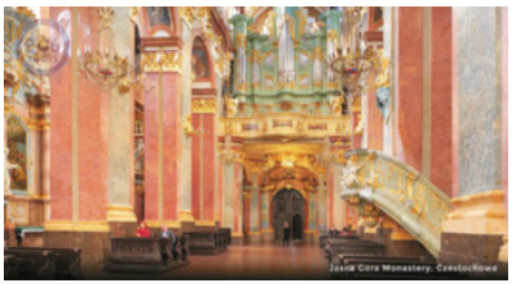
In the Footsteps of St. John Paul II & St. Faustina

Spiritual Director: **Fr. Francis Vivacqua**

April 19 - 27, 2023

Fr. Francis Vivacqua

Don't miss this opportunity! To register or for more information;
www.pilgrimages.com/frvivacqua/contact the parish office at 518-885-7411



PILGRIMAGES.com 206 TOURS Est. 1985

Unleashing Love

12.10.22 9-4
St. Pius X Church
23 Crumitie Rd.
Loudonville, NY 12211

Catholic Women's Retreat

Awakening our hearts to share God's love

Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

The focus of the event is to:
- Nurture our love and relationship with Christ
- Empower women to open their hearts and share God's love
- Journey together as sisters in Christ
- Develop a plan to bring this energy back to our parish families

Event Details:
- Date: Saturday, December 10, 2022
- Location: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211

Registration at 8:30 AM.
The event starts at 9 AM and will include:
- Presentations by the Sisters of Life
- Reconciliation, Adoration, Rosary, Mass with the Bishop
- Beverages, snacks, and box lunch included

Registration: $40. per person; College age and younger women are FREE
More Information & Register: www.RCDA.org/UnleashingLove
Questions: Contact Tom Cronin at Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

Scan for more info.

First Communion & Reconciliation

First Communion Rehearsal
Saturday, December 10 at 9:00AM
St. Mary's Church

First Communion is scheduled for
Sunday, December 11
at St. Mary's Church at 2PM.

Please pray for St. Mary's second graders as they prepare for the sacrament First Holy Communion.

Seven Sister Apostolate

One Holy Hour-One Priest-Each Week
One Heart of Prayer

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole church…Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church."
-Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P. Founder

For more information contact Mona Neubert at MNSaratoga@aol.com or visit www.sevensistersapostolate.org

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving

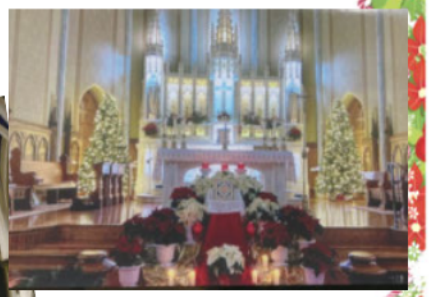
Thank you to the families and visitors that have given one-time or recurring donation through our website! If you have not taken advantage of the convenience and simplicity of online giving, you can do so from any device by visiting: stmaryballstonspa.org/on-line-donations. Giving online is simple and secure. Give a one-time gift or schedule ongoing donations using your checking account or debit/credit card. Please select the giving option that works best for you and your family. Thank you for your generosity!

If you no longer wish to receive envelopes \please call the office.

Don't forget to send your 2022 Diocesan Appeal Commitment Card to:
Diocesan Appeal,
40 North Main Avenue,
Albany, NY 12203

Diocesan Appeal

Anniversay Merchandise for Sale



St. Mary's Church
Christmas cards
10 for $10

St. Mary's Church
Commemorative cards
10 for $10

St. Mary's Ornaments
$5.00

Also available Bracelets and three different Rosaries
For sale at the office

ST. MARY'S
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Office Hours Mon.-Fri. 9:00 am—3:00pm

Sacrament of Baptisms are held the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month after the 12PM Mass. Baptism Preparation Class for first-time parents is scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Please call the parish office at 518-885-7411. See the Baptism Register form on our website at www.stmarysballstonspa.org/baptism

Sacrament of Matrimony — To be considered a parishioner at St. Mary's you must be registered as a parishioner for at least one year, raised in the parish, or have parents or grandparents who are registered parishioners. Weddings must be booked a **minimum of six months** in advance for marriage prep purposes. Please call Allison at the parish center, 518-885-7411.

Mass Schedule
Mon. Wed. and Thurs. 7:45AM Tues. 5:30PM Sat. Vigil 4:00PM
Sunday 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00Noon

Reconciliation (Confession)
Tues. after 5:30PM Mass & Saturday 3:00-3:45PM, or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Francis R. Vivacqua

Deacon Ronald Hogan
ronald.hogan@rcda.org

Administration
Pastoral Assoc. Admin/Accountant
Mary Clarke
mary.clarke@rcda.org

Eva Loucks
eva.loucks@rcda.org

Susan Spagnoletti
susan.spagnoletti@rcda.org

Religious Education
Director of Religious Education
Vicki Schuette
vicki.schuette@rcda.org

Youth minister & family coordinator
Rebecca Cronin
rebecca.cronin@rcda.org

Director of Music
Allison Mendenhall
allison.mendenhall@rcda.org

St. Mary's Parish School
Lynn Fitzgerald, Principal
office@smsbspa.org

RCIA Coordinator
Jeff Fortman

Requesting A Mass Cards.
If you would like to request a Mass, stop in at the Parish Center or call the office at 518-885-7411 Mon.—Fri. 9am – 3pm, the offering is $15.00

St. Mary's School Ballston Spa

A Small School With A Big Heart!

Faith * Academics * Community

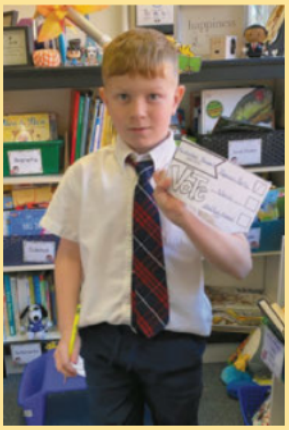
Quality Catholic Education serving
Nursery, Pre-K, Full Day Kindergarten through Grade 5!

2nd Grade News

What a wonderful and busy fall we've had in 2nd grade! This month we learned about elections, created campaign posters, and voted for our November reward. The choices were a Popcorn Party, Movie or Stuffed Animal Day. The winner was…STUFFED ANIMAL DAY!

We read the book Turkey Trouble by Wendy Silvano. Throughout the book, Turkey tries to figure out how not to get eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The 2nd graders disguised turkeys to help them not be the main course. Then each wrote a paragraph explaining why their "turkey" shouldn't be eaten. The 2nd graders saved the whole flock through their disguises and writing.

The most exciting part of 2nd grade this fall has been preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion. We are looking forward to our First Communion Retreat with members of the Saratoga Catholic Central Peer Ministry Team. The students will receive these Sacraments in December!



"Way to Go!"

Natalie Croft

Natalie is being recognized this week for her many accomplishments, and active service to friends and family. Natalie is an Altar Server, is on the Honor Roll, has performed in several violin concerts, takes Karate, Dance, Summer Theater and helps her two great grandmothers.

Grace, Luke and Violet Minehan!

Grace, an 8th grader, has been inducted into NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) and participated in this fall's All-County on flute.

Luke, a 5th grader has been elected to student council and finished a fantastic season of 5/6 tackle football with BSCYF.

Violet, a 2nd grader plays on the U10 BSSC soccer team and loves it!

We would like to acknowledge the successes of the youth in our parish family. Is your son/daughter on the Honor Roll? Has he or she been inducted into NHS? Is/has your son/daughter performed in a concert or been a part of NYSSMA? Theater performances? Athletic Success or 4-H? etc. Send in your pictures, good news, and noteworthy successes that your middle or high school son/daughter has experienced and we will post your good news in the bulletin. Please send pictures and good news to Rebecca Cronin at rebecca.cronin@rcda. org.

Join our "Small School with a Big Heart" Traditional Values 21st Century Learning

- An education rooted in Catholic values & faith formation
- A strong academic program focused on fundamental skills, creativity, critical thinking, and communication. Balanced curriculum that integrates the latest technology
- Art, Library, Music, Spanish, Technology
- A SAFE and WELCOMING environment for all!

Have you discerned offering your child a Catholic Education? Pray about it!

St. Mary's offers Tuition assistance, Diocesan grants and Guardian Angel Scholarships.

Call for a personal tour or stop by for more information! 518-885-7300 office@smsbspa.org
visit www.smsbspa.org Mrs. Lynn Fitzgerald, Principal

Our Mission: St. Mary's School provides a quality Catholic elementary education (Pre-school through Grade 5) guided by the Gospel's spirit of love within an atmosphere of academic excellence that nurtures the growth in holiness and wholeness for each child.

Briarwood Flower Shoppe
2143 Doubleday Ave. • Ballston Spa, NY 12020
518-885-4331 • 855-885-4331
www.briarwoodflowershoppe.com
www.briarwoodflowershoppe.net

BSNB
Ballston Spa National Bank
Ballston Spa
87 Front St.
518-363-8150
Galway
5091 Sacandaga Rd.
518-882-1225
Member FDIC

Armer
Funeral Home, Inc.
39 East High Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
518-885-6181
www.armerfuneralhome.com

LaMarco
PHYSICAL THERAPY, P.C.
417 Geyser Rd.,
Ballston Spa, NY
538 Maple Ave.,
Saratoga Springs, NY
587-3256
James Markwica, P.T.
www.lamarcopt.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS
Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!
CONTACT ME Gary Zakrzewski
gzakrzewski@4LPi.com • (800) 477-4574 x6413

WE'RE HIRING!
AD SALES EXECUTIVES
BE YOURSELF.
BRING YOUR PASSION.
WORK WITH PURPOSE.
• Paid training • Some travel
• Work-life balance
• Full-Time with benefits
• Serve your community
Contact us at
careers@4lpi.com or
www.4lpi.com/careers

ARE YOU READY TO INVEST IN REAL ESTATE?
We can help you!
DANA FARRELL
LIC. ASSOCIATE RE BROKER
C: 518.573.6253
DFARRELL@BUNDLEITHOME.COM
BRYAN CLUTE
LOAN OFFICER NMLS #66590
C: 518.366.8608
BRYAN@HAUSCAPITALCORP.COM

Canty
Financial Management
Wealth Management • Taxes • Investments
Estate Planning
20 Church Ave • Ballston Spa • 518-885-3230 • Cantyfinancial.com

EAGLE
Painting Company
Exterior - Interior Painting - Decks - Pressure Washing
Roof Cleaning - Gutter Cleaning - Siding
518-221-6520

For all your Automotive Needs.
Mangino
CHEVROLET • BUICK • GMC
4447 State Highway 30
Amsterdam
843-5702
1484 Saratoga Road
Ballston Spa
885-5301

Drive happier.
Nicole DellaPorta, Agent
3257 Route 9, Suite 4
Saratoga Springs, NY
Bus: 518-587-0136
nicole@nicoledellaporta.com
Join the millions who protect their cars with us. It's one more way I'm here to help life go right.™
CALL ME TODAY FOR A QUOTE.
State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company State Farm Indemnity Company Bloomington, IL • Texas County Mutual, Dallas, TX

William J. Burke & Sons
Bussing & Cunniff, Inc.
Funeral Homes
Trusted since 1878
628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs
www.burkefuneralhome.com
(518) 584-5373

IMPERIAL
SEPTIC SERVICE
885-5027
P.O. Box 236 / Ballston Spa, NY
ImperialSepticService.com
ImperialSepticTankService@gmail.com

Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!
Instantly create and purchase an ad with
AD CREATOR STUDIO
4lpi.com/adcreator

OLOP HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC

CATCH UP WITH THE UPKEEP AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD.
CALL FOR A FREE QUOTE AT
(518) 598-4613
R. LaMarco is a family member of St. Mary's Parish.

RICH'S RT. 50 SERVICE CENTER, INC.
RICH'S USED CARS
RICH & THERESA LOYA / Owners
Phone 518-885-8886
2141 Doubleday Ave.,
Ballston Spa, NY 12020

TOWNLEY & WHEELER FUNERAL HOME

21 MIDLINE ROAD - BALLSTON LAKE, NEW YORK 12019
TOWNLEYWHEELERFH.COM
518-399-5022

BOHLER

Civil/Consulting Engineers
Site Planning & Design
www.BohlerEngineering.com
Chris Boyea
518.438.9900

PRESTWICK CHASE AT SARATOGA

Luxury Senior Apartments
(518) 584-7766
100 Saratoga Blvd.
Saratoga Springs

pizza WORKS

WWW.PIZZAWORKS.ORG
BURNT HILLS 399-9494
BALLSTON SPA 885-0669

Saratoga Central Catholic School

Educating Grades 6-12
Preparation For College
Values For Life
518-587-7070 ext. 2
www.SaratogaCatholic.org

THE WHISTLING KETTLE

WKTEA.com
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Ballston Spa
Troy
Schenectady

CHRISTIE SPELLMEYER RUDOLPH

Real Estate Salesperson

C: (518) 779-5383
Christie@GablerRealty.com
www.HomesWithChristiecom
GABLER REALTY

The Furniture House

"The Unusual as Usual"
Rt. 9P, Saratoga Lake
587-9865

MEVEC

Funeral Home Inc.
William J. Mevec
Mary Ann Mevec
William J. Mevec, Jr.
Parishioner
224 Milton Avenue 885-7110
www.mevecfuneralhome.com

FIND TRUTH ON CATHOLIC RADIO

1460 AM
89.9 FM
& EWTN CABLE
CHANNEL 78

Paint-n-Gogh Paint & Sip

Memories & Masterpieces
Heather Hiegl, Owner/Artist
www.paintingoghspa.com
Heather@paintingoghbspa.com
114 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY
518-879-6869
Private parties, Paint classes, Children's parties

Plaza Wine & Spirits of Milton

"We cater to our neighbors"
LOYALTY PROGRAM
404 Rowland Street
Ballston Spa, NY 12020
518-885-4773
FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

SHINY BINS CLEANING SERVICE

- Disinfecting
- Trash Bin Cleaning
- Commercial and Residential
- Power Washing
- Home Owner Associations
- Group Discounts

518-376-6996
www.shinybinscleaning.com

MORRIS FORD

872 Saratoga Rd. Route 50, Burnt Hills, NY 12027
(518) 399-9188 • Toll Free: 1-800-252-0104
www.morrisford.com
For all your Sales, Service, Parts & Body Shop needs

Rosa Rugosa Bed & Breakfast

2620 Hermance Road
Galway, NY 12074
518 882 9435
www.rosarugosabandb.com
Parishioner owned