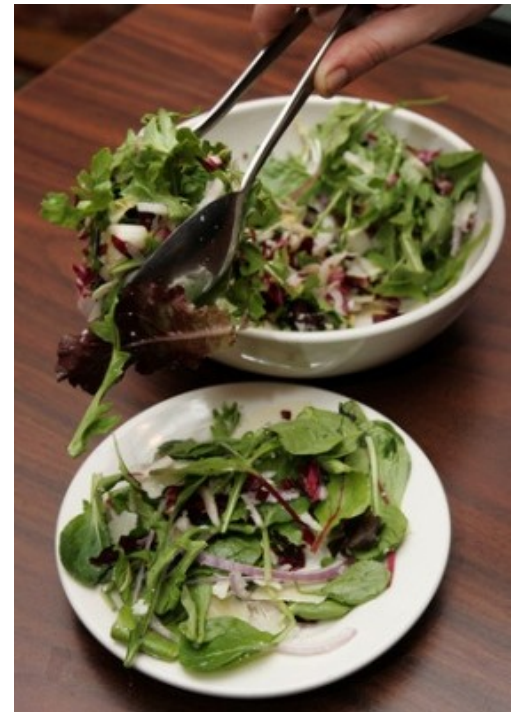


# Rockville Centre: Paniniville

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[La Bottega Italian Gourmet](#) squeezes in about 16 diners, one soda refrigerator and more than 60 panini. It's a casual, very good stop for a quick meal. Or you can linger over a bowl of potato, pea and bacon soup, maybe a spinach-and-Gorgonzola salad, followed by penne with broccoli rabe and sliced sausage or another husky pasta. But the panini do stand out. The Torino combines roast suckling pig, fresh mozzarella, roasted tomatoes and baby arugula on a round, rustic loaf; the Caltanissetta, hot soppressata, fontina, roasted hot peppers, tomatoes and arugula on ciabatta; and Catania, marinated Italian tuna, black olives, fontina, red onions and greens on whole wheat. There's satisfying cheesecake for dessert. La Bottega is at 234C Merrick Rd.; 516-593-4930.

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