

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday January 27th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Nehemiah 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10
The second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, January 26th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Teddie and Rick Colorito

Our Annual Parish meeting will be held on February 10 after Holy Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to take part in that meeting.

Our Sunday Message

The Gentiles, like Luke himself, had believed in Christ on the testimony of others, not because they were eyewitnesses to Jesus' life, ministry and resurrection. But attacks on the historical existence of Jesus began to undermine their faith. To build up their faith, Luke wrote down an orderly account of Jesus' earthly life and ministry 'just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word.'

Luke's Gospel shows the continuity between God's promises made through the prophets and their fulfillment in the person of Jesus. Jesus, reading from the prophet Isaiah the promise that God would send one who would free his people from oppression and imprisonment, and restore their freedom and liberty, announced: 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing'. His words electrified his audience. They had heard this promise many times before. But now Jesus, in front of their own eyes, was saying: I am fulfilling this great promise of God. I am the Spirit-bearer foretold by Isaiah and, in the creative power of God's Spirit, I am bringing in a new age of freedom and divine favor, restoring men and women to health, and casting out demons.' It's not surprising that 'the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him'. It's also unsurprising that they could not accept him and 'rose up and put him out of the city'.

Jesus now stands before us. He still proclaims the Good News, making us see with new eyes that we are loved and forgiven, and leading us into his Father's presence as beloved sons and daughters. He restores to us our inheritance as God's children, freeing us from oppression and liberating us from whatever imprisons us. Do we believe this and go to Jesus to receive his grace and life? Or do we not believe that he can do all things for us and so reject him? Jesus stands before us as he stood before his fellow townspeople and challenges us to come to him for healing and freedom. The choice, however, always remains ours.

The PNCC was organized in Scranton, PA in 1897. The denomination has over 25,000 members in North America. The church in Little Falls belongs to the Mohawk Valley Seniorate district, which also includes churches in Latham, Schenectady, New York Mills, Rome and Syracuse. More information about the PNCC can be obtained by calling Fr. Dadello at 823-0793, also by visiting WWW.PNCC.ORG or WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG Anyone needing a ride to Holy Mass can call Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152 or John Rogers at (315) 429-9314.

May the blessing of the Lord be upon you.