## **Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church**

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday February  $9^{th}$  at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

It is the 5<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 58:7-10 The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5 The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:13-16

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

Our Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Joannie Caska and Monika Dadello

## Our Sunday's Message

Oh, she is the salt of the earth,' we often say when we are referring to a person who is straightforward, honest and without guile: in the words of another saying, in such an individual 'what you see is what you get'. In today's reading, Jesus' description of his disciples as 'the salt of the earth' (v. 13) would have struck a chord and meant something very specific to his listeners. In Jesus' day salt was a valuable commodity. In order to preserve food from decay in the heat salt was applied as a preservative. It also served to enhance the flavor of the food.

Those who heard Jesus speak would have understood the meaning and tradition behind the idea of being 'salt of the earth'. In the same way as salt prevents decay and corruption, so the witness of Christians who live a life in the power of the Holy Spirit protects the world and society from decay and corruption. It also adds much-needed flavor to society.

Jesus also calls us to be 'the light of the world'. In this way we are to be like our Master, for in John 8:12 Jesus describes himself as 'the light of the world'. We are to be countercultural, signs of contradiction, heralds of the gospel of life in a world, which, in so many respects, has lost its way.

We will be selling pierogi and golumbki on an on-going basis. Please contact Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152 to order.

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 Senioratte 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 <a href="https://www.holyspiritpncc.org"><u>www.holyspiritpncc.org</u></a> 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.