

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday February 10th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

The second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 5:1-11

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, February 9th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass is sponsored by Ron and Yvonne Hrobuchak

Our Annual Parish meeting is rescheduled to February 24 after Holy Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to take part in that meeting.

On Wednesday, February 13 is Ash Wednesday, Holy Mass with distribution of ashes at 6.00 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent beginning on February 15 we are going to have Stations of the Cross at 6.00 p.m.

Our Sunday Message

Simon and his companions were fishermen who came from a fishing community. It was something they had done all their lives, and they never anticipated any change in their lifestyle. They probably loved their work, but no doubt they had had many days like this one, with nothing to show for their efforts. At times like this, maybe it didn't seem such an attractive occupation. After such a night, perhaps they were particularly receptive to hearing Jesus talk about new life.

When Jesus singles out Simon and his companions, they are at first reluctant — understandably so after their fruitless labors of the previous night. But when they do respond to his words, their nets bulge and Jesus displays the fullness and abundance he brings.

For Simon, it is almost too much. Experienced fisherman that he is, he has never seen anything like it. He is awestruck and humbled. He falls down in penitence, conscious of his own weakness and sin in the face of God's holiness at work in Jesus. Overwhelmed by what they have seen, Simon and his friends are open to hearing Jesus' call to come and share in his mission.

This encounter by the lake illustrates an eternal truth. The initiative to service always comes from God. So often the call comes to us as individuals in the places where we live and work. It is there that we must respond, and it is there that we must be open to the power of the gospel to transform us. Like the fishermen at the Galilee lakeside, it is often in the midst of our everyday lives and activities that we find God or, perhaps more usually, that he finds us.

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.