

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday February 16th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 6th Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Book of Sirach 15:15-20

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10

The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:17-37

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, February 15th 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 Grace Archambault, Kathy Sefchick, Joann and Ken Scherer

Our Sunday's Message

Anger is a very common human experience. Situations make us angry; people make us angry; we get angry with ourselves. Sometimes we know we are wrong to be angry. Much more often, we think we are right. We think the fault lies with others — they have made us angry. Or else certain situations provoke us to anger - and because these are bad situations we feel that we have the right to express our anger.

Jesus sees anger as the root of murder. Angry feelings, if they are nursed and not dealt with, become hatred. The fruit of hatred can sometimes be actual murder. Jesus warns us to avoid the possibility of such appalling fruit of our anger by dealing ruthlessly with the initial feelings of anger.

We feel we have the right to be angry if we are exploited, let down, hurt, used or rejected. It is true that anger is a natural and even proper reaction to such things. Jesus does not say that we cannot feel anger. What he says is that we do not have the right, in normal circumstances, to hang on to it and express it. Instead we need to let it go.

Jesus asks us to let go of our anger so that we can imitate him better. There were, of course, occasions when Jesus himself knew righteous anger and expressed it - but his anger never led him to sin. When he was betrayed, insulted, ridiculed, tortured and crucified, he had full right to feel angry. However, Jesus let go of all feelings of anger and forgave his oppressors: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do'

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 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.