

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday February 23rd at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 7th Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Book of Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23

The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 5:38-48

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, February 22nd 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 Nellie and Jennifer Crandall

We will be holding our annual meeting and election of the Parish Committee on March 2nd following mass. All parishioners are encouraged to participate.

Our Sunday's Message

Jesus loves the law and would do nothing to discredit it, but has come to complete it. Thus, he often begins by reinforcing the familiar with, 'You have heard that it was said...' and moves on to, 'But I say to you...' The new understanding usually expands, rather than reduces, the message of the law, making it more radical and at the same time more loving. 'Be perfect...as your heavenly Father is perfect'. That perfection includes loving not only your friends but also your enemies.

We are called to a radical commitment to the Good News, which involves being more generous, more prayerful and more willing to set aside our own needs for the good of others. But loving our enemies? This sounds like an impossible target! Jesus is trying to help us to see the world a little more as God sees it. For God, there is goodness within each person. Our task is to make room for everyone, firstly because that is how God is, but secondly because we do not want to be in bondage to our resentments and thus fail to grow in our own relationship with the Lord of love. Our efforts will demand much of us spiritually and even emotionally, but will pay dividends in a new kind of interior freedom.

We have already seen this attitude lived out - in Jesus himself, who shows us what God is like. Jesus loved his enemies, forgave those who mocked, scourged and crucified him. In this sense, we can say that the Sermon on the Mount predisposes us to live a life of self-giving, in imitation of Christ.

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.