

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the First Sunday of Lent

The first reading is from the Book of Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

The second reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 9:28b-36

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

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

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

Why was Jesus transfigured? What purpose did it serve? Why did he take only three disciples with him? Why Peter, James and John? Why did Peter betray the Lord after having witnessed first hand such an amazing miracle? All interesting questions and ones about which the Spirit will surely enlighten us.

he Transfiguration was a foretaste, a glimpse into the life to come. The disciples were allowed to see what happens when a human being is completely suffused by the knowledge of God's love. As the second person of the Blessed Trinity, from eternity Christ's glory has been that he is the beloved Son of the Father. But now, as man, Jesus reveals how our sinful humanity will also be glorified.

As we in faith embrace Jesus as the manifestation of God's loving plan of salvation, a wonderful transformation takes place in us. We also become a gloriously new creation, destined to share in the same glory as Jesus himself. Through baptism, by grace, and not by our own merits, God will raise us up on the last day. Our bodies are destined to be transformed by the love and glory of God. Christ in us, the hope of glory, is the promise of being a new creation. We can know and experience something of this transfiguration in our own lives. In prayer, when we read God's Word and supremely when we receive the Eucharist, we come in touch with God's divine life and say, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here.'

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 [WWW.PNCC.ORG](http://WWW.PNCC.ORG) or [WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG](http://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.