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

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC The first reading is from the Book of Joshua 5:9-12 The second reading is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21 The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 15:1-3.11-32

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

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Shirley Allen and Sue Bladek

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**

More than anything else the Parable of the Prodigal Son reveals God's love for us. "We can all, to some extent, have a wrong understanding of God. We can think of him as harsh, demanding, judgmental or condemnatory. But in today's parable Jesus reveals the fatherly heart of God. The parable is, in fact, less about the wastrel son and more about the loving father. It is the father who is the hero of the piece and he represents God our heavenly Father.

In the Christian life we can easily become preoccupied with many things: the liturgy, our prayer, our acts of charity, the politics in our parish, this or that or the other. However, what is more important in the Christian life than anything else is to know that God loves us. Without this knowledge we quickly lose our way. We quickly become harsh, demanding, judgmental and condemnatory towards others. The fundamental message of the gospel is the truth that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life' Jesus came, then, not to make God's love possible but rather to make it visible. God loves us not because of who we are but because of who he is.

It is love that will win souls for Christ; it is love that witnesses to the amazing truth that God wants everyone to be saved and come to know his abundant life.

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.pncc.org">www.pncc.org</a> or <a href="https://www.pncc.org">www.pncc.org</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.