

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)  
The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34  
The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9  
The Holy Gospel is from St. John 12:20-33

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

## Our Sunday Message

Jesus saw the cross as an instrument of glory. He did not recoil from his destiny; rather he recognized that his moment, his 'hour', had come. He observed a principle of life within the natural world, namely that life is born from death. In order for a plant to flourish, the kernel needs to die. Until the seed is buried it remains a single seed — if planted it will produce many. Jesus saw his own death mirrored in this process of nature. He lived to die, and his entire life and mission was in preparation for his suffering and death. His death meant life for the world. Through Jesus, the cross, an instrument of terror and death, became a symbol of life and blessing. He knew that through the cross he would be the Lamb of God, an innocent and pure sacrifice, without spot or blemish.

On Monday, March 26 is Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at 12.00 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent at 6.00 p.m. we have Stations of the Cross

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by the St. Johnsville Group

## Easter Schedule:

**Maundy Thursday** – April 5 – Holy Mass at 6.00 p.m.

**Good Friday** – April 6 – Solemn Liturgy of our Lord Passion and Death – 6.00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday** – April 7 – Paschal blessing of water, light and food – 11.00 a.m.

**Resurrection Sunday** – April 8 – Holy Mass with Procession – 9.00 a.m.

Our Annual Easter Dinner is on Sunday, April 15 following Holy Mass. Everyone is invited.

The parish is selling gołąbki and pierogi. To place your order please call Joan Crandall at (315) 894-2539 or Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152.

The church is conducting a food drive to support the local food pantry. Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-perishable items to church on Sundays. Parishioners are also encouraged to donate paper products, coffee and other items needed for the church's Coffee Hour that is held every Sunday after Holy Mass.

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, Amsterdam, New York Mills, Rome and Schenectady. 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.