Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday March 30th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 4th Sunday of Lent The first reading is from the First Book of Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14 The Holy Gospel is from St. John 9:1-41

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, March 29th 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 John and Janice Rogers

On every Friday during Lent, we have Stations of the Cross at 6.00 p.m.

Our Sunday Message

The early Church referred to baptism as 'enlightenment' or 'illumination' and the candidates for baptism as 'those being enlightened'. The story of the cure of the man born blind and his subsequent progress from physical sight to the insight of faith is a figure of what happens to the baptized person. John writes of the physical cure in such a way that it reflects and calls to mind the cure of spiritual blindness granted to those who wash sacramentally in the pool that is truly Jesus, the 'sent one'

Jesus affirms that he is the light of the world, and the giving of sight to the blind man is a sign of this. There is both revelation and judgment. The coming of the light brings illumination to those who will accept it, and brings to light the darkness in the lives of those who are obstinate in unbelief.

How is Jesus the light of the world? He opens minds to understand and scatters the darkness of ignorance. This he does by showing us God, revealing the divine purpose and the divine will in his teaching and deeds. He went through the darkness of his passion and death and rose to the glory of eternal light. He makes us sharers in his light-giving and life-giving work. We are called to be enlightened by Jesus and to become a light to others.

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 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 <u>WWW.holyspiritpncc.org</u> 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.