

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 1st at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 14:1-15:47 (The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ)

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, March 31st at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

Mark's account is part of the mystery of God's plan. The best way to understand Jesus' passion is by considering the words of Peter on the Feast of Pentecost: 'this Jesus [was] delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God' (Acts 2:23). Of course, this does not mean that Jesus was handed over by passive players in a scenario written by God. To God, all moments of time are present but, in the mystery of his plan, everybody has free will to make a free response to his grace. Pontius Pilate, Herod, the Gentiles, the Jewish people and the Pharisees were blinded by unbelief and ignorance, and God permitted the acts that flowed from their blindness.

Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures. Jesus' passion and cross are the fulfillment of Isaiah's Suffering Servant prophecies. He is the Lamb who was silent before his shearers; he did not resist but was crushed for our iniquities, pierced for our transgressions and the punishment that brought us peace was on him. The cross is love to the very end. Jesus knew and loved us all when he offered his life.

No human being, not Mary our Mother, not St Peter or St Francis of Assisi or St Ignatius of Loyola, could take on himself or herself the sin of every human being who has ever lived or who will ever live. Only Jesus of Nazareth could become for us the source of eternal salvation, and his most holy passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us.

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 Nellie and Jennifer Crandall

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.

- Vigil Resurrection Mass – St. Johnsville – 6.00 p.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, pierogi and butter lambs. 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. Daddello 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.