

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 6th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 5th Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

The first reading is from the First Book of the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 11:1-45

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, April 5th 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 Shirley Allen and Susan Bladek

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

Our Sunday Message

John presents us with a very moving story. Nowhere in the Gospels do we find the humanity and human love of Jesus illustrated more than here: his concern for his friends in their bereavement; his response to the emotional and sensitive Mary; his words of encouragement to the more practical Martha. What is truly touching about this incident is John's insistence on the deep love that Jesus felt for this small family group, within which he must have felt so much at home.

Why didn't Jesus prevent the death rather than wait to overcome it? John, looking back at the incident, can see that it was all for the better. The miracle sign has shown God's glory. The God of healing love is revealed through the work of his Son. Hidden deep within the episode is a further truth: that Jesus' gift of life to Lazarus involved his own death, the offering of his own life. To love Lazarus and give him life Jesus had to be willing to risk and lose his own. The trip to Bethany was overshadowed by the approaching cross.

Jesus reveals to us the true meaning of life and death. We can take the opportunity in these last weeks of Lent to examine our faith in times of suffering, and our hope in the face of death. We are asked to look beyond the signs, however wonderful they may be. The signs point to Jesus, the Son of God. Our faith is in him. If we reflect on this we shall prepare ourselves for the joy of Easter.

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 Seniorate 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 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.