Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 7th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Second Sunday of Easter The first reading is from the Book of Acts of the Apostles: 5:12-16 The second reading is from the Book of the Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19 The Holy Gospel is from St. John 20:19-31

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, April 6th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow Sunday Holy Mass and be sponsored by John and Janice Rogers

On Monday, April 8 is Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (transferred from March 25). Holy Mass at 6.00 pm.

On Sunday, April 14 following Holy Mass is our Easter Dinner. We invite everyone from our community to share with us the joy of Easter.

Our Sunday Message

Jesus knew and loved Thomas in all his unbelief— just as he loves everyone, even those who don't believe in him. Thomas is a kind of modern patron saint — we too can be skeptical and cynical and often demand proof and evidence. This is not a bad thing because God has given us a mind to think and reason. However, faith is truly a gift, intended to work together with reason, in harmony. The Lord appeared to Thomas to lead him from unbelief to faith. He said to him: 'do not be faithless, but believing'. Through seeing the risen Lord, Thomas came to a profound faith. His confession of faith should be on the lips of every believer: 'My Lord and my God.'

However, the truth is that our faith is tested and tried. Often we struggle with doubts. We doubt that God loves us. We cannot trust that God has a plan for our lives and will take care of us. We are not convinced that God has the power to change certain areas of our lives, especially those with which we have struggled for years. We, like Thomas, need Jesus to lead us from doubt to faith, from unbelief to belief.

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.PNCC.ORG</u> or <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.