

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.  
All are welcome. It is Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)  
The first reading is from the Book of the Acts 4:32-35  
The second reading is from the First Letter of St. John 5:1-6  
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 14<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

## Our Sunday Message

Thomas made two contradictory statements, one after the other. One expressed unbelief: 'Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe' (v. 25). The other was a marvelous proclamation of faith in Jesus: 'My Lord and my God!' (v. 28). Thomas was divided in himself. He was a believer: he had believed in Jesus, followed him and become a disciple. His actions arose out of his faith. But when faced with the crisis brought about by the death of Jesus, his faith faltered and failed him. He was cast into doubt and unbelief. Jesus himself overcame Thomas's doubt and unbelief by speaking to him and showing him his hands, feet and side (v. 27). Jesus revived Thomas's faith.

Often we are divided in ourselves. Part of us believes but part of us battles with doubts. Our faith is constantly under challenge and attack. However, although we can think that our faith is weak, it is actually more robust than we imagine. It may be bruised and weakened; yet it is still there, needing only to be revived.

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

The parish is selling gołabki, 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. 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.