

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 21st at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)
The first reading is from the Book of Acts of the Apostles: 13:14,43-52
The second reading is from the Book of the Revelation 7:9,14b-17
The Holy Gospel is from St. John 10:27-30

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, April 20th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Teddie Colorito and Ruth Gorski.

On Sunday, May 5 following Holy Mass is our Parish Committee Meeting. All members of the Committee are encouraged to participate.

Our Sunday Message

If you are a Christian you really have to get your mind around sheep! The reason for this is because the Bible, and especially the New Testament, often refers to us as sheep. The French poet Jean de La Fontaine reflected amusingly, 'A certain fox, it is said, wanted to become a wolf! Ah! Who can say why no wolf has ever craved the life of a sheep!'

The downside about sheep is that they need guiding, leading, and feeding. They are easy prey to predators such as wolves and foxes, and are prone to stray and wander into danger. Sheep do what sheep do best and that is follow. On the plus side, and probably the greatest strength of sheep, is that they quickly learn to recognize the voice of the shepherd.

We are the sheep and the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd leads us to eternal life, for the goal and purpose of our pilgrimage is to be united with the Lord forever and enjoy the everlasting blessings and graces of sharing in God's divine life. Christians can be wrongly criticized for having their heads so far up in the clouds that they are of no earthly good. Actually, the problem tends to be that we don't have our heads high enough up in the clouds. We don't tend to think or pray very much about heaven or the gift of eternal life and this is a mistake. Jesus said: 'For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day' (John 6:40). Paul put it so beautifully when he said: 'Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses' (1 Timothy 6:12).

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. 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.