

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome.

It is the Second Sunday of Easter (Low Sunday)

The first reading is from the First Book of Acts 2:42-47

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter 1:3-9

The Holy Gospel is from St. John: 20:19-31

Father Lucian Urbaniak will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

Our Easter Dinner is on Sunday, April 27 after Holy Mass. Everyone is invited.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> is Parish Committee Meeting after Holy Mass. All members of the board are encouraged to participate.

## Our Sunday Message

We walk by faith and not by sight, and we can only perceive God as in a mirror, dimly (see 1 Cor. 13:11) — in biblical times mirrors were made of polished metal, which yielded a somewhat distorted image. Even though faith brings light to our minds and hearts, we often live it out in darkness and we are often put to the test. The world we live in can seem far removed from the one promised us by faith. So many things in life make faith difficult: the terminal illness of a loved one, failure or rejection in its many hurtful forms and just the sheer pressure of day-to-day living with all its stresses and strains.

What are we to do when we are assailed with doubt or when we question our faith or even God's existence? We are, of course, not alone. Our brothers and sisters who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith were not immune from questions and doubts. And God himself understands our temptation, for on the cross Jesus himself cried out, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' (Matt. 27:46 NIV). God is close to us in all our struggles, and in the cauldron of our post-modern and in some ways post-Christian world our faith is often tested and tried. Nevertheless, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, the saints and heroes of faith, and they, along with our Lord and Savior, intercede for us.

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](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.