

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday April 29th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fourth Sunday of Easter (The Good Shepherd Sunday) The first reading is from the Book of the Acts 4:8-12 The second reading is from the First Letter of St. John 3:1-2 The Holy Gospel is from St. John 10:11-18

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, April 28th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is attractive and popular. To understand it fully we need to grasp its context. In the ancient Near Eastern world, few people would have been unfamiliar with the responsibilities and trials of a shepherd: many families had at least a few sheep of their own. From the villages the flock was led out to pasture on the hills and common land, often for days at a time: the sheep were completely dependent on the shepherd to lead them to good pasture and water. Wild predators roamed free, and it was a hazardous task to round up the wandering sheep and keep them together in a place of safety through the night.

Today, we can reflect on what it means that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and thank Him for all the ways in which He cares for us.

Jesus loves each human being with great tenderness and compassion. Willingly He laid down His life to save people from sin and to bring them into the Father's fold. Having brought us into the fold at great cost, He watches over us with tend concern to keep us safe. His love reaches beyond His Church to all people, and He longs to bring them all under his protection.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and will be sponsored by Teddie and Rick Colorito

A Parish Committee Meeting will take place on April 29th after Holy Mass

On Monday, April 30 is Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Workman. Holy Mass at 6.00 p.m.

The parish is selling gołabki and pierogi. 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, 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 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.