

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 5th at 11.00 a.m.

All are welcome. It is the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first reading is from the Book of Acts of the Apostles: 15:1-2,22-29

The second reading is from the Book of the Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 14:23-29

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 4th 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 Yvonne and Ronald Hrobuchak.

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

Our Sunday Message

Two things dominate the human condition: war and fear. The opposite of war is peace; the opposite of fear is courage.

Jesus taught that two significant fruits of being his disciples would be peace and courage. We can know these two blessings in our lives in a real and tangible way. This must be true because Jesus promised: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.' Well, that's the teaching and there's the promise, but what of the reality?

Even a cursory examination of our lives can bring to light not peace but an inner turmoil and not courage but timidity. So what is going on? Why is it like this? Jesus promises peace and tells us simply not to be afraid. Why isn't this good enough and why doesn't it work? Well, the truth is it is good enough and it does work — however, we play a part. Our faith isn't magic: it's faith.

But we can't be reminded of what Jesus said unless we read the Scriptures. So there is a way in which our peace and courage has a relationship with our reading of Scripture. The Spirit counsels us to immerse ourselves in his life-giving Word. Remember this: 'Bibles that are falling apart are often read by people whose lives are not.' Now, that does not mean that those who read the Scriptures do not give in to fear or at times lose their peace, but, because they remind themselves frequently of what Jesus said, the Spirit is able to lead them back to peace and give them courage.

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 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.