

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 6th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The first reading is from the Book of the Acts 9:26-31

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. John 3:18-24

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 15:1-8

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 5th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser....you are the branches.' Today's reading from the Gospel of St John strongly implies mutual friendship between God and us. It is our friendship with him that causes us to produce good fruit and make good wine. We are bound together in mutual friendship and love.

Our relationship with God is more complex than the model of the master and his servant or a Father and his children. We are expected to do more than just follow blindly.

As Christians, we produce good fruit by following Christ's example, which takes strength and courage. We are asked to bear witness. With the perfect growing conditions provided for us, what God hopes is that will we grow up and mature into good grapes that will produce good wine. Just as the vine draws nutrients from the ground, so we draw our strength from God to do whatever it is we must do — whatever it is the Spirit asks of us. We do so remembering that we are not alone but intertwined in love and friendship with many other branches, and One very strong vine.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and will be sponsored by Karen and Jim Filipski

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.