

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 13th at 11.00 a.m.
All are welcome. It is the Sixth Sunday of Easter
The first reading is from the Book of the Acts 10:25-26
The second reading is from the First Letter of St. John 4:7-10
The Holy Gospel is from St. John 15:9-17

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 12th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

Today's Gospel passage shows Christ glorifying His Father several times. In doing so Jesus shows the source of love, the source of joy and the source of all that we receive. Jesus has revealed the Father's love by keeping the Father's commandments faithfully and submitting with perfect humility to service of the Father.

This requires concentration and focus on our part. It is impossible for us to communicate love to others unless we ourselves are aware of the love God has for us. Despair is such a grave sin for believers because it highlights how far removed we are from realizing the love God has for us. But despair and depression are such a common aspect of current society. It can be said to be an inevitable consequence of atheistic materialism, and is widespread at the present time. The Father does not make the excessive demands that the world makes on us. He never puts on our plate anything we cannot deal with. So the cross we bear must have as its source only the Father, and not the world.

The darkness we sometimes feel, the depression of others around us, or the aggressive materialism we are part of, can obscure the Father's love from us. We must always return to meditate on the love God has for us. Jesus, despite his imminent death, is speaking today of the joy he receives from the Father, and a joy He is more than willing to pass on to us, as Christ keeps nothing for Himself.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and will be sponsored by Ruth Gorski and Anita Dulak

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.