

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

PLEASE NOTE that Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 19th at 9.00 a.m. instead of the normal 11:00 mass.

All are welcome. It is the Solemnity of Pentecost

The first reading is from the Book of Acts of the Apostles: 2:1-11

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 20:19-23

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 18th 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 Shirley Allen and Sue Bladdek

On Saturday, May 18th we will be having a spring clean up at the church beginning at 9:00 a.m. All parishioners are encouraged to come help.

Our Sunday Message

On Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church.

The first believers were in Jerusalem awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit - the gift from on high, which Jesus had promised. It is sobering and noteworthy to realize that, until the coming of the Spirit and despite having witnessed the Risen and Glorified Lord, the apostles remained afraid and impotent. They had the message but lacked the power. To use an analogy, they had the car but didn't have the petrol. The car was, to develop the analogy further, parked in the garage and hadn't yet been taken out onto the road. The pouring out of the Spirit on the feast of Pentecost is, then, a vital, nay crucial ingredient in the birth and life of the Church. For on that day an event happened which not only changed the lives of those gathered in the Upper Room but changed the world forever.

The Day of Pentecost was, if we can express it like this, a naked outpouring of the Spirit of God. By this we mean that the Spirit was not ministered through the institution of the Church in the sacraments and through the mediation of a priest but rather came down from above and revealed himself.

After Pentecost the apostles were transformed men. We can expect the Spirit to transform us too. We cannot box the Spirit in or constrain or limit the work of God because the wind of the Spirit blows where it wills. We pray for a new Pentecost, a new outpouring of the Spirit upon ourselves and the whole Church.

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.