

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 25th at 11.00 a.m. at the Polish National Cemetery in East Herkimer (Weather permits). All are welcome.

It is the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The first reading is from the First Book of Acts 8:5-8,14-17

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Peter 3:15-18

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 14:15-21

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 24th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

Our Sunday Message

Jesus promises his disciples that, although he will soon be leaving them, he will not leave them 'desolate' — or 'as orphans', as another version puts it. He will send them his Spirit who will be with them always. In his mortal humanity, Jesus could only be in one place at a time and could not live forever. His Spirit is with us always, even when we feel as if we are alone and helpless. The Greek word used to describe the Spirit here is parakletos, which can be translated into English in various ways: advocate, helper, counselor, comforter, teacher. He is the Spirit of Christ, and he continues the work that Jesus did among his disciples. He is the Spirit of Truth, and he leads us to the truth as we try to listen to him and be guided by him.

In prayer it is the Spirit who brings God's word to life and gives us a deeper understanding of the truths of the gospel. The Spirit also guides us in our daily lives, showing us the right actions in the situations we face and strengthening us to carry them out. He gives us encouragement and consolation in our troubles and fears, and he is our advocate when we sin, praying with us when we repent and seek forgiveness.

We will be selling pierogi and golumbki on an on-going basis. Please contact Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152 to order.

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.