

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

**PLEASE NOTE** - Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. at the **Cemetery** (weather permitting).

All are welcome. It is the Solemnity of Holy Trinity

The first reading is from the Book of Proverbs 8:22-31

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:1-5

The Holy Gospel is from St. John 16:12-15

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> after Holy Mass we will be having our Memorial Day picnic at the church. All are welcome.

## Our Sunday Message

It is common knowledge that many clergy struggle to prepare a sermon for Trinity Sunday. It is as if they collectively throw their hands up and say in frustration: 'The Trinity - it's a complete mystery to me.' Well, I guess that is the point: the Holy and Blessed Trinity is a mystery which is beyond the human mind to fathom. Where do you start? Where do you end? God has no beginning and no end. Which is why, as Sirach the sage would say, we need 'revealed knowledge'.

Although we speak of the mystery of the Trinity, the word 'mystery' does not imply that nothing can be said.

It is, however, a truth that cannot be accessed by reason alone. It is hidden in God and could not be known unless revealed by God. Although the Trinity was hinted at in creation and in Israel's history, this mystery only became explicit with the incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit. Through the Scriptures God progressively and gradually reveals that he is Three Persons in One God, culminating in the sending of his One and Only Son. The secret kept hidden for many ages is that God is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. When we make the sign of the cross we proclaim our faith in God as Trinity: 'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'

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](http://WWW.PNCC.ORG) or [WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG](http://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.