

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday June 16th at 11.00 a.m.
All are welcome. It is the 11th Sunday Ordinary
The first reading is from the Second Book of Samuel 12:7-10,13
The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 2:16,19-21
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 7:36-8:3

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, June 15th 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 Joannie Caska and Monika Dadello.

Our Sunday Message

Prostitutes appear a lot in the Gospels and in Jesus' life. That thought may offend you — it certainly offended a lot of people in Jesus' day, especially the Pharisees, teachers of the law and scribes, who didn't like prostitutes very much at all. Indeed, it is very clear that Simon the Pharisee, whom we meet in today's Gospel, was scandalized by Jesus consenting to be in the company of such a woman. We are privy to his inner thoughts: *'If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.'*

The contrast could not be starker between a Pharisee and a prostitute, between respectability and scandal, between the righteous and the unrighteous. However, these judgements, which form part of the fabric of every culture, are merely external. There are those who are good and those who are bad; there are the sexually wanton and promiscuous and the morally upright and churchgoing. In our own day, as in Jesus', we are judged by the company we keep. Jesus was remarkable in attracting to himself the very people despised and marginalized by the religious establishment of his day. They were drawn to him and felt accepted, forgiven and embraced with friendship and love.

So is that the message of today's reading from Luke? Well, it is for sure part of the message — rather than being repelled by sinners God's mercy reaches out and touches and embraces them. Those who are holy attract the sinful because the truly holy convey God's love, mercy and forgiveness, not harsh judgement and condemnation.

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.