

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday June 17th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24
The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul Corinthians 5:6-10
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 4:26-34

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, June 16th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Friday, June 15 is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass at 9.00 a.m.

On Sunday, June 17 is our Strawberry Fest. It starts at 12.00 after Holy Mass until sold out.

Our Sunday Message

Jesus lived most of his life in a predominantly rural setting. At that time the vast majority of human beings lived in the country, in villages or small hamlets. It is no surprise then that he drew heavily on his observation and reflection of nature and farming as well as the cycle of life, to teach us about the kingdom of heaven. In our largely urbanized modern society, even if we live in a high-rise flat or apartment, many of us have garden boxes and still experience first hand the wonder of planting a seedling in winter and watching it grow and finally bloom in the spring and summer. Mother nature and the cycle of life never cease to imbue in us a sense of wonder and awe.

God's seed is planted in us in the sacrament of baptism. Our word 'baptism' has its roots in the Greek word baptizein that means to 'plunge' or 'immerse'. Our immersion in the water of our baptism represents our sharing in the death and resurrection of the Lord.

This seed of God's grace, given to us in baptism, remains in us throughout our lives. No one can take this grace away from us because it is God's merciful, unmerited, gracious and irrevocable gift. Our vocation is to facilitate, nourish and nurture this grace throughout our lives. God has given us many blessings and graces to help us in this task, including the vital gift of prayer, the ability to read the Scriptures and receive nourishment from the Eucharist. We also receive the wisdom to know that in dying we live and in serving others we receive a hundredfold and more.

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 which 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.