

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00 a.m.  
All are welcome. It is the 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary  
The first reading is from the Book of Prophet Zechariah 12:10-11  
The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Galatians 3:26-29  
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 9:18-24

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Grace Archambault and Kathy Sefchik.

## Our Sunday Message

Jesus often asked direct, upfront and personal questions. 'Who do the people say I am?' was just such a question (v. 18). It invited the disciples to focus not on others but on themselves. Others had their views and opinions on who they thought Jesus was: John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets. The grace that Peter received gave him the courage and conviction to proclaim what faith had taught him in his inner being, that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ. The truths of our faith, unless ignited by grace and light, can remain dry and lifeless in our hearts. This is because we have lost clarity regarding seeking the Lord's face and wanting to receive more and more of the grace of revelation.

This condition can overwhelm our priests and deacons, who need to be constantly renewed and refreshed in order to feed us with God's Word. However, lay people can also lose their enthusiasm for the things of the Spirit. How do we recover this? The key to recovery is repentance and acknowledging that our hearts have become hardened through our own fault, our own negligence and lack of focus. It happens to us all: we are all guilty as charged. God is rich in mercy and there is rejoicing in heaven when we repent. God pours out his grace and mercy so we can see the truths of our faith, the light of Scripture and be refreshed in our spirits.

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.