

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday July 1st at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 5:21-43

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, June 30th 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

The highest form of prayer is praise. The most common form of prayer is intercession. The spirit is willing to praise God and give him glory; the flesh always has more immediate needs to address. The truth is, the easiest and most natural person to pray for is ourselves. The most common exception to this is perhaps parents who find it easier to pray for their children than for themselves.

This is what we encounter in today's Gospel reading where we meet Jairus who has great faith. He is preoccupied with his sick daughter and like any parent in this situation he is desperate. It is his faith that ultimately brings about the healing miracle, restoring his daughter back to full health.

Belief in miracles is fundamental to the Christian faith. We could be as bold as to say that to be a Christian is to believe in miracles. Sadly today many do not believe in miracles, preferring to believe in the miracle of science. The question is, does God or can God intervene in human affairs in such a way as to bring about the miraculous? And this one question prompts another: if God does intervene — which we believe he does — then why does he not demonstrate his healing power more frequently?

Part of our problem with miracles is that we don't expect them. Therefore we don't pray for them and we don't hope for them. This is the mindset we need to challenge in others and ourselves. Today, open up your heart to God's miraculous work in your life and in the world.

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 that 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.