

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday July 8th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is from the Book of Exodus 2:2-5

The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 6:1-6

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, July 7th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Next Sunday, on July 15 Holy Mass is at 4.00 p.m. There is no Mass at 11.00 a.m. at that day.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by the group from St. Johnsville

Our Sunday Message

If Mark's Gospel were a newspaper it would have a red top like The Sun or the Daily Mirror — meaning that the syntax is short and punchy, to the point and direct.

Mark, and indeed his fellow Evangelists, have one clear goal and purpose, which is to lead their readers to understand that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah and help them open up their hearts and minds to grasp what this truly means, that He is also God made man. Mark does this, however, against the backdrop of the resistance, unbelief and rejection which were part and parcel of Jesus' public ministry.

God, in his infinite wisdom, was born in poverty and obscurity. Nazareth was a tiny hamlet in which everybody knew everybody else. The people of Nazareth knew Jesus; they knew His parents, His grandparents and so on. This familiarity, as it so often does, brought with it its own special contempt. The questions of the Nazarene villagers expose a prejudice. They had already made their minds up about Jesus: 'Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him?...'

What light does this shed on the human heart? Faith is a gift but it also is an invitation to open up our hearts to God. With faith we cannot hedge our bets, wait and see, approach the future half-heartedly.

On Friday, July 13 Tony's Polka Band will begin playing at 7:00 p.m. in Eastern Park, Little Falls. We will be selling food and beverages before and during their performance.

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.