

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 a.m.  
All are welcome. It is the 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary  
The first reading is from the Book of Genesis 18:1-10  
The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28  
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 10:38-42

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

On Sunday, July 21 is baptism of Halana Brien, daughter of Amy (Crandall) and Tim Brien. We welcome her as a new Christian in our community. Congratulations!

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by the Crandall Family.

## Our Sunday Message

Luke, in a story unique to his Gospel, gives an account of a remarkable and beautiful incident in Jesus' life. Mary of Magdalene is traditionally associated with the Mary before us today but scholars think that it is unlikely to be the same person, believing this woman to be Mary of Bethany. What is clear is that, like Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany loved the Lord. In this account, she did not wash his feet with her weeping or anoint his body with expensive nard but she showed that one thing was needed, and that was to sit at the Master's feet and learn from him.

There has always been a tension between the contemplative arm and the apostolic arm of the Church. The contemplatives are accused of being too focused on prayer whereas the apostolics are criticized for being too preoccupied with social action and not placing enough emphasis on the interior life. Of course, this is too simplistic but, nevertheless, there is an element of truth in it. It is, however, hard not to feel some sympathy for Martha, who in this understanding embodies the apostolic approach. Mary can come across as a kind of 'goody two shoes' (and nobody likes a 'goody two shoes'). Martha, on the other hand, has no airs and graces; she is a worker and not a shirker. Clearly both women were serving the Lord, but Mary, in Jesus' own words, chose what is better. This doesn't mean that what Martha was doing in that moment wasn't good or noble or worthy, or even the right thing for her to be doing: it simply means that ultimately sitting at the Lord's feet and learning from him who is humble and gentle of heart is the goal of our faith.

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.