

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday July 28th at 11.00 a.m.
All are welcome. It is the 17th Sunday Ordinary
The first reading is from the Book of Genesis 18:20-32
The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 11:1-13

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, July 27th at 4.00 a.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Yvonne and Ronald Hrobuchak.

Our Sunday Message

Today we encounter Jesus' teaching on prayer, which is more radical, challenging and life changing than we may at first realize because it encourages an approach or attitude to prayer, which we might not share or even appreciate. The Lord Jesus positively and unambiguously encourages a bold, confident, even brazen attitude towards approaching God in prayer. The Lord wants us to cultivate a way of praying that is hopeful, expectant and sure of God's goodness and generosity.

No prayer captures this more beautifully and perfectly than the Our Father, which the Lord himself taught us to pray. The Our Father is the Magna Carta, the blueprint, for all prayer. Despite being so short and compact it encapsulates the essence of prayer and the very heart of our relationship with God. St Augustine said of the Our Father: 'If you run through the petitions of all holy prayers, I believe you will find nothing that is not summed up and contained in the Lord's Prayer.'

Jesus further uses the story about a persistent neighbor, who is a kind of a rhino that simply refuses to take no for an answer, to reveal that God the Father is not like the unwilling neighbor, but is a generous, kind and benevolent provider for his children's needs. 'Who is God?' and 'What is God like?' are the most important questions we can ask. Today's Gospel sheds a dazzling light on these eternal questions.

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 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.