

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday August 12th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 19th Ordinary Sunday
The first reading is from the First Book of the Kings 19:4-8
The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 4:30-5:2
The Holy Gospel is from St. John 6:41-51

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, August 11th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

The parish will be selling hot dogs and kielbasa sandwiches before and during the Little Falls Canal Day parade on Friday August 10th in front of Rick's Barbershop. We also will be selling Polish food at the church on Saturday August 11th from 11:00 until sold out. We will also be having an Ice Cream Social on Sunday the 12 beginning at noon.

Our annual Polka Festival featuring Tony's Polka Band will be held at the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club on Saturday September 8th from 1:00 to 5:00.

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 which is held every Sunday after Holy Mass.

Our Sunday Message

It can be amusing to listen to people who do not believe in God but have a high regard for Jesus. They say things like, 'He was such a great moral teacher,' or 'He went around doing good, and the Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount are so moving.' The amusement comes when you point out that the same Jesus said some pretty amazing things about who he was. They often respond, 'Really, like what?' Well, Jesus said things like, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life' (John 14:6), 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live' (John 11:25), and today's amazing statement, 'I am the bread which came down from heaven' (John 6:41). It is not hard to understand or appreciate why the Jews who first heard these words struggled and 'murmured at him.' Any mere man who says such things must, as C.S. Lewis observed, be 'mad, bad or God.'

When we receive the host and drink from the chalice, we receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the greatest mystery of all, the very source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist. We must resist and fight against the receiving of the Eucharist becoming routine to us. In the Eucharist we are fed and nourished by food, which is good for this life and for the life to come. We take part in it because we believe literally in the words of Jesus and that what he teaches is true. In the Eucharist we give thanks and praise to the Father, we participate in the sacrificial memorial of Christ's death and resurrection, and we come into the presence of Christ by the power of his word and his Spirit.

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.