

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday August 25th at 11.00 a.m.
All are welcome. It is the 21st Ordinary Sunday
The first reading is from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 66:18-21
The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 13:22-30

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, August 24th at 6.00 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 Anna Kuchma and Jennie Bednarski

The Parish Committee Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 25 after Holy Mass.

We will be having our annual Polka Fest, featuring Tony's Polka band, on Saturday Sept. 7th from 1:00 – 5:00 at the East Herkimer Fish and Game Club.

Our Sunday Message

The theologian Hans von Balthasar wrote a controversial treatise called 'Dare We Hope That All Men Be Saved?' Having explored this profound theme, he concluded that ultimately all judgement is God's and God's alone. The Catholic Church has never made any declarations about whom it thinks will be finally damned but prays that every human person will be saved.

In his teaching Jesus made it clear that each one of us needs to make every effort to enter through the narrow door and that salvation involves having a living, vital, dynamic relationship with God. The opposite - a cold, distant, dysfunctional relationship with him — invites the rather harsh rebuke: 'I do not know where you come from'. The response to this rebuke is interesting: 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets'. People rejected Jesus then and they reject him now.

Christian salvation is not about being good or moral or worthy, because we are none of these. Salvation is about believing Jesus of Nazareth is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through having faith in him, knowing him and walking with him in this life, we inherit eternal life. Our hope and prayer is that by God's infinite mercy all will be saved, and for this we fervently pray.

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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.