

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday September 16th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 50:4-9
The second reading is from the Letter of James: 2:14-18
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 8:27-35

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, September 15th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

At a crucial point in Mark's Gospel Jesus asked a crucial question of his disciples: 'But who do you say that I am?' Up to this moment, through his miracles and healings, Jesus had been revealing himself to them as the Son of God and, through the revelation given him by the Holy Spirit, Peter finally understood and declared: 'You are the Christ'. The end of the first stage of revelation had been reached: Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Son of the eternal Father. From now on the disciples could no longer live their lives apart from Jesus. They knew they had to follow him in obedience, for he was their Lord.

Jesus, however, immediately began to lead them into a second, more profound understanding of his own person by teaching that he had to suffer, die and be raised up out of death. His way was to be a way of suffering, humiliation and death, not the way of a powerful, glorious Messiah.

Since through our baptism we are joined to the person of Christ, we are called to follow him. We must grasp that, as Jesus had to suffer, die and rise again, we too shall have to follow him on the same path and live as he lived. What does this mean? We are to live for Christ and not live for ourselves. He must be at the center of our lives, not we ourselves. We must submit ourselves to the Father's will, just as Jesus submitted himself. All our choices have to be subject to these benchmark questions: 'Does the Father want this for me? Does this please the Father?' This is at the heart of denying self.

Announcements

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Anna Kuchma and Jennie Bednarski

Our Parish Committee Meeting is scheduled on Sunday, September 16th after Holy Mass.

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.

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.