

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday September 29th at 11.00 a.m.

All are welcome. It is the 26th Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Amos 6:1a,4-7

The second reading is from the First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 16:19-31

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Teddie Colorito and Ruth Gorski

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, September 28th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

On Saturday October 12th we will be having our annual galabki at the church from 11:00 until sold out. Pierogi will also be sold. On the same day at noon we will be holding our annual blessing of the pets. Everyone from the community is welcome.

Our Sunday Message

A recurring theme in Luke's Gospel is the dangers of wealth. The rich man wasn't in apart from God simply because he was wealthy but because of his selfish attitude towards the good things he had. He simply didn't care about the poor — he cared only about himself. It was his selfishness, which set him apart and away. Rather amusingly, so entrenched is he in his own thinking and so wedded to his own class system that, even when he can see Lazarus enjoying the blessings of heaven, he still regards the former beggar as his errand boy, asking first that he bring a drop of water to cool his tongue and then that he go and warn his brothers of the fate that awaits them. His conceit, arrogance and lack of compassion for the poor man continue into eternity.

There is a tragedy running through the parable and the tragedy is this: after death he begins to experience a change of heart. He wants to warn his nearest and dearest so that they can avoid his fate, but it is too late. His request is denied because the Law and the Prophets have already made clear what God requires. God wants us to love him and love our fellow human beings. After death repentance and conversion is much more difficult because we haven't take advantage of today - the day of salvation. Today is the time of repentance; today is the day to believe that Jesus is the Resurrection, the Life, the Way and the Truth.

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 Senioratte 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.