

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday October 7th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of Genesis 2:18-24
The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 10:2-16

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, October 6th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

Jews in Jesus' day believed that divorce was lawful — the only debated issue was the proper grounds for it. Jesus explained that Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of human hearts: in other words it was a concession to the human condition and contrary to God's plan for us. This accommodation to divorce was used to bring order in a society that had disregarded God's will, but it was not the standard, which God had originally intended for his people. The purpose of Deuteronomy 24:1, which sanctioned divorce, was not to make it divinely acceptable but to reduce the hardship of its consequences.

Jesus takes his interrogators back to the beginning of creation, to God's original purpose. God instituted marriage as a great unifying blessing, bonding the male and female in his creation. Jesus grounded the sanctity of marriage in the authority of God, whose 'no' to divorce safeguards against human selfishness, which always threatens to destroy marriage. In Jewish practice divorce proceedings were brought by the husband, not by the woman or a judicial court — husbands were divorcing their wives on whim. A simple declaration of divorce could not simply release him from the divine law of marriage and its moral obligations.

Marriage is God's gift and it is a vocation. It can seem difficult, even impossible, to bind oneself for life to another human being. But marital love reflects something of God's definitive and irrevocable love.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Nellie and Jennifer Crandall

On Saturday, October 13 we are going to have Golombki Sale starting at 10.00 a.m. until sold out. Blessing of pets will take place on the same day at 12.00 at the front of the church.

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 that 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.