

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 53:10-11  
The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews: 4:14-16  
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 10:35-45

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

## Our Sunday Message

There is no mystery about the ways of this world. Selfish ambition, self-advancement and self-promotion are often hallmarks. James and John approached the Lord, seeking pride of place in the kingdom. The thought of power, prestige and position revealed their folly and misunderstanding of the gospel. They wanted affirmation and promotion. His rebuke is not harsh or sharp but compassionate and enquiring: 'Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?'. Their youthful zeal overtakes them and they declare that they can!

Jesus used this display of worldly ambition to teach about the new way in his kingdom. If we want to be great we have to choose to be small. If we want to be first we must choose to be last. If we want esteem and recognition we must serve and not be served. Jesus attacks the wisdom of this world that looks to dominate, manipulate and control. To be meek and to serve is a sign not of weakness but of true strength and character. To adopt the disposition of a slave is not to be trampled on but to rise above the selfish drives that compel us to serve ourselves and not others.

Jesus is clear and direct — to lord it over others and exercise authority in a harsh, overbearing way has no place in his kingdom. Humility, not pride, is the blessed way of the kingdom. Whatever our station or position in life we are called to live out this precept of the kingdom of heaven. Those in positions of authority or power have a vocation to show the world the power of love, service and humility: the greater our responsibility the more humbly we should behave.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Teddie and Rick Colorito

On November 4 is our **Harvest Dinner** at noon. We will be serving roast pork. Tickets are \$8.00, children 5 and under free.

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](http://WWW.PNCC.ORG) or [WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG](http://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.