

## **Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church**

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.  
All are welcome. It is the 30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday  
The first reading is from the Book of Sirach 35:12-14,16-18  
The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Timothy 4:6-8,16-18  
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 18:9-14

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Shirley Allen and Susan Bladek

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

On Friday, November 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass is at 6.00 p.m.

We would to thank everyone who supported our golumbki sale on Saturday 10/12. We will be selling pierogi and golumbki on an on-going basis. Please contact Karen Filipiski at (315) 823-4152 to order.

On Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> at noon we will be having our annual Harvest Dinner.

On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon we will be having our Christmas party for children. Please bring a gift for your child.

### **Our Sunday Message**

Perhaps one of the problems with the Pharisees was their overly simplistic approach to their religion. They fasted, they prayed, they gave to good causes and this made them pleasing to God - or so they thought. The state of their heart didn't appear to matter. As a case in point, the Pharisee in today's parable clearly sees nothing wrong in thinking that he is unlike other fallen and weak human beings.

Jesus exposes the interior mindset of the self-righteous, which is, in a nutshell, that they secretly believe that they are morally and spiritually superior to others. What caused him to think like this? Surely the practice of faith — fasting, praying, giving alms — is pleasing to God? Indeed, if these acts are done with the right motive and from the right heart. Perhaps the problem with the Pharisee was that he had stopped examining his conscience and this prevented him from receiving the gift of self-knowledge. With self-knowledge he would have laughed at himself and would have been less pompous. He would have realized that it was by God's grace and blessing that he was protected from the sin and darkness others had fallen into. He would have thanked God but with a different kind of heart — a grateful heart, acutely aware that, but for God's grace, he would fall too.

It is, in fact, the broken, crushed and self-aware tax collector who is praised, for he adopts the position of the true disciple of Jesus. His prayer is the prayer of all penitents - and that is what we all are, repentant sinners with hearts full of praise, thanks and gratitude to God for his goodness, kindness and mercy.

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](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.