

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday October 28th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9
The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews: 5:1-6
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 10:46-52

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, October 29th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Our Sunday Message

Desperate people do desperate things. Pride, self-consciousness and ego are less important when we are in need! Bartimaeus was in such need. Unperturbed and undaunted by those who try to silence him, he shouts even louder. He is full of determination. Despite his blindness, he recognizes clearly who Jesus is: 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' His boldness, courage and persistence are rewarded and he is called forward. The encounter between blind Bartimaeus and the light of the world is beautiful and simple: Bartimaeus wants his sight; Jesus sees his faith and heals him. Immediately he receives his sight and becomes a disciple.

In our independent, self-assertive society it can be hard to confess our need. Bartimaeus, however, was indifferent to how he appeared to others — he was determined to come into the presence of Jesus. We need to ask the Holy Spirit to give us the grace to admit humbly and even proclaim our dependence and need of Jesus. To make this humble admission is a sign of grace and strength, and we should welcome the impulse that moves us to pray, 'Lord Jesus, have mercy on me and help me.' It was this disposition and attitude, which allowed Jesus to work so powerfully in Bartimaeus' life. We too will know the freedom and joy of living in the power of the Holy Spirit as we confess and proclaim our faith in the risen Lord.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Karen and Jim Filipski

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

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 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.