

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.

All are welcome. It is the 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

The first reading is from the Second Book of Maccabees 7:1-2:9-14

The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 20:27-38

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Anna Kuchma and Jennie Bednarski

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

We will be selling pierogi and golumbki on an on-going basis. Please contact Karen Filipski 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**

In Jesus' day there were two dominant groups within Jewish society - the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Jesus crossed swords with both of them. Today it is the Sadducees who confront the Lord. The Sadducees were an elite aristocratic group - a kind of club of socially aspirational and religiously conservative men. They rejected most of the Old Testament, accepting only the Pentateuch (the first five books) as divinely inspired. Unlike the Pharisees, they did not believe in the afterlife, the spirit world or the resurrection of the body.

Intent on backing Jesus into a corner, the Sadducees present a bizarre scenario concerning a woman who appears to be something of a Black Widow, in that she has made her way through seven brothers, each of whom died after marrying her. In line with the law and Jewish culture at this time a woman whose husband died was offered future security by marrying any surviving male siblings. The question is, of course, whose wife will she be after death? Typical of the Lord he refuses to answer the question head on. He rather points to the fact that marriage comes to an end with death, 'till death do us part.' That is not to say that those who are married are not reunited after death — surely they are — but they are reunited in a different way and in a different relationship before God. Beyond the confines of this world there is no need for marriage because both man and wife are joined together in their love and worship of God - in the same way as the angels are.

God is the God of the living, and when we die in Christ we receive the gift of eternal life and our bodies will rise again.

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.