

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday November 11th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

The first reading is from the First Book of Kings 17:10-16

The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 12:38-44

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, November 10th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Ruth Gorski

Our Sunday Message

Jesus had great sensitivity towards widows. He looked beyond the hardships of the poor widow's situation, beyond what the human eye could see, and saw into her heart: 'out of her poverty {she] has put in everything she had, her whole living'. He saw her faith-filled generosity, giving to the treasury not from her abundance and surplus but from all that she had to live on. Jesus knew that her generosity of spirit came from the loveliness and goodness of her heart - open to God and to those in need, filled with great faith and trust in God, and relying wholly upon God to take care of her needs.

Jesus is able to look into our hearts and see whether they are open and soft, or closed and hard. Our hearts are hard when we are only focused on ourselves, self-seeking, making ourselves the center of our lives. A hard heart is judgmental, critical, stingy, suspicious and supercilious and opinionated. It looks down on others, sees their faults and despises them. It thinks the worst of events. In sharp contrast, a soft heart is merciful, forgiving, humble and generous. It listens to others, overlooks their faults, serves them, and endeavors to make the most favorable judgement of people and the best interpretation of events.

How can we change our closed, hard hearts into open, soft hearts? The remedy that never fails is sorrowful repentance. As, by the light of the Holy Spirit, we recognize the areas of hardness in our hearts - the way we judge, belittle or condemn others, or the ways we are selfish, grudging or mean - we can bring these attitudes to Jesus in repentance. Then as we ask Jesus for forgiveness and healing, he changes our hearts so that we become gentler, kinder and more merciful and generous.

On Sunday, November 18 after Holy Mass is our Parish Committee Meeting. All members of the board are asked to participate.

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.