

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Third Sunday after Christmas (Solemnity of Baptism of our Lord)

The first reading is from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

The second reading is from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 3:13-17

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville

Our Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Amy Brien and Cheryl Crandall

## Our Sunday Message

Today we consider an incident, which in the view of some, caused embarrassment in some quarters of the early Church: Jesus' baptism in the Jordan river. This incident — rather like the story of the woman caught in the act of adultery -reveals something rather shocking and scandalous about Jesus. Since the baptism instigated by John the Baptist was expressly for repentance and Jesus had no sin, why did the Lord insist on being baptized? In Matthew's record of the incident John the Baptist basically protests and resists this action of the Lord's.

The reason Jesus was baptized was to identify fully and completely with the human race he came to redeem and save. Jesus' baptism marks the day when he publicly identified with sinners. He was about to take upon himself the work of being the Savior of the world. He would do so by identifying with sinners and taking their sins upon himself. So, when sinners were in a queue to be baptized, Jesus joined the queue. At the moment of Jesus' baptism God revealed himself as Three Persons in One God, Blessed and Holy Trinity.

We will be selling pierogi and golumbki on an on-going basis. Please contact Karen Filipski at (315) 823-4152 to order.

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.