

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday January 13th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 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 10:34-38
The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, January 12th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by John and Janice Rogers

Our Sunday Message

Today the season of Christmas draws to a close. It reaches a wonderful climax in a definitive event in the Lord's life: his baptism in the Jordan. Jesus' baptism was a remarkable event because the baptism offered by John the Baptist was for repentance. The immersion in the waters of the Jordan was a sign of conversion, of a person changing direction in life. John's message was addressed to tax collectors, soldiers and ordinary men and women. It was a message of moral reform, of preparing for the coming of the Messiah. Jesus' baptism began his public life and in this moment God is revealed as Blessed Trinity.

Jesus' baptism was the acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant. He allowed himself to be numbered among us sinners — he is truly 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'.

In today's Gospel we are seeing unfolding before our very eyes the 'fulfilling of all righteousness'. We are witnesses of Jesus consenting to submit himself entirely to his Father's will, which was his death on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. The coming down of the Spirit at Jesus' baptism looked forward to the coming down of the Holy Spirit on us — a prelude, if you like, to the new creation. We commit ourselves to entering more deeply into the mystery of our baptism, praying about it, seeking to understand it and growing in our appreciation of this wonderful grace.

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.