Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday January 20th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5 The second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-11 The Holy Gospel is from St. John 2:1-11

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, January 19th 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 Karen and Jim Filipski

Our Annual Parish meeting will be held on February 10 after Holy Mass. All parishioners are encouraged to take part in that meeting.

Our Sunday Message

In a village in Galilee we encounter John's 'sign theology'. As he puts it so simply and beautifully: 'This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee' (v. 11). The question, as always with these signs, is: 'What does this sign mean?'

Believer or unbeliever, we all understand the message a superabundance of wine gives. It conveys joy, celebration, party and so on. In Israel an abundance of wine was associated with a prophetic turn of speech for the ushering in of the new messianic age (Amos 9:13-14; Joel 3:18). For John the miracle was a sign of the messianic age, the passing from the old to the new. The wedding feast was a sign of the heavenly banquet to which we are all invited by virtue of our baptism. The bridegroom at this wedding is Jesus. The joy of the heavenly banquet would come after the 'hour' of Jesus' suffering: the cross, His death, and His glory.

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 Senioratte 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 <u>WWW.PNCC.ORG</u> or <u>WWW.HOLYSPIRITPNCC.ORG</u> 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.