

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 a.m.  
All are welcome. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday  
The first reading is from the Book of the prophet Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
The second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 4:12-23

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, January 25<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 Joan and Butch Crandall

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

## Our Sunday Message

God promised to confer glory on the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations' by shining a great light upon them, a light that would dispel the darkness of those living in a land of deep shadow. This light would confer glory upon them by increasing their gladness, giving them joy in God's presence and freeing them from the burden of the oppression weighing upon their shoulders.

The darkness and shadow over the land is the reign of sin and its wages, death. The fear of death overwhelms and oppresses us, robbing us of joy, of the sense of God's presence. This darkness can only be dispelled by Christ, 'the light of the world'. He alone can disarm sin of its seductive hold over us, conquer Satan, and free us from the fear and bondage of death. Jesus, 'the resurrection and the life', shines his light upon us, thereby filling us with gladness, freedom and the joy of God's presence, and confers glory upon us.

Christ's light will dispel the darkness of sin and death in our lives as we enter into his kingdom through repentance and then follow him as his disciples. Repentance is necessary for we have to choose decisively to leave the old kingdom of sin and darkness and enter into the new kingdom of God's Son, the kingdom of truth and light and holiness. We must renounce all the ways of the kingdom of darkness, rejecting sin's allurements and seductions:

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.