

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday June 24th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time
The first reading is from the Book of Job 38:1, 8-11
The second reading is from the Second Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17
The Holy Gospel is from St. Mark 4:35-41

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, June 23th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Monday, June 25 is the Solemnity of the Saint John the Baptist. Holy Mass at 6.00 p.m.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Anna Kuchma, Jennie Bednarski and Virginia Sive

Our Sunday Message

This week we celebrate the birth of one of our greatest sons. John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Lord, who could rightly be called the last of the Old Testament prophets, was outstanding in so many ways. He was a prophet. He was a preacher. He was a disciple. He was a martyr.

As in the case of his Lord and Master, the details of the events surrounding John the Baptist's conception and birth are provided by Luke, the Bible's master storyteller, and he makes Zechariah's canticle of praise a key part of his narrative. The canticle, which we call the Benedictus, like Mary's Magnificat, weaves traditional Hebrew quotations and themes into a hymn of praise. His hymn is described as prophecy under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Prophecy in this biblical sense does not mean primarily foretelling of the future, as we might understand it, but a divinely enlightened proclamation of the meaning of the events unfolding before the prophet's very eyes. Zechariah saw in the birth of his son God's remembrance of his covenant promise to David and the salvation of God's people. It is as if there are two parts to the canticle. The first part has a sense that the longed-for salvation is political and earthly, involving the overthrowing of national enemies, while the second part speaks of salvation in the broader sense of freedom from sin and reconciliation with God.

We share today Zechariah's delight and praise of God for the birth of John the Baptist. The prophet's message of repentance and of turning away from sin is as relevant and meaningful today as it was then. In fact, his word is increasingly relevant in a world that has lost a sense of sin.

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.