

# Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 11a.m.

All are welcome. It is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The second reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 24:37-44

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, November 30<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 Grace Archambault and Cathy Sefchick

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

On Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon we will be having our Christmas party for children. Please bring a gift for your child.

## Our Sunday Message

Advent is a season of light. It is a time in which the light of Christ shines forth into our lives and onto our world, and we receive a great gift: 'to us a child is born, to us a Son is given'. In John's Gospel, Christ says of himself: 'I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness.

Advent literally means 'coming' and the Church has always sought to remind us during this holy season of the three comings of Christ: his first at his birth, his second at his return to earth in glory, and his third when he comes into each of our lives. The work of the Spirit in our lives is twofold: he compels us to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father, and he also moves us to pray with heartfelt longing, 'Come, Lord Jesus, come.'

Jesus is the meaning of Christmas. He is the meaning of human existence. The baby born in the stable, in poverty and helplessness as God made man, is our light and hope. We lift up our hearts in praise and thanksgiving for Jesus who is the Light of the World, the light which darkness could not extinguish or overcome.

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.