

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday December 2nd at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the First Sunday of Advent

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

The second reading is from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, December 1st at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow Holy Mass and be sponsored by Shirley Allen and Sue Bladdek

Our Sunday Message

Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. During Advent we naturally focus on the birth of Jesus - his first coming. The Church, however, asks us to look beyond his birth at Bethlehem and reflect on his coming again at the end of time in order that we might better understand and appreciate the fullness of the redemption he has gained for us.

The birth of Jesus inaugurated our salvation and fulfilled many, but not all, of the prophecies in the Old Testament concerning the long-awaited Messiah. Some prophecies will be fulfilled only at his Second Coming. The fullness of our redemption will not be ours until then. Therefore we await that day with hope: 'Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

How shall we best make ourselves ready? One way is to make Advent a time for extra prayer, focusing on the truths of his two comings. This will stir up our hearts. Another way is to make a good examination of conscience. This will show us where we need to amend our lives. We should not make Advent a time of penance. Instead, it should be a season of expectancy and hope as we joyfully wait and watch for the Lord's coming.

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, which 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.