

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday December 9th at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Second Sunday of Advent

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Baruch 5:1-9

The second reading is from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 3:1-6

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, December 8th at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

On Sunday, December 9th we are having a **Christmas Party** at noon for the children of the parish. Please provide a wrapped gift for the child that you bring.

Our Sunday Message

Luke carefully sets the historical scene at the start of John the Baptist's ministry. Pontius Pilate, Herod and his sons, and the high priests Annas and Caiaphas all failed to respond to God's word and its messengers. None of them welcomed Jesus; some were implicated in his death. Yet it was precisely into this unwelcoming world that God sent John the Baptist to inaugurate an age of mercy and salvation. God saves his people, despite their perversity and hardness of heart. God has the last word, not man.

The main emphases of John's preaching – repentance, change, and renewal – still remains the way to Jesus and his kingdom. His message invites us, as individuals, to take on the same spirit of repentance, change and renewal.

The message of repentance and renewal always speaks powerfully to the human heart, for it offers the possibility of forgiveness and a release from a burden, as well as the promise of healing, change and a new start. Into our world of sin, failure and broken promises, the Lord's word still comes with conviction and power, as it did in the time of John the Baptist, to set us free and save us. The gospel of mercy invites us into a new time of grace.

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.