

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday December 15th at 11.00 a.m.

All are welcome. It is the 3rd Sunday of Advent

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6a,10

The second reading is from the Letter of St. James 5:7-10

The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew 11:2-11

Father Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, December 14th 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 Nellie and Jennifer Crandall

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 15th at noon we will be having our Christmas party for children. Please bring a gift for your child.

Christmas Schedule

December 24 – Vigil of the Nativity of our Lord – Holy Mass – St. Johnsville (4.00 p.m.), Little Falls (8.00 p.m.).

December 25 – Nativity of our Lord (Christmas) – Holy Mass – Little Falls (11.00 a.m.)

Our Sunday Message

In today's Gospel we see John basically doubting who Jesus was. He wasn't sure and wanted to be convinced. Some suggest that his incarceration was taking its toll. Lack of light, lack of sleep and lack of food and water soon break even the strongest of men. Also, Jesus was confounding the Jews' expectation of the Messiah. For most Jews, and to an extent even John the Baptist, his coming was very much connected with political and economic upheaval and victory for the Jewish people over their brutal oppressors. Jesus was indeed 'the one who was to come' (cf. Ps. 118:26; Mal. 3:1). He was, however, a different kind of Messiah from the one they were expecting. He was ushering in a different kind of kingdom - not a political or economic kingdom but a spiritual one with values different from the world and its kingdom. The signs of the kingdom were that the blind received sight, the deaf heard, the dead were raised, and the gospel of life was preached and proclaimed.

Today people still ask whether he was truly the Messiah. Were the miracles real or were they simply made up by the disciples? Did the resurrection actually happen? Blessed are those who remain faithful to the teaching of Christ. Blessed are those who believe although they do not see. Blessed are those who believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Lord's Anointed, the promised Messiah.

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 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.