

Holy Spirit Polish National Catholic Church

Father Rafal Dadello will be celebrating Holy Mass on Sunday December 23rd at 11.00 a.m. All are welcome. It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent

The first reading is from the Book of the Prophet Micah 5:1-4

The second reading is from the Letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

The Holy Gospel is from St. Luke 1:39-45

Father Dadello will also be celebrating Holy Mass for the Catholic community on Saturday, December 22nd at 4.00 p.m. in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 32 West Main Street in St. Johnsville.

Coffee Hour will follow the Holy Mass and be sponsored by Monika Dadello and Joannie Caska

Our Sunday Message

Part of the joy of good news is sharing it! Mary rushes to Elizabeth to relate her news. Her amazement and sheer wonder at being chosen must have consumed her as she journeyed to her cousin's home. The meeting between the two women is a touching scene. The sense of joy, anticipation and hope between Mary and Elizabeth is palpable — so much so that even the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps with joy. Elizabeth, unable to contain herself, proclaims with bold and confident assurance: 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!'

This can be our prayer as we consider the mystery of the virgin birth and the glory of God's unfolding plan of salvation. We can be hopeful and expectant that the Holy Spirit wants to fill us with the same sense of joy, hope and confident assurance. This joy cannot be purchased, it cannot be manufactured or fabricated, but it is born from within as we reflect on our salvation. So often we seek joy from that which is temporary, transient and fleeting — despite the sense of wellbeing and comfort we seek from external things, the joy they give does not last and can often leave us feeling empty. In contrast the joy of the Holy Spirit is secure, durable and lasting. God will convince us that his truths are not mere cold or sterile propositions but living truths that impart his life and power. It is as these truths are pondered that we can penetrate the mystery of the Incarnation. They impart a living joy that will strengthen us as we move through this busy and hectic season.

Christmas Schedule:

Monday – **December 24** – Christmas Eve – Holy Mass in St. Johnsville at 4.00 p.m. – Holy Mass in Little Falls at 8.00 p.m.

Tuesday – **December 25** – Christmas Day – Holy Mass in Little Falls at 11.00 a.m.

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.