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**Dear Supporters of the Pulaski Day Parade
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We are working to make the **92nd Annual Pulaski Day Parade** scheduled for **Sunday, October 5, 2025**, on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City Philadelphia, a success this year.

The Pulaski Day Parade is a community-wide event that brings many people and organizations together to celebrate Polish History, Culture and Pride. As always your participation is very important.

During the **92nd Annual Pulaski Day Parade**, we will highlight the music and dances that have united Poland and Polish Americans for centuries. We also will mark the **417th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish Settlers in America and the 44th Anniversary of October as Polish American Heritage Month.**

For now, kindly mark **Sunday, October 5th** on your calendar and look for additional information to be announced on the Polish American Radio Program and in the Polish American News.

Thanks to all Pulaski Day Parade divisions and promoters. Please help us maintain this outstanding community tradition which will be televised on **WPVI TV6 ABC.**

Working together we always accomplish great things for Polish American heritage and the proud history and culture we represent.

If you have any questions or suggestions kindly forward them to me at **Michael@PolishAmericanCenter.com** or call me at **215-922-1700**. On behalf of the Pulaski Day Parade committee, I wish you and yours the very best.

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A Traditional Polish Easter Basket and Its Contents

Święconka (shvyeen-son-kah) is the traditional blessing of the food to be eaten on Easter Sunday. While the tradition varies from region to region and village to village, it is a tradition dear to the heart of every Pole. Today, this blessing takes place in church on Holy Saturday. All the items are placed in a wicker basket that is sometimes lined with an ornamental cloth or traditional folk fabric. The filled basket is then covered with a linen cloth which should be white, but can have a colorful crocheted or embroidered design. The basket is decorated with sprigs of boxwood (bukspan), the typical Polish Easter evergreen. "Polish Palms" which are created from dried flowers, can also be used for decoration.

Listed at the right are Polish Easter Foods that are most commonly placed in the Easter Basket for the traditional blessing, along with the symbolism of each item.



We can all enjoy this beautiful tradition. It is a great way to teach new generations of Polish-Americans about our common heritage.

Bacon - Boczek / Śłonina (boh-cheh /swo-nee-nah)
Symbol of the overabundance of God's mercy on us.

Bread - Chleb (h'lehb) Home baked bread, the staff of life.

Easter Bread - Babka (bab-kah)
A special round loaf, made of rich dough and raisins, and decorated with a cross, reminds us of Jesus, the Risen Lord,

Butter - Masło (mas-wo)
The butter should be shaped into the figure of a lamb or cross. Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of Salvation which flows from the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Candle - Świeca (sh-veh-tsa)
The only non-edible item in the basket, the candle symbolizes Jesus, the Life and Light of the World. The candle can be lit during the blessing.

Cheese - Ser (sair)
A symbol to remind Christians of moderation.

Colored Eggs - Pisanki (pee-san-key)
Both colored and uncolored eggs, indicate hope, new life and Resurrection. Because of their special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter.

Ham - Szynka (shin-kah)
This popular main dish is symbolic of great joy and abundance.

Horseradish - Chrzan (h'shan)
This represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the life of slavery in Egypt. It also reminds us of the bitterness of the Passion of Jesus, by which he entered glory. Horseradish is often prepared with red beets in the dish "cwikła."

Salt - Sól (sool)
Symbolizes wisdom and preservation from corruption, it is included to remind us that Jesus did not undergo corruption in the grave.

Sausage - Kielbasa (kel-bah-sah)
This is an old Slavic tradition. Its links remind us of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as God's favor and generosity.

Happy Easter! - Wesołego Alleluja! (ves-so-weh-go ah-lay-lu-jah)



Pisanki-Coloring & Displaying of Easter Eggs



The pisanki derive from an ancient tradition when eggs, the symbol of life, were endowed with magical properties and were thought to ensure both a plentiful harvest and good health. The name Pisanki comes from the Polish word "pisac", which means to write.

The practice of coloring Easter eggs is very much alive in Poland today as well as enjoyed by Polish people all over the world. There are several techniques for making pisanki including the use of wax flowing from a pipe or funnel, producing richly ornamented designs or the etching of designs onto a previously colored egg. The geometric and floral patterns or the animal and human images produced reveal a high level of craftsmanship and artistry.

These eggs are exchanged among friends and relatives with good wishes. Many American Poles design eggs with the names of their friends written on them. They exchange these decorated eggs with each other during their Easter visitations along with their good wishes.

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Celebrating a Polish Easter

The celebration of Easter among Poles and Polish Americans is an elaborate occasion shared with family and close friends. Pisanki, or elaborately decorated Easter eggs are made during Holy Week. The baking of breads and pastries is an art among Polish housekeepers and special confections, such as the famous Babka are prepared for Easter as are lamb-shaped cakes and lambs molded from butter. Along with various cured meats, sausage and ham, these items are elaborately arranged in a large basket and taken to church on Holy Saturday for a special blessing. These blessed foods constitute the basis of the Święconka or Easter Meal.

On Sunday morning, the table is set with the best linens, china, and finery. Featured foods include colored eggs, cold meats, coils of sausages, ham, yeast cakes, pound cakes, poppyseed cakes, other pastries, and, in the middle of it all, a lamb-molded cake or lamb made of sugar or butter. This symbol commemorates the resurrected Christ. In olden times, no cooking was permitted on Easter Sunday, so the Poles evolved the tradition of not serving warm meals on that day. Among the favorite foods is cwikła or grated horseradish and red beets, home-made pickles, marinated mushrooms and other delicacies. Sharing a blessed boiled egg with one's relatives is a national tradition, and everyone must have a piece of the blessed egg to ensure good health and prosperity.

Dyngus Day

The Easter festivities continue the following day, on Easter Monday. On this day, many Poles and Polish Americans celebrate a very ancient Slavic spring tradition called Smingus-Dyngus or the custom of sprinkling or pouring water on one another. Along with the Easter Święconka, this is a custom followed in many Polish American families.

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for the Polish and English Language

Polish

ZŁÓŻCIE TROSKI

Złóżcie troski, żalujący Chrystusa umarłego,
Otrzyjcie już łzy roniący, mamy zmartwychwstałego !
Tysięcznych pociech przyczyna, ogłoszona jest nowina.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

Niewiasty, które przy grobie były to powiedziały,
Że Chrystus w chwały ozdobie żyje już zmartwychwstały!
Stąd pociechy, stąd radości, ustąpcie wszelkie żalości.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, niechaj brzmi Alleluja !

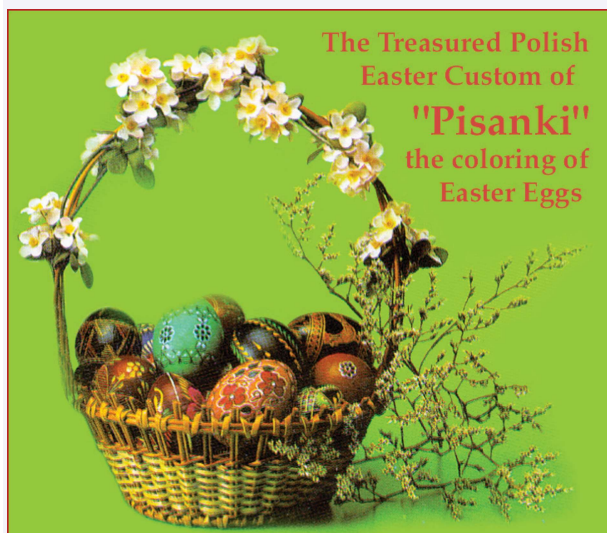
English

Zlozcie Troski

Banish fear and sorrow, hide all grief
and sadness for the Savior they crucified.
He is truly risen by His mighty power,
Wipe the tears that have dimmed your eyes.
Wondrous joys in hearts are swelling,
As the glorious news they're telling.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

Holy women bearing jars of precious ointment
Brought the news of the crucified.
Christ is truly risen and in glory living just as once
He had prophesied.
From this day our life tells gladness,
Gone at last are fear and sadness.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let it ring the Alleluia.

**WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA
HAPPY EASTER**



Polish

ZWYCIĘZCA ŚMIERCI

Zwycięzca śmierci, piekła i szatana,
Wychodzi z grobu dnia trzeciego z rana.
Naród niewierny trwoży się przestrasza,
Na cud Jonasza. Alleluja !

English

Zwyciezca Smierci

Christ conquered death and sin,
Hell and satan's power,
Rising on Easter Morn in that glorious hour.
A faithless people looks with fear and trembling,
At this prophetic sign, Alleluia.

Polish

WESOŁY NAM DZIEŃ

Wesoły nam dziś dzień nastał,
Którego z nas każdy żądał,
Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

Król niebieski k'nam zawitał,
Jako śliczny kwiat zakwitał,
Po śmierci się nam pokazał,
Alleluja, Alleluja !

English

Wesoly Nam Dzień

A great day for us has dawned,
One for which we were all yearning,
The day of Christ's resurrection,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Heaven's King, His might assuming,
Like a lovely rose is blooming,
After death to us appearing,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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WYŚLAWIAJMY CHRYSTA PANA

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana, który stał śmierć i szatana.
Z Nim bolały słońce, miesiąc i Stworzenia z Stwórcą cierpiąc.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Z męki Pańskiej i Anieli
Płacz z żalem powód mieli.
Skały pękły, Ziemia drżała,
Zasłona się Święta rwała.
Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wysławiajmy Chrysta Pana

Let us praise the Lord with gladness
Who crushed Satan death and sadness.
With Him suffered all creation
Only man left Him forsaken.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

All the angels at His passion
Looked upon Christ with compassion
Rocks are shaken, the earth trembles
The shadow of sorrow is uncovered.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Polish

OTRZYJCIE JUŻ ŁZY PŁACZĄCY

Otrzyjcie już łzy płaczący,
Żale z serca wyzujcie.
Wszyscy w Chrystusa wierzący,
Weselcie się, radujcie!
Bo zmartwychwstał samowładnie,
Jak przepowiedział dokładnie.
Alleluja, Alleluja,
Niechaj zabrzmi Alleluja !

English

Otrzyjcie Już Łzy Placzacy

Wipe your tears all who are weeping,
Of all sadness rid your hearts.
All in Christ truly believing,
Let your sorrow be turned to joy.
Christ has risen by His own might and power,
As he promised in that darkened hour.
Alleluia, Alleluia, let us sing Alleluia.

WESOŁEGO ALLELUJA

Polish

WSTAŁ PAN CHRYSTUS

Wstał Pan Chrystus zmartwych ninie,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Uweselił lud Swój mile,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Który cierpiał, dnia trzeciego,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Dla człowieka mizernego.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

Niewiasty, gdy do grobu szły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Drogie maści z sobą niosły,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
W bieli Anioła ujrzwały,
Alleluja, Alleluja.
Trwożyć sobą poczynwały.
Alleluja, Alleluja.

English

Wstał Pan Chrystus

Christ has risen as predicted, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Saved His faithful in affliction, Alleluia, Alleluia.
On the third day from His Passion, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Suffering for man in cruel fashion, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Pious women by appointment, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Reached the tomb with costly ointments, Alleluia, Alleluia.
When they saw an angel dressed in white, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Each was frightened by this strange sight, Alleluia, Alleluia.



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Dear Supporters,

First, we thank all supporters of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum which has been promoting Polish history, culture and pride to a large and diverse audience of visitors touring Historic Philadelphia for over 36 years. The Museum's Exhibit Hall remains the only institution in America located within a Historic District, and is listed on Historic Philadelphia street signs, at the Visitor Center and on visitor maps. One of the goals of the museum is to remain a welcoming public relations point in Historic Philadelphia.

The Museum and other cultural institutions continue to depend on memberships and donations to maintain their ongoing services. As you know, there are many monthly costs associated with maintaining the Museum Exhibit Hall. We need your help to meet our financial obligations.

Kindly return the renewal form along with your remittance payable to the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, as soon as possible. We will acknowledge your membership renewal with a thank you letter.

All efforts of the Museum Exhibit Hall will continue to be promoted on our Internet site: PolishAmericanCenter.com, in the electronic edition of the Polish American News, on social media and during the Polish American Radio Program.

We wish you and yours the very best and thank you for Helping to Promote Polish Heritage. For more information visit the Center's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com.

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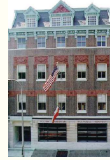
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When you make your plans, call the Museum in advance so that a representative can greet your group and give them a tour.

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South view of the exhibit hall which highlights great men and women of Polish heritage and the customs and traditions of Poland for more than a thousand years.



On the east side of the Museum's Exhibit Hall, internationally known Polish greats include: Frederyk Chopin, Marie Skłodowska Curie (Madame Curie), Pope John Paul the Great, Cardinal John Krol, and Jozef Pilsudski. **The showcases contain information about these Polish heroes and highlight Polish customs which continue to unite Polonia across the world.**



On the west side of the Museum's Exhibit Hall, internationally renowned Polish heroes include Lech Walesa, Ignacy Jan Paderewski, Henryk Sienkiewicz and Mikolaj Kopernik (Nicholas Copernicus).



The Poland-at-Arms exhibit highlights the fact that Poland was the first to fight against Hitler's Nazi's invaders during World War II. The exhibit has drawn hundreds of thousands of people remembering the tragic event that took place in Poland beginning on September 1, 1939.



The Museum's Jamestown exhibit highlights the 417th Anniversary of the First Polish settlers who arrived in America on October 1, 1608.

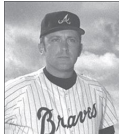


Museum visitors are able to learn more about treasured Polish customs such as Wigilia, Swieconka, Dozynki, as well as Polish Wedding Traditions.

Museum's Historic Reflections Project April

The Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Historic Philadelphia presents Historic Reflections from Polish and Polish American history on the Polish American Radio Program. The reflections are organized in a daily format. Some of the dates may be the birthday or death date of a prominent person. Other dates may celebrate a milestone in a prominent person's life such as a career promotion, invention date, or some accomplishment that contributed to science, medicine, sports, or entertainment history. Other dates may be an anniversary of a historical event in Polonia or Poland's history.

For your information, we have listed a brief outline of historic reflections for the months of April.



April 1, 1939 - Phil Niekro (Born)

Phil Niekro was a proud Polish American and well-known pitcher in Major League Baseball. He was one of the most successful knuckleball pitchers of all time, with 318 career victories. Niekro was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1997.

April 2, 2005 - Blessed John Paul II (Died)

Pope John Paul II, the beloved Cardinal of Krakow, Poland, was elected to be the shepherd of the Universal Catholic Church in October, 1978, and served as Pontiff until his death on April 2, 2005. During his 27 years as Holy Father, he was recognized as a true son of Poland and an international leader of faith and justice. He was beatified on May 1, 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI and canonized a Saint in 2014.



April 3, 1849 - Juliusz Slowacki (Died)

Juliusz Slowacki was a poet and playwright who wrote "The Trilogy of Polish History". Pope John Paul II quoted Juliusz Slowacki's works on more than one occasion. Slowacki had an influence over other great Polish poets such as Krasinski, Norwid, and Ujejski. His ashes were laid to rest in the Royal Crypt in Wawel Castle.

April 4, 1989 - Round Table Talks Ended

The Round Table Talks took place in Warsaw, Poland, between February 6th and April 4th in 1989. As a result of the Round Table Agreement, Solidarnosc became a legal political party, free elections would be scheduled and massive changes for the better began to take place in Poland. It was the beginning of the fall of Communism in central Europe.



Pulaski, Wisconsin



April 5, 1804 - Vincent Dziewanowski (Born)

Vincent Dziewanowski was an American pioneer who established the city of Pulaski, Wisconsin. This was the beginning of many schools, bridges, roads and towns named after General Casimir Pulaski.

April 6, 1953 - Janet Nowicki (Born)

Janet Nowicki is well known by her stage name, Janet Lynn, a champion figure skater who won five consecutive United States Women's National Skating Championships.



April 7, 1890 - Adam Styka (Born)

Adam Styka was a world renowned painter, born in Poland in 1890. Styka's paintings of the Wild West are regarded by some critics as the best Western paintings ever painted by an artist. His religious paintings are located in churches in Europe and the United States. He is buried in the Alley of Merit at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

April 8, 1909 - Helena Modjeska (Died)

Helena Modjeska was a Polish actress of international fame who immigrated to the United States in 1876. She became a star of American stages for many years with her portrayals of Shakespearean characters. Modjeska was the mother of Ralph Modjeski, the builder of the Benjamin Franklin and Tacony Palmyra Bridges in Philadelphia and several others across America.



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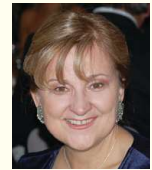
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Historic Reflections Continued • April

April 9, 1241 - Henry II the Pious (Died)

Henry II the Pious (Polish: Henryk II Pobożny), was a Piast Duke of Silesia (Wroclaw), Krakow and Southern Greater Poland from 1238 until his death. During 1238 - 1239 he served as a regent of two Piast Duchies: Sandomierz and Opole-Raciborz.



April 10, 1943 - Andrzej Badenski (Born)

Andrzej Badenski won a bronze medal in the 400 meter race in the Tokyo Olympics.

April 11, 1877 - Tomasz Arciszewski (Born)

In 1944, Tomasz Arciszewski became the Prime Minister of the Polish Government-in-Exile in London, England. In this position he was adamantly opposed to having new boundaries and a new Communist government imposed on Poland.



April 12, 1973 - Krzysztof Oliwa (Born)

Krzysztof Oliwa, born in Tychy, Poland, was an NHL hockey player for the NJ Devils, Pittsburgh Penguins, NY Rangers, Boston Bruins and Calgary Flames. Krzysztof Oliwa, known as the "Polish Hammer", always played a very physical game of hockey. He is the only player from Poland to have won a Stanley Cup.

April 13, 1872 - Jan Szczepanik (Born)

Jan Szczepanik was a Polish inventor who held several hundred patents and made over 50 discoveries, many of which are still used today in the motion picture industry, photography and television. Jan Szczepanik also worked on airplanes, helicopters and submarines.



April 14, 1895 - Wiktoria Labunski (Born)

Wiktoria Labunski, a Polish pianist and composer, was the director of the Kansas City Conservatory in Missouri from 1941 to 1958. Among his many musical accomplishments, Wiktoria Labunski received an honorary Doctorate Degree from the Curtis Music Institute of Philadelphia and was also a guest conductor of the Warsaw Philharmonic.

April 15, 1865 - Olga Boznanska (Born)

Olga Boznanska was a prominent Polish painter who was awarded the Order of Polonia Restituta in 1938. She is known for her famous portrait called Girl with Chrysanthemums.



April 16, 1935 - Bobby Vinton (Born)

Bobby Vinton is the popular singer and entertainer, who proudly celebrates his Polish American heritage. My Melody of Love is one of the many recordings associated with Bobby Vinton.

April 17, 1025 - Boleslaw Chrobry (Crowned)

Boleslaw Chrobry was King of Poland in 1025. He is known as Boleslaw the Brave for uniting and protecting the territories of Poland. He was a member of the Piast Dynasty.



April 18, 1888 - Mary Angela Truszkowska (Beatified)

Mary Angela Truszkowska founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Felix of Cantalice, the Felicians. Today the Sisters are engaged in education, health care, social service and pastoral services. Blessed Mary Angela was beatified April 18, 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

April 19, 1943 - Warsaw Ghetto Uprising

The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising was another major resistance against the Nazi troops who brutally occupied Poland during World War II.



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Historic Reflections Continued • April



April 20, 1920 - Vilna Offensive

The Vilna offensive was a campaign of the Polish-Soviet War of 1919–1921. The Polish army launched an offensive on April 16, 1919 to take Vilnius (Polish: Wilno) from the Red Army. After three days of street fighting from April 19–21, the city was captured by Polish forces causing the Red Army to retreat.

April 21, 1978 - Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz

Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz of Poland became the first woman to sail around the world alone in a 31-foot vessel. The trip took 401 days and covered 31,166 nautical miles. On April 21, 1978, Krystyna Chojnowska-Liskiewicz completed her solo trip and gained her title "The First Lady of the Oceans".



April 22, 1915 - Founding

The Polish Museum of America's Library was founded on April 22, 1915 in Chicago, Illinois, by the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America. The Library collects books and information on the history of Polonia in America and on the history of Poland.

April 23, 1989 - Mother Frances Siedliska (Beatified)

Mother Frances Siedliska was the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth in 1875. The Sisters serve in education, health care and social services in Poland, France, England and the United States. Mother Frances Siedliska was beatified on April 23, 1989, by Pope John Paul II.



April 24, 1908 - Józef Gosławski (Born)

Józef Gosławski was an author of numerous monuments and portrait sculptures, sculpture caricatures, medals, coins, renovations and drawings. His early works, generally not conserved, show some influence of cubism (self-portrait, portrait of Witold Chomicz), Szukalski's ideas (sculpture caricature of Henryk Uziębło), as well as forms similar to ideas of the Polish Applied Art Society (design of the St. Franciscus altar).

April 25, 1333 - King Casimir the Great (Coronation)

Poland's King Casimir the Great reigned between 1333 and 1370. In 1364, Casimir the Great, known by his Polish name, Kazimierz Wielki, established Poland's first university in Krakow, which became Jagiellonian University.



April 26, 1919 - Napoleon Cybulski (Died)

In 1895, Napoleon Cybulski discovered Adrenaline, a hormone which regulates brain and muscle activity.

April 27, 1941 - Marian Batko (Polish Teachers' Day)

On April 27, Polish Teachers' Day of Remembrance and Peace, about a thousand Polish teachers and students paid homage to the victims of the Auschwitz Nazi camp. The date coincides with the anniversary of the martyr-death in Auschwitz of the teacher Marian Batko, who gave his life for a 16-year-old fellow prisoner.



April 28, 1943 - Nicholas Minue (Died)

Nicholas Minue (birth unknown – died April 28, 1943) received the Medal of Honor for military service on behalf of the United States of America in World War II. He received this recognition for charging a group of German soldiers that had a machine-gun position near Medjez El Bab, Tunisia. He died during the charge. Born in Sedden, Poland, he enlisted in the United States Army in Carteret, NJ. He served in Company A, 6th Armored Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division.

April 29, 1926 - Paul Baran (Born)

Paul Baran was one of the early developers of the Internet, ATM technology, and DSL modem technology. He was born in Poland in 1926 and his family emigrated to Boston in 1928. Mr. Baran has connections to Philadelphia through Drexel University where he did his undergraduate work.




April 30, 1632 - Zygmunt III Waza (Died)

Zygmunt III Waza (20 June 1566 – 30 April 1632) was Grand Duke of Lithuania and Crown King of Poland, a monarch of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from 1587 to 1632, and King of Sweden (where he was known simply as Sigismund) from 1592 until he was deposed in 1599. He was the son of King John III of Sweden and his first wife, Catherine Jagellonica of Poland.



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During calendar year 2024 (January 1st to December 31st), 8,150 individuals received information/referral or direct assistance through Polish American Social Services and its United Social Services Outreach Programs. Services included benefits, housing counseling, advocacy, emergency services, and health care issues, with a focus on low-income elderly Eastern Europeans with language and cultural barriers to self-sufficiency. Sixty percent of them were 65 or older with an annual income in the range of \$19,500. Forty percent of the elderly benefited from our agency's cultural sensitivity. PASS assists individuals who are skeptical about the social services bureaucracy by helping them apply for programs with confidence or by referring them to an appropriate agency for specialized services, such as legal, medical, home health care, employment, and outreach assistance. PASS's broad knowledge and understanding of the social service delivery system, along with translation services; permit the agency to provide a powerful resource to its constituents. Services are provided weekdays on a regular schedule at the main office at 308 Walnut Street or through community outreach efforts and from community meetings. PASS works with an ongoing number of people annually and receives many contacts from their radio outreach, community organization referrals, local newspapers, and Internet and social media sites.

Senior Citizen Outreach Services include:

- Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications
- Water Discount application & Water Department related issues
- Pharmaceutical Assistance Program issues
- Liaison services with city, state or government and community services
- LIHEAP, Fuel Rebate Program
- Homebound individuals were assisted with a variety of services
- Health care/home care/elder care information & referrals
- Health care insurance information & referrals

Outreach services to individuals under the age of 65 include:

- Individuals received assistance with employment information & referrals.
- Individuals were assisted with information or applications for LIHEAP, the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.
- Individuals were assisted with liaison services between city, state and federal agencies and elected officials regarding social service-related issues and community services.

Ongoing Aftermath of Changing Times

Because of its extensive contact with senior citizens, UPASS is fully aware of the needs of seniors, and low and moderate income individuals. Due to the intense desire of seniors to remain self-sufficient, the demand for our outreach services has remained steady.

Special concerns of seniors include:

1. Access to family members and friends, especially those living at a distance.
2. Language barriers are often difficult for many constituents.
3. Limited income and rising costs have prompted constituents to rely on income-enhancing services provided by the staff at UPASS.
4. Our radio programs provide essential social service information, as well as entertainment.
5. Reports of crime have increased constituents' concerns.

Community Outreach Education Programs

In addition to the individuals described earlier in this report, approximately 3,625 people contacted PASS seeking information and referral after hearing self-help, and educational public service announcements sponsored by the agency on the daily Polish American Radio Program. Announcements informed listeners about special services offered by the agency and updated them on additional services offered by other social service agencies, especially resources for the elderly and for informal caregivers assisting aging parents or family members. Specific information was provided about eligibility requirements, application procedures, and common misconceptions about programs and services.

Internet Outreach

Between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024, 4,650 visitors reviewed program information on PASS's Internet site: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com or UnitedSocialServices.com

Additionally PASS welcomes contacts from:

- Senior citizen groups on an on-call basis.
- 52 churches, representing several denominations and over 50 organizations refer individuals to PASS for a variety of social service information.

Through its outreach efforts, largely in multi-cultural communities, PASS helps promote positive relations and mutual appreciation among varied ethnic and racial groups and community leaders. The agency's outreach program also addresses the needs and concerns of many individuals whose needs could not be effectively met by other agencies because of language and cultural barriers. Many of these individuals would not approach another agency for initial assistance.

PASS remains a significant partner in the Southeastern Pennsylvania area social service delivery system. PASS helps social service dollars achieve their intended positive impact on the community by linking at-risk individuals with available social programs and services, including legal, medical and mental health services, in an efficient and cost-effective, yet highly personal manner.

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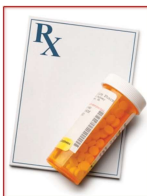
Clients wishing to visit the main office at 308 Walnut Street, or one of the outreach sites, are asked to call in advance so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need to bring with you to process your request.

You can view an outline of several programs available to senior citizens and individuals of all ages on the PASS Internet site at PolishAmericanSocialServices.com.

For additional information, call PASS, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at (215) 923-1900.

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PACE PLUS is the name being used for the PACE/PACENET programs, (the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly) that help pay for prescription drugs. The new name reflects how this program works with Medicare Part D. It can provide better coverage for those who have both PACE/NET and Medicare D. This program has two qualifying income categories for determining eligibility. Seniors, age 65 or older with incomes as follows: for PACE, a single person \$14,500; a couple \$17,700. For PACENET, a single person between \$14,501 and \$33,500 or a couple between \$17,701 and \$41,500. For more info and to get an application call PASS at (215) 923-1900.



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65 years of age or older
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Those who qualify will receive a 25% discount on every monthly water bill. There are many people still eligible who have not applied.

For more information or an application contact PASS at 215-923-1900. For more info visit: PolishAmericanSocialServices.com

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Those who qualify will receive a freeze on their City of Philadelphia property taxes.

For an application or additional information, call PASS's United Social Services Outreach Program, Monday through Friday, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. at **215-923-1900**.

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People seeking employment often contact PASS. The staff will be pleased to alert job seekers of **Job Openings** that have been reported.

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PASS encourages job-seeking clients to prepare an outline of their work experience, or a resume, before they apply for any type of employment. A written resume helps job seekers present their job qualifications to a prospective employer. A PASS staff associate can review your current resume, update it, or develop a new one with you to prepare you for your job interview.

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In addition to serving the Polish/Slavic communities in Southeastern Pennsylvania, our agency also assists constituents from several additional ethnic groups and welcomes referrals from over 100 community organizations. Our agency also receives requests for assistance from additional states, especially when family and friends who have assisted them have since relocated. With your support, we can remain a one-stop point of contact by helping all individuals focus on their self sufficiency and be able to assist people access city and statewide and federal forms of assistance.

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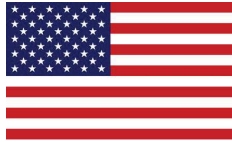
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Our efforts have resulted in shipping twelve 40-foot sea containers, totaling over 160 tons of essential items, including medical supplies, non-perishable food, clothing, diapers, school supplies, blankets, candles, sleeping bags, and toys. However, as the conflict in Ukraine continues, our mission remains incomplete. We currently have sufficient donations for four more containers but lack the \$6,000 needed per container for shipping totaling \$24,000. Unless we can secure this funding, these donations of essential items will never reach the people of Ukraine. Therefore, we need your financial support to ship and distribute these essential supplies to the people in Ukraine. Your generosity is crucial to the success of our efforts!

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Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on **609-381-4991**.

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Sunday, June 29, 2025

70th Anniversary
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Come celebrate this joyous and momentous milestone
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His Excellency Nelson Perez, Archbishop of Philadelphia,
will concelebrate a Jubilee Mass with other invited archbishops,
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*We invite you to join us at 11:30 A.M. in the Main Church
on June 29th for this very special Jubilee Celebration.*

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Polish Supplementary School Council in America
Cordially invites you to the
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at the
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Sunday, May 11, 2025

This event is combined with the celebration of the 100th
Anniversary of the organization. We invite Polish schools,
students, parents, teachers, directors, and all Polish-American
families.

Celebration Program:
10:30 AM – planting the “Tree of Remembrance”
11:00 AM – Holy Mass in St. Anne’s Chapel
12 Noon – refreshments for children and youth
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12:45 PM – Concert - Schools

Each school has the opportunity to present a
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For more info call: **Anna Tracz at 732-278-9026.**

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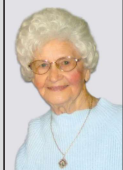
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Polish Participated at the Cultural Heritage Mass

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, a Cultural Heritage Mass took place at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter & Paul, in center city Philadelphia. The theme was “One Faith, Many Cultures, One Family”.

Prior to the Mass, a procession of ethnic groups - Native American, Asian, African, European, Hispanic, Caribbean and Brazilian, dressed in their heritage attire, took place. The Polish Language schools, St. John Cantius Polish Language School and St. Adalbert Polish Language School participated at the Mass. The principal celebrant and homilist of the Mass was Bishop John McIntyre, who took time to take photos with the groups after Mass.

What a beautiful way of learning more about the various cultures!



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Philadelphia Sister Cities Youth Exchange Program

On Monday, March 31, 2025, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia member schools, Carver High School for Science and Engineering, and Science Leadership Academy Center City, along with students from the Copernicus High School in Torun, Poland, visited the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, where they were treated to lunch and Polish hospitality. During their stay in Philadelphia, the Polish students from Torun, Poland, are being hosted by the World Affairs Council member schools. **Philadelphia and Torun are Sister Cities!**



Group photo of the school students holding the flag from the Kujawsko Pomorskie Province flag of Poland.

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From the Desk of
Michael Blichasz
American Workers Advocate

Host of Saturday Variety Program at 11 A.M.
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I welcome you to review the information from my recent weekly commentaries and ask that you share this information with others.

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The First Weekend of Each Month!

As more Americans help to spread the word about restoring jobs and America's economy, **everyone is urged to help us promote "National Small Business Weekend" on the First Friday, Saturday and Sunday of every month.**



We began this special campaign in response to local businesses stating that they lost a lot of customers to larger stores and shopping malls. In order to help local businesses, we encourage our supporters to shop local more often and **we began the National Small Business Weekend effort**

to bring attention to the fact that local businesses need your business. This effort has been very successful as it helped people know how important local businesses are to their communities and helped us focus more attention on the mission of the Buy American Made Campaign.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities across America. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed. **Additionally, 70% or more of every dollar spent at local businesses is re-circulated within your local economy.** After restocking merchandise, business owners pay general operational expenses, taxes, employee salaries, and are able to support themselves. As you spend your dollars at local stores you also have the opportunity to speak with store owners and ask them to seek out larger selections of American made products.

As more American consumers shop locally and seek out American made products, they help American based manufacturing facilities remain open and expand manufacturing in the United States of America. As you and I direct our purchasing power to support American Made products and local businesses FIRST, we are helping to save jobs for Americans and helping to make more job opportunities possible.

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Special thanks to everyone helping us promote a good Education for America and the expansion of the Trades and Industrial Arts Programs in America's schools. Just 30 years ago, junior high and high school students were offered reading, writing, math, history and a variety of TRADE classes like: Plumbing, Electrical, Heating and Air Conditioning, Mechanics, Carpentry, Automotive, as well as Industrial Arts classes like: Engineering, Drafting, Clothing Design and Manufacturing, Welding, and dozens of others that reflect skills needed by America's businesses.

Closing down so many of the trade programs over the years has hurt America's students and added to the skilled workers shortage in the United States. With a new focus on the shortage of skilled workers in America, we look for America's students to once again be exposed to many more aspects of education during their junior and high school years.



Additionally, every year there is a critical need to replace the skilled workers who are retiring. If America does not have enough young workers to fill jobs, businesses will continue to have reasons to outsource manufacturing around the world and downsize their domestic operations in the United States. **We can't allow this to continue, so it's up to all of us to contact and urge national and local elected officials, local school boards, school superintendents and principals to expand the Trades and Industrial Arts Programs in every school possible.**

When you make your calls, ask them for a written reply for your records.

I welcome you to share your responses with me so I can share them with our supporters. Email me at: Michael@AmericanWorkersRadio.com.

America's Consumers Are Making Our Future Better!

As we look around, we are seeing the results of what happens when America's consumers direct more of their spending in support of American made products and services. **Focusing on American made is helping businesses in the United States be able to offer more job opportunities to American workers, which benefits America's families and America's future.**

Many of the industries that downsized in America are NOW expanding their product lines in the United States to meet the demands of America's shoppers, which is changing the way business is being done in the United States. It is extremely important that we remain focused on the goal of the **Buy American Made Campaign** so that more businesses will return to the United States, which will also help our goal to **restore competitive products with a made in the U.S.A. label.**

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Now that more supporters are looking at labels and speaking up in support of American made, we have to remember that every time we promote American made and ask our supporters to encourage others to join our campaign, it's

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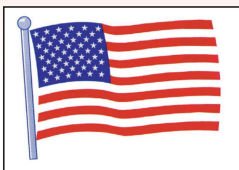


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You can view the Exhibit at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum Exhibit Hall, 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia.

More information about Poland's May 3rd Constitution will be published in the May 2025 edition of the Polish American News.

Comparison of the World's First Democratic Constitutions

The Constitution of the United States of America was the world's first democratic constitution. Poland's Constitution of May 3, 1791, became the world's second and Europe's first constitution. Although Poland's parliamentary system of representative government began in the early 1400's, it was not until 1791 that political leaders achieved democratic reform of the government, nearly two years after the ratification of the American constitution. Both constitutions were drafted in secret and later publicly ratified.

Following the American model, the Polish constitution established a system of checks and balances with three independent branches of government - executive, legislative and judicial. Both constitutions stressed the principles of equality, tolerance, liberty, secret ballot and rule by majority.

Both constitutions established an executive branch, a king in Poland and a president in America, each with specific privileges and limitations, monitored by a two-house legislative branch: the Polish general assembly, or Sejm, with an upper Chamber of Senators and a lower Chamber of Deputies, and the U.S. Congress with a Senate and House of Representatives. The American vice president presided over the Senate and the Polish king presided over the Chamber of Senators, each casting the tie-breaking vote when necessary. The king and president served as commanders-in-chief of the armed forces and chief guardians of the law and appointed persons to high offices in government, such as chief advisors or ministers, ambassadors and supreme court justices. Unlike the U.S. Congress, however, the Polish Sejm had the power, by two-thirds majority of the combined houses, to force the King to remove an undesirable appointed official.

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United States Constitution - First Democratic Constitution in the World
Drafted on September 17, 1787 - Ratified in 1789



Poland's Constitution - Second Oldest Democratic Constitution in the World
Drafted in 1788 - Enacted on May 3, 1791

Both constitutions made provisions for change, amendments in the U.S. and a review of the constitution every twenty five years in Poland.

Also each nation's chief executive was selected by indirect election. U.S. presidents were chosen by electors selected by state legislatures (the Electoral College), and the Polish king came from a prominent family selected by the Sejm. Only the House of Representatives and the Chamber of Deputies were elected directly by popular vote. Also, initially, American states selected federal senators and the Polish king appointed senators.

Both constitutions, landmarks in world history, were ultimately inspired by the principles of limited government, or shared authority, of John Locke and power to the people of Henri Rousseau.

"We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union...do ordain and establish this Constitution...." (U.S. Constitution, 1789)

"All authority in human society takes its beginning in the will of the people." (Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791)

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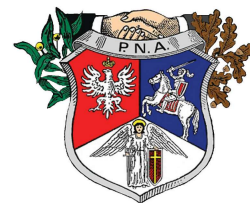
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