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POLISH 2026
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FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

September 5, 6, 7 (Labor Day Weekend) & September 12-13, 2026 ♦ 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM



Celebrating 60 Years of Sharing Our Polish Heritage, Customs and Traditions!



Festival Admission
\$15.00 *Per Person*

Admission Includes:
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Polka Lessons with Gerry & Regina
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2nd Prize - \$2500.
3rd Prize - \$1000.
4th Prize - \$500.
5th Prize - \$250.



Tickets \$5.00 each
or 6 tickets for \$25.00.

Tickets available at the Shrine,
on the Festival Grounds & online at
www.polishamericanfestival.org/sweepstakes

Drawing Sunday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 PM.
You need not be present to win.



*See the
entertainment
schedule
on the back page!*



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Zapiekanki
Gofry (Polish Waffles)
Fried Pierogi Bites

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Entertainment Schedule

Day 1: Saturday, September 5, 2026	
Pavilion Stage Heroes featuring Eddie Biegaj 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Dennis Polisky & The Maestro's Men 4:00PM-8:00PM	Village Stage Polish Musical Artist Adam Chrola 12:00 Noon-4:00PM DJ Grzegorz 4:00PM-8:00PM
Day 2: Sunday, September 6, 2026	
Pavilion Stage DynaBrass 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Eddie Forman Orchestra 4:00PM-8:00PM	Village Stage DJ Grzegorz 12:00 Noon-4:00PM John Gora & Gorale 4:00PM-8:00PM
Day 3: Monday, September 7, 2026	
Pavilion Stage T.K.O. 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Polka Family 4:00PM-8:00PM	Village Stage John Gora & Gorale 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Blue Sky featuring Nick & The City Slicks 4:00PM-8:00PM
Day 4: Saturday, September 12, 2026	
Pavilion Stage MonValley Push 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Rick Anton's Jersey Polka Company 4:00PM-8:00PM	Village Stage Zespol "Top Dance" 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Windstar 4:00PM-8:00PM
Day 5: Sunday, September 13, 2026	
Pavilion Stage Polish American String Band 12:45PM-2:30PM Robbie Lawrence & The Steelworkers 4:00PM-8:00PM	Village Stage Windstar 12:00 Noon-4:00PM Blue Sky 4:00PM-8:00PM

Additional Entertainment by:

Jelski Family Ensemble
The Little Circus

Polish Folk Dance Groups:

PKM (Philadelphia, PA)
Janosik (Philadelphia, PA)
Galopka (Passaic, NJ)
Wislanie (Baltimore, MD)

Performers & schedule subject to change without prior notice.

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Cafeteria/Deli 12pm-4:30pm*
Except Sundays - Open regular hours
Cafeteria: 10am-3:30pm
Deli: 9am-3:30pm
*** Times subject to change**

Festival Mass Schedule

Saturday - Sept. 5 & 12
7:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM* & 11:30
AM, 5:00 PM Vigil

Sunday - Sept. 6 & 13
8:00, 9:30*, 11:00 AM, 12:30
PM*, 2:30 PM & 5:00 PM

Monday - Sept. 7 (Labor Day)
7:30, 8:00, 9:00 AM* & 11:30
AM

*** Masses in Polish**
All other Masses in English

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Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, in Philadelphia, PA



50,000 pedestrians heading to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia.

On Saturday, July 11, 2026, the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia, PA was closed to motorists from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Instead, despite the heat and humidity, it was filled with 50,000 pedestrians, including strollers, wheelchairs, bikers, as they crossed to and across the bridge to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the bridge, which was officially opened on July 1, 1926.

There were vendors, food trucks, entertainment for children and music on the Camden side for everyone to enjoy. A speakers’ platform was set up in front of the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) administration building where Philadelphia’s and New Jersey’s Mayors, along with John Hanson, Chief Executive Officer of DRPA; Michael Britt, President and Chief Executive Officer of Modjeski and Masters; and Thomas Murphy, Senior Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, all complimented the Chief Engineer and Bridge Builder, Ralph Modjeski and his team as well as all the workers that built and maintained the bridge for 100 years!

In the audience were members of various Polish American organizations including the Council of Polish Engineers in North America, Polish American Cultural Center, Polish American Congress, Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia and many others.

At noon, the Polish Heritage Society members, along with others, held a wreath laying ceremony at the large bronze historic plaque located on the plaza at the western entrance to the bridge. A wreath of white and red flowers with the sign “Polish Embassy Honors Ralph Modjeski” was placed near to where Modjeski’s name appears as Chief Engineer on the plaque.

It was an Incredible Day! Thank you for your attendance!



Representatives of Modjeski & Masters gathered for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, which connects Philadelphia and New Jersey. Pictured are Michael Britt, President & CEO of Modjeski & Masters, Thomas Murphy, Chief Technical Officer, Erin Bray, Communications Coordinator, and associates. It was a great celebration and a tribute to Ralph Modjeski, Chief Engineer, and all the people who helped build and who worked on the Benjamin Franklin Bridge during the last 100 years.



From left to right: Agnieszka Simon, Jewels Teneva Rogowska, President of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, Joseph Buss, and Michael Blichasz, President of the Polish American Cultural Center.



The Benjamin Franklin Bridge connecting Philadelphia and New Jersey.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge, in Philadelphia, PA



At the Wreath Laying Ceremony from left to right: Brenda Bagonis-Cooke, Agnieszka Simon, Jewls Teneva Rogowska, President of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland, Debbie Majka, Joseph Buss and Peter Obst.



Alexandra Radlinska & Mirosław Niedziński, following the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia, at the Polish Engineers Society Symposium at the Ethical Society on Rittenhouse Square.



Danuta & Marian Bielawiec with Ralph Modjeski Pattison, great grandson of Ralph Modjeski, at the 100th Anniversary of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge Celebration.



Ralph Modjeski Pattison, great grandson of Ralph Modjeski, speaking at the Symposium.



More than 50,000 pedestrians at the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia.



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SAVE THE DATE

Second Street Polish Society Summer Polish Party “Zabawa nad Morzem” Saturday, August 15, 2026 Keenan’s

113 Olde New Jersey Avenue
North Wildwood, NJ 08260

3 to 7 P.M. Tickets Sold at the Door
Info call Ron Gutleber (215) 266-9333, or
Bill Yurkow (215) 303-9043.

*Proceeds will be used to fund the
Society Scholarship program for local students.*

Polish American Cultural Center

Museum Online Outreach Continues to Grow

Since the year 1997, we saw that welcoming tourists to one physical location in the Heart of Historic Philadelphia needed to be enhanced, so we expanded our **MUSEUM ONLINE** Internet link on **PolishAmericanCenter.com**.

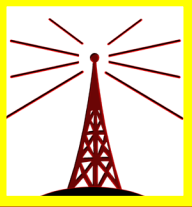
The Museum ONLINE allows people to visit our Internet site 24 hours-day and see highlights of Historic Reflections, Featured Men and Women of Polish Heritage, Polish history, customs and special events celebrated by people of Polish heritage throughout the world. It is also used by students for school projects and is available for everyone to see from: **PolishAmericanCenter.com**.

We thank everyone who supports this ever growing project.

In 2008, the Polish American Cultural Center began and has maintained the Internet site **PlanYourVisitToHistoricPhiladelphia.com**, which welcomes tourists to visit Historic Philadelphia.

See all of our efforts at: **PolishAmericanCenter.com**

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12PM to 6PM

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**Polish American Heritage Association
Manayunk, Roxborough & Surrounding Areas Group**

In cooperation with Polish American Cultural Center
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For information about our upcoming meeting, contact:
Helen Cyzio (215) 482-3040



Michael Blichasz
President
Polish American
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I join with the Organizations in our Tri-State area in Extending
Best Wishes to the Members of the American Council of Polish Culture
as You Gather in Philadelphia for Your 78th Annual Convention.



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93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade
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Sunday, October 4, 2026
More details at: PulaskiDayParade.com

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The Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia



cordially invites you to the

American Council for Polish Culture Awards Banquet

**because of the ACPC Convention in Philadelphia
this banquet will replace the Annual Poloniase Ball this year**

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Marriott Old City Hotel

2 Dock Street, Philadelphia, PA

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar, Dance Music by Clear Day

7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Elegant Sit-Down Dinner, Dancing

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Awards Ceremony

Tickets: \$120 per person \$100 for students

For questions, please contact

Debbie Majka

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The first Friday, Saturday & Sunday of Every Month

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POLISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE ASSOCIATION OF BERKS COUNTY
ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 23, 2026 – 1PM

Buffet will be served at 1:30PM

LOWER ALSACE FIRE CO. PICNIC GROVE

(Roosevelt & Columbia Avenues, Stoney Creek Mills – Behind Social Quarters)

On-street parking (lot is for Lower Alsace Members)

Food will include: Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Chicken, Kielbasa, Various Salads, Mac & Cheese, Cowboy Beans, Ring Bologna & Cheese, Pickles, Chips & Pretzels, Rolls & Condiments and Desserts. Also included in the cost will be beer, soda and water. Join us for an afternoon of good food and good company. Music by our member, “DJ Victor”.

MEMBERS: \$15.00

NON-MEMBERS: \$20.00

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!

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Reservations Deadline is Monday, August 10th.

Call Nadine at 610-736-3035, or use our QR code in this ad.



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FALL FOLIAGE/POLISH DELIS & MORE

Join us as we travel north to the Pocono mountains taking in the Fall foliage as we head to East Stroudsburg and Stroudsburg where you can shop at a Polish deli or an old-fashion country store (Country Kettle), visit a museum or an art gallery or just explore. We leave from the Lowe’s parking lot in Exeter at 10:00am on **Sunday, October 11, 2026**. We arrive in East Stroudsburg at Noon and Stroudsburg at approximately 2:45pm. We will depart Stroudsburg at 7:00pm and arrive back in Reading at 8:55pm.

MEMBER PRICE: \$55.00

NON-MEMBER: \$60.00

(includes driver’s gratuity)

Payment required with reservation. Bus seating based on receipt of reservation.

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DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

For more info or questions, call Marilyn Wlaszewski at 610-779-5523.

Please return this portion along with your payment. Check should be made payable to PAHABC and mail to: Marilyn Wlazewski, 804 Gibraltar Road, Reading, PA 19606 or use the QR Code below and be sure to enter the name(s) and contact number.

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**PILGRIMAGE OF POLONIA TO
OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA - DOYLESTOWN, PA**



Michael Pajak

On **Saturday, August 22 2026, at 6 pm**, the chapters of the John Paul II Foundation will gather for a banquet during which they will present the “Fidelity to the Legacy of St. John Paul II Award” to Mr. Michael Pajak, a long time dedicated leader in Polonia having served as president of the New York Society of the John Paul II Foundation for 27 years. His generosity and dedication have greatly advanced the organization’s mission. During the banquet Mr. John Grondelski, Deputy Director, State Department for U.S. Citizens outside the U.S., will be the keynote speaker.

Mr. Pajak’s biography will be published in the September edition of the Polish American News.

This year’s pilgrimage also coincides with the regional assembly of the eastern US state chapters of the John Paul II Foundation, including Washington, DC, New Jersey, New York, New England, and Philadelphia. During this gathering, the chapters will share with one another how they extend the legacy of St. John Paul II through activities and initiatives in their respective localities.



Jagwiga Kopala

On **Sunday, August 23, 2026**, the National Polish Apostolate Committee in the United States will confer its distinguished Pride of Polonia Award on Mrs. Jagwiga Kopala during a ceremony at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. The Pride of Polonia Award is presented annually to recognize an individual who has made exemplary contributions to the life of the Polish diaspora and community in the United States.

Mrs. Kopala’s biography will be published in the September edition of the Polish American News.

The Polish Apostolate invites everyone to observe the Polish custom of celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa by making a pilgrimage to the American Czestochowa located at 654 Ferry Road in Doylestown, PA on **Sunday, August 23, 2026**. A tribute program which will include musical selections commemorating the 250th Anniversary of U.S. Independence emphasizing Polonia’s contributions will take place at the Shrine at 12 Noon. Celebration of the Holy Mass will follow at 12:30 p.m. with Archbishop Thomas Wenski, Archbishop of Miami, as the main celebrant and the Most Reverend Witold Mroziowski, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn, as the homilist. All are warmly invited!

The Polish Apostolate Committee, affiliated with the Bishops Committee on Migration of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops, is dedicated to serving Catholics of Polish origin. Reverend Dariusz Gościński, pastor of Sacred Heart Church in New Britain, Connecticut, serves as chairman of the Polish Apostolate.

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Clients are asked to call so that a Social Service Representative can tell you what documentation you will need 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.

Job Seeker and Job Training Outreach

If you are considering a job training program that can help you attain or retain long-term employment, contact PASS for more information. The outreach program is especially important to individuals who are unemployed due to company closings or relocations. PASS will share information about Pennsylvania area Job Training Programs to help you become more employable in a changing job market. Call PASS’s Employment Outreach Representative for more information at (215) 923-1900.

Do You Have A Resume?

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.

This service is available from Polish American Social Services. Call to make an appointment for this free service at (215) 923-1900.

What If I Am Satisfied With My Current Resume?

If you are already satisfied with your resume, live in the State of Pennsylvania and want to share your availability with potential employers, mail your resume to PASS and your resume will be shared with prospective employers. Email your resume to:

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Polish American Social Services**
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Kindly include qualifications needed, starting salary and where to go for an application and interview.

State of Pennsylvania

Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program

To help with the rising costs of living, you can apply for the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program.

**PROGRAM EXTENDED UNTIL
DECEMBER 31st.**



**READ THIS ARTICLE CAREFULLY
TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY FOR A
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This rebate program is a “look back” program. This means that to calculate a rebate, you calculate the property taxes or rent the household paid and the income you received during the last calendar year.

Who is eligible for a rebate?

There are many different individuals that may qualify for a rebate. They must fall into one of the categories below and meet certain income guidelines.

1. A person or their spouse that is 65 years of age or older, or
2. Widows or widowers 50 years of age or older, or
3. Permanently DISABLED individuals 18 years of age or older.
4. The income cap for both homeowners or renters is \$48,110 annually.

What are the income guidelines and how much of a rebate is expected?

For Homeowners or Renters:

Income Range	Rebate Amount
\$0 - \$8,550	\$1,000
\$8,551 - \$16,040	\$770
\$16,041 - \$19,240	\$460
\$19,241 - \$48,110	\$380

Note: Applicants can exclude one-half of all social security income.

Any homeowner who collected Social Security, and received a property tax rebate last year should file a property tax rebate form again this year. Kindly note: only 50% of your social security income is counted for this rebate program. Any renter who collected Social Security and received a rent rebate last year should apply again this year. Kindly note: discounting 50% of your Social Security income when applying for this rebate.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ONLY COUNT ONE- HALF OF SOCIAL SECURITY, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT TIER 1 BENEFITS WHEN CALCULATING ELIGIBILITY INCOME.

Do I ever have to repay this rebate or will a lien be placed on the property?

No. Absolutely NOT! No Lien is placed on the property nor does the rebate have to be repaid. Furthermore the rebate is not considered as income for any other program.

Who do I call if I have questions or how can I get an application?

For more information, to get an application or to get help completing the application call Polish American Social Services at (215) 923-1900.

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From the Desk of
Michael Blichasz
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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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A Challenge for National Elected Leaders and the News Media!

We often hear in the News Media that the American people are divided. Our supporters feel this is an appropriate time for the News Media and America’s National Elected Leaders to JOIN TOGETHER to let us know how the American People can be more united.

Are we divided because of the ongoing effects of inflation, the need for more jobs and job skills, the need for more trade programs in America’s schools, in need of a more realistic cost of living, a reduction of poverty in America, or other difficulties?

It would be good if the NEWS MEDIA helped us answer the questions that need to be answered for the well-being of all Americans, “Why are the American People divided?”

This is also an excellent opportunity for America’s 535 National Elected leaders in Washington, DC, who are elected and paid to serve the needs and concerns of the American people, to offer their thoughts on what will help UNITE the American people. Many people feel it’s time to address inflation, create more jobs and job skills for our fellow Americans, more trade programs in America’s schools and focus on reducing poverty.

The goal of creating more jobs in America will certainly help unite the American people, businesses, & workers.

The presidential, congressional and senatorial campaigns allow national candidates of both parties to document how they will **unite us for the benefit of the American people and help promote American businesses, large and small, employing American workers in a more vibrant economy in the United States of America, which will benefit all Americans.**

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Every day we hear reasons why jobs LEFT the United States, but it is more important to focus on restoring jobs for the future of American workers so past mistakes do not continue to be made!

As the American people saw industries close, jobs for Americans being relocated to foreign countries, job skills and paychecks for Americans being lost, and more buildings with For Sale and For Rent signs, it should have been a red flag for EVERY American, especially elected political leaders. **Some people tell me they thought other types of jobs would replace those being lost, while others say they did not know what to do or who to contact to voice their concerns.** There should have been a major response from America’s national leaders **35 years ago** as they watched large numbers of businesses and jobs moving out of America.

Back in 1999 we began American Workers Need You and the Buy American Made Campaign and encouraged a public outcry from every sector of America’s business and employment base. It would have been good if there was more guidance from America’s elected leaders who simply responded, “this happens in a free market economy”. Our response to their response has always been, “how about the well-being of American Workers, America’s families and large and small American based businesses that we need in the United States”?

In order to change our situation, EVERYONE is asked to be a Buy American Made Campaign promoter by speaking up in support of American made and by spending money on products made and assembled in the United States of America.

Get EVERYONE Involved!

Many people who retired in the last 15 to 20 years tell us that they have been watching how the loss of jobs to foreign countries has not been favorable to America’s economic future. They remember when skilled jobs were plentiful, and American goods were widely available on store shelves, and how they often worked overtime to keep up with the demand of producing, shipping and selling products proudly made in the United States of America.

Today, many Americans feel that our national elected leaders have been too focused on a global economy and have not been addressing the harm that outsourcing American jobs has caused America’s economy, America’s workforce and how it added to America’s growing national debt. Americans agree it is up to National Elected Leaders to be the leading force we need in order to restore America’s economy and America’s prosperity.

To help get America’s economy back on track, everyone is urged to contact their local, state and national elected officials to refocus on finding ways to assist businesses to restore American made products and more jobs for American workers rather than remaining silent while more industries and jobs are relocated to foreign countries.

The Buy American Made Campaign has been helping people understand that America’s consumers have more power than they realize as they direct their spending power toward American made products and supporting businesses that offer American Made products.

Your participation is VERY IMPORTANT and you are asked to spread the word to others and ask them to look for, ask for, and purchase American made products everywhere possible!

Support Your Local Businesses Throughout the Year and During

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The First Friday, Saturday and Sunday of Every Month



Since 2012

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.”** We began this special campaign in **March, 2012**, in response to local businesses stating that they lost customers to larger stores. In order to help local businesses, we encouraged supporters of the **Buy American Made Campaign** to shop local more often and began the **National Small Business Weekend** effort to show our supporters how important local businesses are to their communities.

The fact of the matter is that there are millions of locally-owned private sector businesses in communities all over the United States. **Locally owned businesses employ over 60 million American workers** and they need your business throughout the year to keep people employed.

For more information, visit NationalSmallBusinessWeekend.com.

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Polish Army Veterans Day at Polanka's

On Sunday, August 2, 2026, Polonia celebrated Polish Veterans Day, sponsored by the Polish Army Veterans Association of Lucyan Chwalkowski Post #12, at Polanka, 3258 Knights Road, in Bensalem, PA.

A gorgeous day began with Mass celebrated by Rev. Konstanty Pruszyński, Chaplain of the Polish Army Veterans Post #12, followed by a beautiful program commemorating the 87th Anniversary of the Invasion of Poland. A Polish Soldiers' dinner, with music by DJ Joe Narodowski, followed the program in Polanka's Ballroom.

Compliments to Jacek Sklarski, Commander of the Polish Army Veterans Post #12, Tadeusz Antoniak, National Commander of the Polish Army Veterans, as well as all the Polish Army Veterans for keeping Polish history alive.



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Polish American Cultural Center
Historic Reflections Project - August

The Polish American Cultural Center 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 selection of historic reflections for the month of August.

PACC Historic Reflections Project Part 1



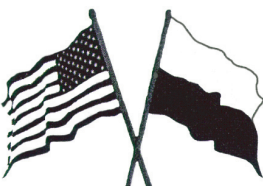
August 1, 1943 - Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (Executed by Nazis)
The Eleven Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazereth were arrested and executed by Nazi soldiers in Nowogrodek, Poland, in 1943. The sisters, who administered an orphanage in Nowogrodek, were taken to the outer limits of the town, shot and buried in a common grave.

August 2, 1940 - Kosciuszko Squadron #303 was formed
The Polish pilots of the Kosciuszko Squadron #303, attached to the RAF, fought valiantly in the Battle of Britain in 1940. The Kosciuszko Squadron downed 126 enemy aircraft, winning the admiration of the British government and people.



August 3, 1924 - Joseph Conrad (Died)
Jozef Korzeniowski, better known as Joseph Conrad, is an internationally respected author in the Polish and English languages. He is known for his works *Lord Jim* and *Heart of Darkness*.

August 4, 1904 - Witold Marian Gombrowicz (Born)
Witold Marian Gombrowicz was a Polish novelist and dramatist. His works are characterized by deep psychological analysis, a certain sense of paradox and an absurd, anti-nationalist flavor. He gained fame only during the last years of his life but is now considered one of the foremost figures of Polish literature.



August 5, 1981 - Polish American Heritage Month (Founding)
Polish American Heritage Month began in the City of Philadelphia, PA. A few years later it was moved to October to include schools and the fall season activities. 2026 marks the 45th anniversary of this effort which has become a successful national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride.

August 6, 1955 - Senator John F. Kennedy (Visit)
Senator John F. Kennedy visited Poland on August 6, 1955. He made a pilgrimage to Czestochowa, and returned to the United States with great admiration for the faith of the Polish people.



August 7, 1942 - Kazimierz Barbarski (Born)
Kazimierz Barbarski won the bronze medal for fencing in the 1968 Olympic Games in Ciudad de México.

August 8, 1915 - Fr. Kornelian Dende (Born)
Fr. Kornelian Dende was the director of the Fr. Justin Rosary Program in 1915. The Fr. Justin Program can be heard on radio stations throughout the United States. You can hear the program anytime from: RosaryHour.com.



August 9, 1988 - Polish American Cultural Center Museum (Opening)
The opening of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum at 308 Walnut Street in Historic Philadelphia took place on August 9, 1988. On this date, Vice President, George Bush Sr., along with John Cardinal Krol and members of Polonia, gathered to cut the ribbon at the new museum, which is a Polish American focal point for visitors to Historic Philadelphia.

For more information about Historic Reflectoins visit:
PolishAmericanCenter.org/hr

Preparing for the
Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia

The 93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia will take place on **Sunday, October 4, 2026, on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Center City.**

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

The 2026 Pulaski Day Parade Theme:

As America Marks the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Polish Americans Proudly Mark the 418th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers at Jamestown, VA in 1608.



The Parade will be televised on WPVI TV 6 ABC from **12:30 to 2 P.M.**

For now, kindly **mark Sunday, October 4th on your calendar** and look for additional information to be announced on the **Polish American Radio Program** and in the **Polish American News.**



If you have any questions or suggestions call **Theresa Romanowski, Parade Contact, at the Polish American Cultural Center, Monday through Friday between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M. at 215-922-1700.** More info will be listed in future editions of the **Polish American News.**



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PACC Historic Reflections Project Part 2



August 10, 1898 - Tadeusz Mostowicz (Born)
Tadeusz Mostowicz was a Polish journalist and author of over a dozen popular novels. He is best known for *The Career of Nicodemus Dyzma*, the book that inspired Jerzy Kosinski’s 1971 novel, *Being There*.

August 11, 1950 - Steve Wozniak (Born)

Steve Wozniak, also known as “Woz,” is a Polish American computer engineer who invented the Apple I and Apple II computers. His invention of the Apple personal computer led to the largest computer revolution in history.



August 12, 1915 - Alexander Wojciechowicz (Born)
Alexander Francis Wojciechowicz was a professional football player in the National Football League. He was an offensive lineman and linebacker for the Detroit Lions and Philadelphia Eagles.

August 13, 1920 - Battle of Warsaw

Polish soldiers, led by Marshal Jozef Pilsudski and General Wladyslaw Sikorski in the Battle of Warsaw against the Bolsheviks, fought from August 13th to August 18th in 1920. Poland’s victory stopped the Bolsheviks from spreading their revolution across Europe.



August 14, 1941 - Fr. Maximilian Kolbe (Executed) 85th Anniversary (1941-2026)
Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest, who has been canonized a saint, asked to be executed in the place of Franciszek Gajowniczek, another Pole detained at the Nazi Auschwitz death camp. In return, Fr. Kolbe was sentenced to a slow death by starvation and Franciszek Gajowniczek, whose life was spared, was eventually reunited with his family. On August 14, 1941, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe was executed by lethal injection because the Nazis felt his death by starvation was taking too long.

August 15, 1935 - Waldemar Baszanowski (Born)

Waldemar Baszanowski, a famous Polish weightlifter, won gold medals at Olympic competitions in 1964 and 1968, as well as five world weightlifting championships.



August 16, 1905 - Marian Rejewski (Born)
Marian Rejewski was one of a three man team of mathematicians that cracked the German Enigma code during World War II. Rejewski’s fellow mathematicians and cryptologists were Jerzy Rozycki and Henryk Zygalski who were recognized in past historic reflections.

August 17, 1896 - Robert Chodasiewicz (Died)

Robert Chodasiewicz, a Polish military officer, offered his service to the Union Army during the American Civil War. Robert Chodasiewicz served with distinction and upon completion of the war, immigrated to Argentina.



August 18, 1937 - Edward Stachura (Born)
Edward Stachura was a Polish poet, philosopher and writer. He has over 18 major works to his credit and was one of the most interesting writers of the post war generation. The major theme in his works is the connection between art and reality.

August 19, 2002 - Marek Kotanski (Died)

Marek Kotanski was a Polish psychologist who practiced social work in Poland helping the sick, poor and homeless. Kotanski started many successful programs which still operate today.



August 20, 1898 - Leopold Infeld (Born)
Dr. Leopold Infeld was a noted Polish physicist who worked with Albert Einstein at Princeton University. The two scientists co-formulated the equation describing star movements.

August 21, 1907 - Henry Archacki (Born)

Henry Archacki, founder of the Polish American Historical Association and historian, chaired the committee to have Paderewski’s heart enshrined at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.



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August 22, 1939 - Carl Yastrzemski (Born)
Carl Yastrzemski was a Major League baseball player and the hitting star of the Boston Red Sox. Yastrzemski, won the Triple Crown in 1967, hitting .326, with 44 home runs and 121 RBI's.

August 23, 1778 - Jozef Hoene-Wronski (Born)
Jozef Hoene-Wronski was a Polish mathematician, philosopher, economist, lawyer and military officer who served under General Thaddeus Kosciuszko during the Polish Insurrection of 1794.



August 24, 1975 - Ed Halicki (No Hitter)
Ed Halicki is a former Major League baseball pitcher, who on this day in 1975, threw a no hitter for the San Francisco Giants against the New York Mets in a 6-0 victory.

August 25, 1905 - Helena Kowalska (Born)
Helena Kowalska entered the convent in Krakow, Poland. Her convent name was Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska and through her visions, she brought about the Divine Mercy devotions which have now spread around the world. Sr. Faustina Kowalska was canonized a saint of the Catholic Church.

August 26 - Our Lady of Czestochowa (Feast Day)
On this Feast day, Polish people all over the world honor Our Lady of Czestochowa as the patroness of Poland. Celebrations are held at the Shrine in Czestochowa, Poland, the Shrine in Doylestown, PA, and hundreds of places named after the beloved Czarna Madonna (Black Madonna).

August 27, 1890 - Polish Union of the United States of America (Founded)
The Polish Union of the United States of America was a fraternal organization started by Msgr. Majer in St. Paul, MI in 1890. The organization is now headquartered in Wilkes-Barre, PA and promotes the well-being of its members as well as Polish culture and pride.

August 28, 1932 - Franciszek Zwirko (Won Aviation Award)
Franciszek Zwirko was a prominent Polish sport and military aviator. Along with Stanislaw Wigura, he won the international air contest "Challenge 1932".

August 29, 1756 - Jan Sniadecki (Born)
Jan Sniadecki was a mathematician, philosopher and astronomer at the turn of the 18th century. He is known for his works on planetoids and pioneering work in the study of probability.

August 30, 1902 - Jozef Bochenski (Born)
Jozef Maria Bochenski was a Polish Dominican logician and philosopher. He took part in the 1920 campaign against Bolshevik Russia, served as Chaplain to Polish troops in WWII and fought as a soldier at the Battle of Monte Cassino. After the war Jozef Bochenski held many academic chairs at various educational institutions and is a noted philosopher of the "Cracow Circle."

August 31, 1980 - Solidarity (Born) 46th Anniversary (1980-2026)
The Polish Trade Union "Solidarity" was led by electrician Lech Walesa in the Baltic seaport of Gdansk, Poland. Solidarity was the catalyst that led to the downfall of communism in Eastern Europe.

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Plan For A Successful Celebration

Dear Members, Friends and Supporters,

Since 1608, when the first Polish settlers arrived at Jamestown, Virginia, Polish people have been an important part of America's history and culture. In 2026, Polish Americans will mark the 45th Anniversary of the founding of October as Polish American Heritage Month, an event which began in Philadelphia, PA, and became a national celebration of Polish history, culture and pride.

During 2026, as we unite families and celebrate Polish pride, we will mark the 87th Anniversary of the invasion of Poland, the 82nd Anniversary of Monte Cassino, and the 82nd Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. We will also mark the 1,060th Anniversary of documented Polish history, the 407th Anniversary of the Polish Settlers who organized the First Strike at Jamestown, Virginia, the 418th Anniversary of the First Polish Settlers in America, and the 247th Anniversary of the death of General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry. You are asked to spread the word about Polish American Heritage Month events in your local community and invite people to view the information on PolishAmericanHeritageMonth.com, including:

- First Polish Settlers in America
- History of General Casimir Pulaski
- Things to Do During October "Polish American Heritage Month"
- Polish American Heritage Month Posters
- Tracing Your Heritage
- Recent Editions of the Polish American News with Historic Reflections
- Some Reasons Why Polish Americans are Important to America
- It's great to see that Polish American history and pride are well represented in the "Great Mosaic of America."

One way that you can help us spread the word is by welcoming family and friends to join the Museum's email list. The guest book registration form is on the front page of the Museum's Internet site at: PolishAmericanCenter.com. As you read the articles in the Polish American News, we ask that you spread the word to others. Your participation is always appreciated. Best wishes to you and yours for an enjoyable Polish American Heritage Month celebration! If you need additional information, contact the committee at the telephone number listed above, or email us at: **Committee@PolishAmericanHeritageMonth.com**

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Dear Members and Friends:
The celebration of Polish American Heritage Month during October and the annual Pulaski Day Observance will soon be upon us. Each year the committee coordinates several activities to celebrate Polish American Heritage Month in our area.

At this time we are asking you to help support these efforts by placing your Heritage Month Salute in the October edition of the Polish American News.

As you know, the majority of the events sponsored are not fundraisers. They are held to commemorate important events, celebrate our heritage, work with our youth and keep our people united. All of these events, however, cost a tremendous amount of money, and to help make them a reality, we need your financial support at this time.

Your salute in our newsletter will help us not only sponsor our October Newsletter, but will also help us with other events throughout the month.

Kindly respond by using the form below. We need your help to make Polish American Heritage Month a success. Kindly reply today.

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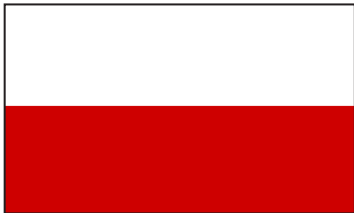
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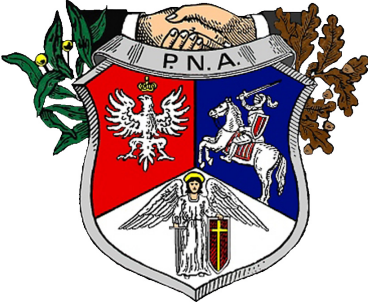
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From the Desk of Michael Blichasz

Dear Supporters of the Pulaski Day Parade in Philadelphia,

We are working to make the **93rd Annual Pulaski Day Parade** scheduled for **Sunday, October 4, 2026**, 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 **93rd 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 **418th Anniversary of the arrival of the first Polish Settlers in America and the 45th Anniversary of October as Polish American Heritage Month.**

Since it’s the **250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence**, we are paying special tribute to **Revolutionary War Heroes, General Casimir Pulaski, Father of the American Cavalry, and General Thaddeus Kosciuszko, Hero of Two Continents**, as well as to **Ralph Modjeski, Chief Engineer of the Benjamin Franklin Bridge in Philadelphia**, which is celebrating its **100th Anniversary** in 2026.

For now, kindly mark **Sunday, October 4th** 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 Live on **WPVI TV6 ABC, 1:00-2:30 P.M.**

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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Bids Farewell to
Dr. Janusz Romanski

Dr. Janusz Romanski, a well known veteran of the Polish Army Veterans Association (PAVA) Post #12, Bensalem, PA, recently passed away. A memorial Mass was held on Saturday, July 25, 2026, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

Dr. Romanski was born in Warsaw, Poland, on March 14, 1943, attended high school in the city of Slupsk and accomplished his military training at the University of Technology in Gdansk from 1963-1966. With additional military training at Navy centers in 1970, 1971, and 1978, he had a rank of platoon officer, cadet of the Reserve, Second Lieutenant, and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2017. He was an active reserve officer of the Polish Army.

In 1968 he graduated from the Gdansk University of Technology with a MS/BS degree and in 1977 earned his Ph.D. in Technical Sciences from the Faculty of Mechanics and Technology. In 1979, he became an Assistant Professor with the Mechanical Technology Faculty, where he worked as a researcher in metallurgical technology and was very active in the Society of Polish Mechanical Engineers, where he served as national Secretary.

Dr. Romanski came to the U.S. in 1984 on a postdoctoral scientific internship at Drexel University, where he worked as a researcher at the Department of Materials Engineering until 1988. In 1991, he became employed at Piasecki Aircraft Corporation as a structural engineer and later chief engineer for the application of a computer system to design military helicopters. In 2001-2016, he lectured at Widener University, Chester, PA, in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and at Drexel University in the Goodwin College of Professional Studies on Dynamics and Fluid Mechanics.

In 2011, he became an active member of the PAVA Post #12, serving as Commander of District 10, and Director of Post 12, historian, auditor & chronicler of the PAVA Post 12. He organized many veteran patriotic programs and was instrumental in organizing the newly built PAVA history room.

In recognition of his dedicated work for PAVA and Polonia, Dr. Romanski has received numerous awards, including the Polish Army Bronze Medal, Officer Cross of Merit, Cavalier Cross of Merit, Gold Cross of Merit, the Haller's Swords (PAVA's highest distinction), Golden Pin of Polonia Technica and the title Outstanding Pole in the United States from the Polish Consulate in New York.

Dr. Romanski also holds the titles of Honorary President of the Polski Uniwersytet Ludowy (Polish People's University), Honorary Chairman of the Association Polonia Technica, Distinguished Fellow of the Collegium at the Kosciuszko Foundation, Smolensk / Katyn Committee, Polish American Congress member, Polish American Cultural Center Museum member and has participated in the Pulaski Day Parade for many years.

The National Polish Army Veterans in America and the entire Polonia express condolences to his wife Malgorzata and his son Michael.

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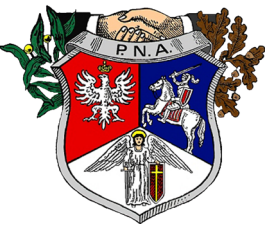
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