

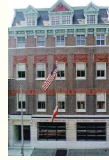


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Kosciuszko's Advice to a Youth

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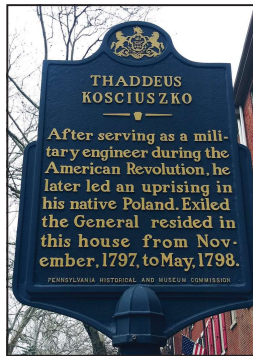
Rise at four in the summer and six in the winter. Your first thoughts must be directed towards the Supreme Being; worship Him for a few minutes. Set yourself to work with reflection and intelligence, either at your prescribed duty carried out in the most scrupulous manner, or perfect yourself in some science in which you should have true mastery. Avoid lying under any circumstances in your life, but always be frank and loyal and always tell the truth. Never be idle but be sober and frugal even hard on yourself while indulgent to others. Do not be vain nor an egotist. Before speaking or answering on something, reflect and consider well in order not to lose your point and say something stupid. Never fail to give due recognition under any circumstances to the person who is in charge of your well being. Anticipate his desires and his wishes. Pay close attention with proper humility. Look for an opportunity to be useful. As you are a foreigner in the country, redouble your concern and efforts to gain trust and preference over the natives legitimately by your merit and superior knowledge. If a secret is entrusted in you, keep it religiously; in all your actions you must be upright, sincere and open; no dissimulation in your speech, do not argue but seek the truth calmly and with modesty, be polite and considerate to everyone, agreeable and obliging in society, humane and helpful to the unfortunate according to your means. Read instructive books to embellish your mind and improve your spirit. Do not degrade yourself by making bad acquaintances, but rather those with high principles and reputation thus your conduct should be such that the whole world approves it and that wherever you may be it will be considered irreproachable.

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General Thaddeus Kosciuszko 1746 - 1817 Hero of America and Poland

Thaddeus Kosciuszko was born in Poland on February 4, 1746, son of Ludwik and Tekla Kosciuszko. He attended school in Lubieszow and then the Cadet Academy in Warsaw before continuing his engineering studies in Paris, France. By the time Kosciuszko arrived in America from Poland in 1776, he was a skilled engineer who came to offer his services to the American colonies in their struggle for independence. On October 18, 1776 Kosciuszko was commissioned as Colonel of Engineers by the Continental Congress and began his outstanding service of fortifying battle sites, many of which became turning points in America's fight for independence against the British.



Shortly after arriving in Philadelphia in 1776, Kosciuszko read the Declaration of Independence and was moved to tears because he discovered in this single, concise document everything in which he truly believed. When he discovered that Thomas Jefferson was responsible for drafting the Declaration, he felt compelled to meet him. A few months later, while moving south with the Continental Army, Kosciuszko stopped in Virginia to meet with Jefferson. After a very warm reception, the two men spent the day comparing philosophies and eventually became the best of friends.

In the early days of the war, Kosciuszko helped to fortify the Philadelphia waterfront at Fort Mercer. Shortly after, he was transferred to New York, where he helped with fortifications along the Hudson and planned the defense for Saratoga. The Battle of Saratoga became known as one of military history's most famous struggles for independence and proved to be a turning point in the war.

In 1778, Kosciuszko was made chief engineer of West Point, New York. This fortification became known as the American Gibraltar because it was unable to be penetrated by the British Army. Eventually West Point became a military academy.

In 1783, Kosciuszko was appointed Brigadier General and was awarded the Cincinnati Order Medal by General George Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army. Washington also presented Kosciuszko with two pistols and a sword as gifts for his outstanding service to America.

After the colonies won their independence, Kosciuszko returned to Poland in 1784 to help his own country win independence from the surrounding European powers. Kosciuszko was the national hero of the 1794 Insurrection. After the successful battle of Racławice on April 4, 1794, first Warsaw and then Wilno were liberated from enemy occupation. Kosciuszko was wounded in the revolt and taken prisoner by the Russians. Upon his release from prison, he returned to America on August 18, 1797, which he considered his "second home." He received a hero's welcome when he reached the Philadelphia waterfront along the Delaware River. Afterward, he secured a residence at 3rd and Pine Streets, which is now the Kosciuszko House, a national memorial to this hero of the American Revolution.

Kosciuszko was admired by general and foot soldier alike, both for his technical knowledge and for his sympathetic understanding and generosity. Jefferson wrote of Kosciuszko, "He is as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known." Tragically, Kosciuszko, a devoted champion of the poor and oppressed, never witnessed the arrival of freedom in his homeland, Poland.

Kosciuszko was a firm believer of equality and requested, before leaving the United States for the second time, that the money from his estate be used to buy freedom for slaves, help to educate them and provide them with enough land to support themselves.

Kosciuszko spent the last years of his life in Switzerland, where on October 15, 1817 he died at the age of 72. He is buried in Wawel Castle, in Krakow, Poland, among the tombs of the Polish Kings.

In 1828 a Corps of Cadets erected a monument to Kosciuszko at West Point, where his work was of vital importance to America in the Revolution.

You can learn more about General Thaddeus Kosciuszko when you visit the Kosciuszko House, Third and Pine Streets, or the Polish American Cultural Center Museum, 308 Walnut Street, both in historic Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Group photo at the Kosciuszko Day Celebration in 2019 at the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Historic Philadelphia, PA.

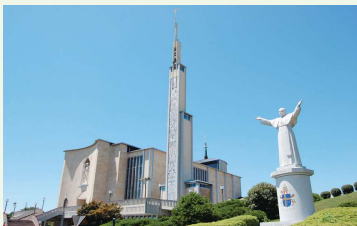
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Museum's Historic Reflections Project February

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 month of February.



February 1, 1979 - Julie Ann Augustyniak (Born)

Julie Ann Augustyniak (born Norfolk, VA, February 1, 1979) is an American soccer player who played for the Atlanta Beat of the Women's United Soccer Association.

February 2, 1676 - Jan III Sobieski (Coronation)

Jan Sobieski was a king and military leader of Poland in 1676. It was Sobieski who defeated the Turkish Armies during the battle of Vienna in 1683 which in turn saved Europe and Western Civilization. He has been honored for centuries as the "Defender of Christendom."



February 3, 1974 - Konrad Galka (Born)

Konrad Galka (born February 3, 1974 in Kraków) is a former butterfly swimmer from Poland, who competed in two consecutive Summer Olympics for his native country, starting in 1992.

February 4, 1746 - General Thaddeus Kosciuszko (Born)

During the struggle for America's Independence, General Thaddeus Kosciuszko returned to his homeland of Poland. He swore an oath in the Krakow market place to fight for Poland's liberty and took command of the Polish uprising in 1794, urging all men to take up arms to defend Poland.



February 5, 1909 - Grazyna Bacewicz (Born)

Grazyna Bacewicz was a Polish composer and violinist. She is only the second Polish female composer to have achieved national and international recognition, the first being Maria Szymanowska in the early 19th century.

February 6, 1962 - Wladyslaw Dziewulski (Died)

Wladyslaw Dziewulski was a Polish astronomer and mathematician. He spent his life performing astronomical research and published over 200 papers. He has a crater on the moon named after him as well as the planetarium in Torun, Poland.



February 7, 1810 - Marcin Odlanicki Poczobutt (Born)

Marcin Odlanicki Poczobutt was a Polish-Lithuanian Jesuit astronomer and mathematician. He was professor of Vilnius University for over 50 years, serving as its rector from 1780 to 1799. The Poczobutt crater on the Moon is named after him.

February 8, 1813 - Tadeusz Czacki (Died)

Tadeusz Czacki was a Polish historian, pedagogue and numismatist. Czacki played an important part in the Enlightenment in Poland.



February 9, 1940 - Bohdan Paczynski (Born)

Bohdan Paczynski was a Polish astronomer, a leading scientist in theory of the evolution of stars, accretion discs and gamma ray bursts.

February 10, 1962 - Wladyslaw Broniewski (Died)

Wladyslaw Broniewski was a Polish poet and soldier. Broniewski made his literary debut in 1925 with the poem Bagnat na Bron which translated means, Bayonets Ready. This work has become a classic of patriotic war poetry.



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General Thaddeus Kosciuszko Hero of both America and Poland 2025 Tribute Program

Information about accomplishments of General Kosciuszko were highlighted during radio broadcasts on the **Polish American Radio Program** on 860 AM.

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Joseph Leo Mankiewicz was an American film director, screenwriter, and producer. Mankiewicz had a long Hollywood career and is best known as the writer-director of the Oscar-winning *All About Eve* (1950). He was brother to the equally famous screenwriter and drama critic Herman J. Mankiewicz who also won an Oscar — for co-writing *Citizen Kane* (1941).

February 12, 1939 - Ray Manzarek (Born)

Raymond Daniel Manzarek, Jr., better known as Ray Manzarek, is an American musician, singer, producer, film director, writer, co-founder and keyboardist of *The Doors* from 1965 to 1973, and *The Doors of the 21st Century* (renamed *Manzarek-Krieger*) since 2001. He is the oldest former member of the *Doors*.



February 13, 1882 - Tadeusz Banachiewicz (Born)
Tadeusz Banachiewicz was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, and the director of the Krakow Observatory. Tadeusz Banachiewicz's international recognition came from his theory of cracovians - a matrix algebra that helped to solve several astronomical, geodesic, mechanical and mathematical problems. A lunar crater is named after him.

February 14, 1916 - Wawrzyniec Zulawski (Born)

Wawrzyniec Jerzy Zulawski, also known as Wawa, was a Polish pianist, educator, composer, music critic, and musicologist. He was a professor of *Panstwowa Wyższa Szkoła Muzyczna* in Warsaw. Zulawski was an initiator and organizer of Polish alpinism. During World War II he was a member of *Armia Krajowa* and was a soldier during the Warsaw Uprising.



February 15, 1903 - Fr. Jozef Dabrowski (Died)
Fr. Jozef Dabrowski was an educator and founder of the Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan. Born at Zoltance, Russian Poland, he studied at the Gymnasium of Lublin and at the University of Warsaw. During the Polish January Uprising of 1863 he participated in many engagements, and in 1864 fled to Dresden; thence to Lucerne and Berne where he continued his studies in mathematics.

February 16, 1929 - Kazimierz Kutz (Born)

Kazimierz Julian Kutz was a Polish film director, author, journalist and politician, one of the representatives of the Polish Film School and a deputy speaker of the Senate of Poland.



February 17, 1837 - Konstanty Jelski (Born)
Konstanty Jelski was an acclaimed Polish ornithologist and zoologist. He conducted many important studies abroad, specifically in Guiana and Peru from 1866 to 1875. He was the curator of a museum in Lima from 1874 to 1878. He returned to Poland to become the curator of the Krakow Museum.

February 18, 1914 - Julius Kuczynski (Born)

Julius Frank Kuczynski was better known by his country western, musical stage name, Pee Wee King. He is best known for his song, "Tennessee Waltz", popularized by Patti Page in 1950. Pee Wee King helped to modernize country western music by introducing electric instruments, drums and horns.



February 19, 1473 - Mikolaj Kopernik (Born)
Polish astronomer Mikolaj Kopernik was known by his Latin name Nicholas Copernicus, in the city of Torun, Poland. Copernicus is the Father of Modern Astronomy, known as the man who moved the earth and stopped the sun.

February 20, 1977 - Bartosz Kizierowski (Born)

Bartłomiej ("Bartosz") Kizierowski is a freestyle swimmer from Poland, who competed in three consecutive Summer Olympics, starting in 1996.



February 21, 1958 - Henryk Arctowski (Died)

Henryk Arctowski was a Polish American explorer of the Antarctic. In recognition of his work and his contribution to science, his name has been given to a number of geographical features in Antarctica including a peninsula, a peak and a glacier.



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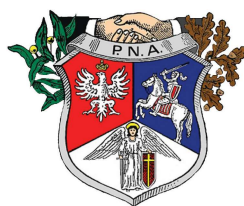
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February 22, 1852 - Samuel Goldflam (Born)

Samuel Wulfowicz Goldflam was a Polish neurologist best known for his brilliant 1893 analysis of myasthenia gravis (Erb-Goldflam syndrome).

February 23, 1891 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Died)

Fr. Leopold Moczygemba was a patriarch of America's Polonia. Fr. Moczygemba organized the first Polish settlement in the United States at Panna Maria, Texas in 1854. He was one of the founders and also served as a president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, which was founded in Chicago in 1873. He also established the first Polish College in America at Orchard Lake, Michigan.



February 24, 1986 - Wojciech Wolski (Born)

Wojciech "Wojtek" Wolski (pronounced: VOY-tek VOL-skee; born February 24, 1986 in Zabrze, Poland) is a Canadian professional ice hockey left winger of Polish descent, who played for the New York Rangers of the National Hockey League (NHL). He also played for the Colorado Avalanche and the Phoenix Coyotes.



February 25, 1885 - Jozef Kostrzewski (Born)

Jozef Kostrzewski was a Polish archeologist and professor at Poznan University. He was highly regarded for conducting the excavation of the Iron Age settlement of Biskupin after World War I.



February 26, 1901 - Lucyna Cwierzakiewiczowa (Died)

Lucyna Cwierzakiewiczowa was a Polish writer, journalist and author of the first Polish cook book. In 1860 she published her famous 365 meals for less than 5 zlotys. Her cook book was reprinted more than 23 times. Lucyna Cwierzakiewiczowa also published an annual calendar for women filled with cooking recipes, woman's suffrage information and poems.



February 27, 1929 - Stefan Kudelski (Born)

Stefan Kudelski was a Polish engineer who created the Nagra series of professional audio recorders. In 1957, he built the transistorized tape recorder with electronic speed controls. Stefan Kudelski received Academy Award Oscars for sound technology in 1965, 1977, 1978 and in 1990 and won two Emmy Awards.



February 28, 1994 - Wieslaw Wisniewski (Died)

Wieslaw Wisniewski was an astronomy professor at the Lunar and Planetary Laboratory in Tucson, Arizona. He published over 120 scholarly works in the field of astronomy and has asteroid number 2256 named in his honor.



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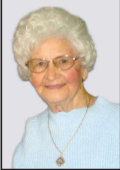
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Now that more businesses are part of the campaign and more of our supporters are speaking up and spending more of their money on American made items, we will see more companies promoting their American made labels. As this continues we will see more jobs available for American workers from the point of production to the point of sale.

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3. It means that Americans see the benefit of more Industrial Arts training, also known as Trades Programs, growing in America's schools to meet the needs of America's businesses for skilled workers.
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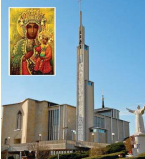
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Mikolaj Kopernik 1473-1543 (Nicholas Copernicus)

Commonly known by his Latin name, Nicholas Copernicus, Mikolaj Kopernik is regarded as "The Father of Astronomy".

Nicholas Copernicus, born February 19, 1473, was the first astronomer to formulate a scientifically based heliocentric cosmology that displaced the Earth from the center of the universe. While a student at the University of Kraków, he discovered several logical contradictions in the existing astronomical system taught at that time, which put the earth at the center of the universe. Later when studying medicine and religious law at Bologna University, Copernicus pursued further investigations of the movements of celestial bodies, especially the moon. His direct observations, coupled with research based on various Greek and Latin astronomical writings, prompted him to originate the Copernican system of the structure of the universe. This theory placed the sun at the center of the solar system and the earth in orbit around it. Copernicus's most famous written work, *De Revolutionibus*, which laid the foundation for modern astronomy, was completed in 1530, after fifteen years of painstaking observations and calculations, often with instruments of the astronomer's own making. Although deeply convinced of the truth of his heliocentric system, Copernicus did not actively seek to publish his work because of its controversial nature. He did, however, manage to catch a dimmed glance at the first printed copy moments before his death on May 24, 1543.



When The Earth and Sun Were Moved Over

482 Years Ago Nicholas Copernicus Changed the World

The *Revolution of Heavenly Spheres*, written by Polish astronomer Mikolaj Kopernik, well known by his Latin name Nicholas Copernicus, was written over 482 years ago. This manuscript, printed in 1543, described for the first time in history the correct position of the sun as the center of the solar system with the earth and other planets revolving around it. Copernicus' book formed the basis for modern astronomy and is considered to have caused the greatest revolution in science in the last two thousand years.

Copernicus put an end to the belief that the earth was the center of the universe by properly placing the planet earth in orbit around the sun, revolving once around the sun each year while rotating on its axis once every twenty-four hours.

Until Copernicus the teachings of the Greek astronomer Ptolemy were considered to be correct. Ptolemy, who lived in Alexandria in the second century after Christ, taught that the earth was round and calculated its circumference with surprising precision. The Ptolemaic system, however, taught that the earth was the stationary center of the universe and that the sun, moon, planets, and stars revolved around it.

Nicholas Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland, on February 19, 1473, of a well-to-do merchant family. He attended St. John's School in Torun and also studied canon law at the University of Krakow from 1491 to 1495 and then studied at the Universities of Bologna and Padua between 1496 and 1503. During his studies at the University of Krakow, he discovered several contradictions in the system then used to calculate the movements of celestial bodies. This discovery led to his monumental work which was published over 482 years ago.

The citizens of Torun are proud of their native son and erected a monument in front of city hall to honor "Mikolaj Kopernik", the citizen of Torun who moved the earth and stopped the sun. The Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun also honors the Father of Modern Astronomy with a quality institution of higher learning.

Kopernik Monument Copernicus Monument

This is a photo of the Kopernik monument located on the "Torun Triangle" at the intersection of 18th Street and the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. It was erected by the proud Philadelphia Polish Community and depicts Copernicus's discovery of the Earth's rotation around the Sun. The "Torun Triangle" on the parkway is a salute to Philadelphia's Sister City - Torun, Poland.





Fryderyk Chopin (1810-1849)

One of Poland's greatest and most remembered musicians of Polish descent, Fryderyk Chopin, was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland, near Warsaw. According to some, Chopin was born on March 1, 1810. However, his baptismal certificate, written several weeks after his birth, lists his birthdate as February 22, 1810. His father, Nicholas Chopin, came to Poland to secure a position teaching French. He met and married Justyna Krzyzanowska. Together in the city of Warsaw, Poland, they raised their son Fryderyk along with their three daughters.

At the young age of 7, much like that of Mozart, Chopin had already amazed people with his musical abilities. Chopin departed for Vienna at age 20 to continue his studies, compose and share his talents with composers of his time. By age 21, Chopin reached Paris and became friends with Berlioz, Liszt and Mendelssohn.

Despite his premature death in 1849, Chopin's music touched the hearts of many throughout the years of his life and continues, even today, to be admired by musicians and music lovers alike. Chopin is most noted for his unique approach to the piano, creating sounds unheard before his time.

Today amongst the masters of great musicians, the name Fryderyk Chopin is remembered not only as the greatest of Polish composers, but also as a great representative of Polish culture.

Chopin died on October 17, 1849. His body was laid in a tomb in Pere Lachaise Cemetery in France. In accordance with his wishes, the heart of this great composer was taken to Warsaw, Poland, and enshrined into the wall of the burial nave of the Church of the Holy Cross in Warsaw, where thousands of people come each year to remember him and his outstanding musical talents. Tourists can also visit Chopin's home in Zelazowa Wola, Poland, where from his garden one can still hear Chopin's music being played for visitors on a piano in his house by talented musicians.

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The Marcella Kochańska Sembrich Female Chorus No. 321, Polish Singers Alliance of America, Annual Christmas Concert Sunday, January 12, 2025

Submitted by Debbie Majka, President of the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Female Chorus No. 321

As the Christmas season in the Polish tradition often runs until February 2, known as Matka Boska Gromniczna, or Candlemas Day, the Marcella Kochańska Sembrich Female Chorus No. 321, Polish Singers Alliance of America, presented the Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road, northeast Philadelphia. This year, 2025, marks the 125th anniversary of the Associated Polish Home.

Under the capable direction of David Zagórski with accompaniment provided by Katherine Chmelko, the Chorus presented a variety of Kolędy (traditional carols) and Pastorałki (robust shepherds' carols). A highlight of the Concert is always the audience sing-a-long and a reception of Polish delicacies.

The special guest was Soprano, Grace Touhill, recipient of the American Council for Polish Culture, Marcella Kochańska Sembrich Vocal Scholarship. Hailing from Doylestown, PA, Grace can often be heard singing on feast days at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. She earned a Master's Degree from the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore, and she holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Science and Wildlife Conservation from Gettysburg College. Integrating her musical passion with environmental advocacy, she is creating a series of collaborative concerts in the Baltimore area, the first "Life in Full Bloom: A Concert Reconnecting with the Natural World".



Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Chorus with David Zagorski, Choral Director

A Beautiful Konkert Koled (Christmas Concert) Submitted by: Theresa Romanowski

On Sunday afternoon, January 12, 2025, a beautiful Konkert Koled (Christmas Concert) was held at the Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia.

The entire afternoon was filled with great entertainment with beautiful voices singing the Christmas carols - it was Christmas once again!

The program began with Debbie Majka, President of the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Female Chorus No. 321 welcoming the audience, followed by the beautiful voices of the Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Female Chorus No. 321, who are also members of the Polish Singers Alliance of America, with their Choral Director, David Zagorski and Guest Accompanist Katherine Chmelko.

The Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Female Chorus filled the audience with the Christmas spirit, which was followed with more Christmas spirit with the special guest soloist, Grace Touhill, the 2024 American Council for Polish Culture Marcella Kochanska Sembrich Vocal Scholarship recipient.

The audience continued the Christmas spirit with their talent of singing more Christmas carols and ending with a reception and socializing with friends.

What a beautiful way to end the Christmas season!



Guest Soloist, Grace Touhill



Guest Accompanist, Katherine Chmelko, and Choral Director, David Zagorski



Katherine Chmelko accompanying Guest Soloist, Grace Touhill

Polonia Bids Farewell to Dorothy Orlichowski Polish American Cultural Center Museum Volunteer

Faithful servant Dorothy Orlichowski has gone to her rest on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, following a lifetime of devoted service to others.

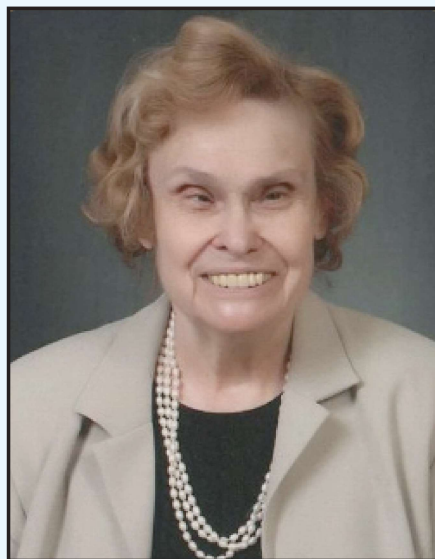
To begin, Dorothy completed her Master's Degree in Marketing from St. Joseph's University in 1972. She was then hired as the first female executive with the Penn Salt Corporation. She remained with the corporation until her retirement in 2001.

Dorothy was a constant in the community for a multitude of causes. This included serving three terms as vice president for the Radnor League of Women Voters, as trustee for the Radnor Memorial Library, member of the Board of Directors for the Radnor Township School District's Finance Committee, participant in the development Radnor Township's Home Rule Charter, secretary for the Saturday Club, and volunteer for the Philadelphia's Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia. In grateful appreciation for long and faithful service, the Radnor League presented Dorothy with the Civic Participation Award in 2019.

Dearest to her heart was participating in Saint Katharine of Siena Parish's liturgical music and choir groups, playing multiple instruments to beautify worship.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Julianna and Peter, and a sister Lillian. She is survived by a multitude of cousins and a network of friends in each community she touched. Appreciation is extended to the staffs of the Wayne Center and Serenity Hospice, who provided excellent care in Dorothy's later years.

Family and friends were invited to her Viewing 9:30-10:00 AM on Friday, January 24, 2025 at St. Katharine of Siena Church, 104 S. Aberdeen Ave, Wayne, PA 19087, followed by her Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment Saint Stanislaus Kostka Polish Catholic Cemetery, Coatesville, PA.



Dorothy Orlichowski

Polish American Cultural Center Museum In Historic Philadelphia

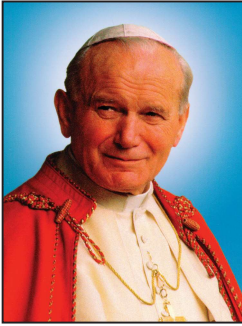
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A Look Back - 10 Years Ago

Presentation of the Relic of Saint John Paul II February 1, 2015 • St. Adalbert Church, Philadelphia, PA



I plead with you - never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.

- St. John Paul II

A Tribute To St. John Paul II

Sunday, February 1, 2015, was a historic and proud day for the people of St. Adalbert Church, Thompson Street and Allegheny Avenue, in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, as a relic of St. John Paul II was enshrined in St. Adalbert Church. In August 1976, then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland, visited St. Adalbert Church during the Eucharistic Congress and celebrated Mass.

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, almost 39 years after his visit to St. Adalbert Church, an overwhelming crowd of people gathered for the 10:30 A.M. Mass to welcome the relic of St. John Paul II. The Mass was filled with beautiful music and voices, as well as many people who personally remembered his visit to St. Adalbert Church in 1976. The entrance procession included the Knights of Columbus, children from St. Adalbert Polish Language School dressed in Polish costumes, P.K.M. Dancers and the Polish Scouts "Harcerstwo". Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia was the main celebrant of the Mass.

The relic which Rev. Jan Palkowski, Pastor of St. Adalbert Church, requested at the time of John Paul's canonization in April, 2014, was granted from Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, Archbishop of Krakow, Poland and former Secretary to Pope John Paul II.



A portrait of St. John Paul II, near the side altar in St. Adalbert Church.



Archbishop Charles Chaput celebrating the Mass.



The P.K.M. Dancers and the Polish Scouts "Harcerstwo" attend the Mass.



Parishioners and guests attending the Mass.



Musical ensemble headed by Jan Szymula sing Polish hymns during the Mass.



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