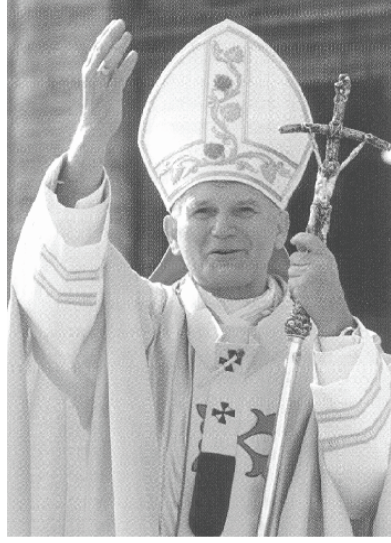


## Pope John Paul II A Man of God, A Man of the People

**On April 2, 2008,**  
the world  
remembered the  
**Third Anniversary**  
**of the death of**  
**Pope John Paul**  
**The Great**  
**In Philadelphia**  
**Polonia gathered for**  
**a community-wide**  
**Memorial Mass**  
**at 7:00 P.M. in**  
**St. Adalbert Church**



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### Pope John Paul The Great

Holy Father of the Universal Catholic Church • 1978 to 2005  
Born Karol Wojtyla in Wadowice, Poland, on May 18, 1920  
Entered the Seminary in 1941

Ordained a Priest on November 1, 1946

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow, Poland, in July, 1958

Appointed Archbishop of Krakow, Poland, in December, 1963

Elevated to Cardinal of the Catholic Church on May 29, 1967

Elected as Holy Father of the Universal Catholic Church on October 16, 1978

Died at His Vatican Home in Rome, Italy, on Saturday, April 2, 2005

See more information about the life of Pope John Paul The Great on the front page link of the Museum's Internet site at: [PolishAmericanCenter.org](http://PolishAmericanCenter.org).

### Curtin & Heefner Attorney Robert Szwajkos Headed Cultural Exchange Program To Poland

Robert Szwajkos, an attorney with the Morrisville, PA, law firm of Curtin & Heefner LLP, headed a group of American lawyers who traveled to Poland recently on a cultural exchange visit sponsored by the Jagiellonian Law Society of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Mr. Szwajkos is Treasurer and a long-term member of the Jagiellonian Law Society, an organization of attorneys and judges primarily of Polish descent. The Society seeks to promote and enrich the professional, cultural, educational and social interests of its members and to celebrate Polish culture.

The October 2007 trip's itinerary included visits to Warsaw and Krakow, Poland, and Vilnius, Lithuania, where participants met with the faculty of John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland (KUL), the Polish Supreme Court, the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the United States Department of State, and a former member of the European and Lithuanian Parliaments.

The cultural exchange trip was the latest event organized by the Jagiellonian Law Society. In 2004, Curtin & Heefner hosted a reception at its offices for members of the KUL faculty and two members of the Polish Supreme Court. In February, 2008, the Society celebrated its 25th anniversary and hosted the KUL Dean of the Faculty of Law and several faculty members in Philadelphia at their meeting with the Temple University School of Law relating to the exchange programs between the two Universities.

### PRCUA 71st National Bowling Tournament April 25 through April 27, 2008

The 71st National Bowling Tournament of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America is being hosted by District 3 Philadelphia, PA, on April 25, 26, and 27, 2008. The tournament will be held at Laurel Lanes, Route 73 in Maple Shade, NJ, hosting bowlers from 24 states.

Established in 1873, the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (PRCUA) is the oldest Polish American organization in the United States. Since then, PRCUA has developed into a benefit society and offers its members a variety of cultural and social activities: Polish language and dancing classes, bowling, golfing, softball and basketball events hosted locally and nationally. Scholarships are also awarded annually.

For more information contact Joanne Zajac, National Director, District 3 Philadelphia, at 215-426-4580.

### Ballroom Dancing held at Associated Polish Home

Associated Polish Home, 9150 Academy Road in Northeast Philadelphia holds ballroom dancing every Wednesday beginning April 9 through May 28, from 8 to 11 P.M. Ballroom dancing will also be held on Friday, April 4 and Friday, May 9 from 8 to 11 P.M.

## Polish Women's Alliance of America will Celebrate its 110th Anniversary in June

Virginia Sikora, President of the National Polish Women's Alliance of America, has announced that the organization will celebrate its 110th anniversary on Sunday, June 22, 2008, in Chicago.



The organization was founded on May 22, 1898, in Chicago as a fraternal society for Polish women. At that time women had no right to vote or to buy insurance in their own names.

The issues of the women's right to vote, enter professions and manage their own money were tackled by the organization.

Today, the Polish Women's Alliance of America is committed to the education of its members and has offered scholarships to college students for more than 50 years. It also organizes youth conferences, debutante balls, lectures, fund raisers and cultural activities which promote Polish traditions.



### Enjoy the Music of the Polish American String Band

Concert - Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 7 p.m.,  
Plymouth Meeting Park, Plymouth Township, PA.

Parade - Saturday, May 3, 2008, 9 a.m.,  
Main Street, Mullica Hill, NJ.

Memorial Day Parade - Monday, May 26, 11 a.m.

Begins on Belgrade and Venango Streets  
in Port Richmond section, Philadelphia.

For information contact Walter Wojcik, 267-608-7969.

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### Chopin's Birthday Celebrated

In partnership with the Berks County Community School of Music, members and friends of the Berks County Polish American Heritage Association recently celebrated Frederick Chopin's 198th birthday in the Polish American Cultural Center in the Goggle Works Center for the Arts. Four talented pianists presented a musical tribute to the composer: eight year old Chopin enthusiast Tim Siminski; middle school student Ashley Huynh; the director of the Community School of Music, Cedric Elmer; and PAHA member Barton Smith. Following the recital everyone enjoyed a delicious birthday cake honoring Chopin. The cake was designed for this special occasion by students enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program at Reading Muhlenberg Area Vo-Tech School.



### Scholarship Dinner

The Berks County Polish American Board of Education will be awarding \$30,000 in scholarships to twelve Berks County high school seniors of Polish descent at the scholarship banquet to be held at the Reading Country Club, Exeter Township, on Sunday, April 13, 2008. Ben S. Stefanski II, president of the Polish American Cultural Center in Cleveland, Ohio, will be the featured speaker at the banquet. In 2002, Mr. Stefanski published a book describing the historic Slavic Village within the city of Cleveland. For more information or reservations, contact Helen Nowotarski at 610-777-4598.

### Travel to Poland with Fr. Andrew McCormick

Fr. Andrew McCormick, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Swedesburg, PA, will be escorting a tour group to Poland from September 6 through September 15, 2008.

The group will leave from Newark airport and visit the cities of Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow, Zakopane and many more.

For further details or to make a reservation, contact Elisa Pagnotti at 610-649-4700 Ext. 11 or [suburbantravel@yahoo.com](mailto:suburbantravel@yahoo.com).