

St Mary's Parish, Conshohocken Annual Polish Festival

On the morning of March 17, members of St. Mary's parish were busy mashing potatoes in the church kitchen. But it wasn't in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Rather, these volunteers were starting culinary preparations for the parish's annual Polish festival, whose biggest draw has always been the homemade food.

"We made over 5700 pierogi and over 1300 golabki last year, and sold out every last one," said Pat Monastero, the kitchen organizer. Also, parish members will turn their attention to preparing golabki (stuffed cabbage) and making homemade kapusta (sauerkraut) to go with the hundreds of pounds of kielbasa that will be served. There will also be homemade chrusciki (Polish bowtie cookies), along with babkas, and assorted desserts. In addition to the Polish foods, meatball sandwiches and hotdogs will be available.

This year's festival will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2014 from noon to 6:00 pm in the parish hall. As always, the event is free and open to the public. There will be live music throughout the afternoon with plenty of space on the dance floor for those who want to show off their polka skills. The festival will also feature activities for children and games of chance for adults, as well as a silent auction, Jardo, and a raffle of themed prize-baskets.

Long-time Conshohocken residents may remember that in earlier years, the festival was always held outdoors, under a giant tent that would span the parish's parking lot on Maple Street. But once the parish hall was air conditioned, the decision was made to move the festival indoors.

The festival serves as one of the parish's main fundraisers for the year. According to St. Mary's pastor, Msgr. Gerard Mesure, the proceeds will be designated for the perpetual care of the parish's cemetery, St. Benedict's, located on Colwell Lane.

**Sunday, June 8, 2014 • Noon-6:00 pm • St. Mary's Church
Elm and Hector Streets, Conshohocken, PA 19428**

The Huffington Post Posted Karski's Story

The Huffington Post has posted Jan Karski's Story of a Secret State - A Primer on the Polish Ethos.

Georgetown University Press has reprinted one of the most important books on World War II. This story jumps off the pages like a spy thriller documenting Karski's experience in the Polish Underground and one of the first accounts of slaughter of the Jews by Nazi Germany. This is a must read for anyone trying to understand the current landscape in Europe.

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The Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will celebrate the canonization of Pope John Paul II, "The People's Pope", with a special exhibit in the Polish American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington Street, Reading, PA. The exhibit will celebrate the life and the contributions of Karol Joseph Wojtyla to the Catholic Church during his papacy (1978-2005). The cultural center is opened on Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will begin on Sunday, April 13 and continue through Sunday, June 8. Admission free.

The Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will award nine scholarships totaling \$20,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish descent at its annual banquet on Sunday, April 13, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Reading Country Club, Route 422, Exeter Township. For more information and reservations contact Helen Nowotarski at 610.777.4598.

On Saturday, May 17, the Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will hold its 6th Annual Polish Open Golf Tournament at Green Acres Golf Course in Bernville, PA. For more information about this event call Marilyn at 610-779-5523.

Berks County Polish American Heritage Association

6th Annual Polish Open Golf Tournament

**Saturday, May 17, 2014
Green Acres Golf Course, Bernville, PA**

Noon Shot Gun Start Scramble Format
Tournament Fee \$70.00

For more information, call Marilyn at 610-779-5523

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For information about our upcoming meeting, contact:
Helen Cyzio (215) 482-3040

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Historical Marker Dedication Honoring Dr. Walter M. Golaski

Dr. Walter Golaski (1913-1996), engineer, inventor and producer of revolutionary knitted vascular replacements, will be honored in Philadelphia with an official Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission marker to be placed near the intersection of 34th Street and Lancaster Avenue, where at one time was the location of his machine shop. The property, at this time belongs to Drexel University of which Dr. Golaski is an alumnus (Class of 1946).



The dedication ceremony, under the auspices of the Polish Heritage Society of Philadelphia, is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 12 Noon followed by a luncheon at 2 P.M. at Drexel University. For more info contact Jean Joka at 215-483-0193.

Dr. Golaski loved his Polish heritage. He encouraged cultural and scholarly exchange with Poland when he served as the Chairman of the Board of the Kosciuszko Foundation from 1973 to 1982.