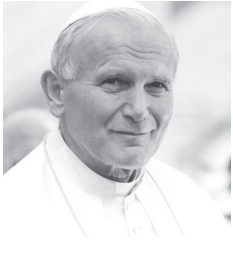


Historic Reflections from the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in Philadelphia, PA • October / November



October 22, 1978 - Pope John Paul II (Installed)

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.

October 23, 1885 - Jan Czochralski (Born)

Jan Czochralski was a Polish chemist known for the Czochralski process of growing single crystals used in the production of semiconductor wafers. He also helped to develop a hand grenade for Poland's Home Army during World War II.



October 24, 1916 - Edward Pizek (Born)

Edward Pizek was a Polish American Industrialist and Philanthropist. He was the founder of Mrs. Paul's Kitchens, the frozen-food business that became a national giant. Mr. Pizek was an outstanding supporter of Poland and the Polish American community. Among his many accomplishments, Edward Pizek helped eradicate tuberculosis in Poland and was the main supporter of the Kosciuszko House in Historic Philadelphia.

October 25, 1867 - Jozef Dowbor-Musnicki (Born)

Józef Dowbor-Musnicki was a Polish military officer and commander, serving with the Polish army. He was also the military commander of the Greater Poland Uprising.



October 26, 1910 - John Cardinal Krol (Born)

John Cardinal Krol was a Polish American Cardinal and the Archbishop of Philadelphia from 1961 to 1988. John Cardinal Krol participated in the Second Vatican Council, served as the President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and was advisor to Pope John Paul II.

October 27, 1991 - Free Elections Held in Poland (Event)

We mark the date of the first free elections for the Polish Parliament, since World War II, on this day in 1991.

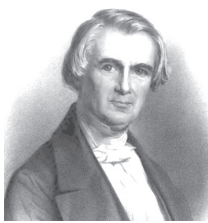


October 28, 1824 - Fr. Leopold Moczygemba (Born)

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.

October 29, 1924 - Zbigniew Herbert (Born)

Zbigniew Herbert was an influential Polish poet, essayist and moralist. He was a member of the Polish resistance movement during World War II. The publication of his Selected Poems in the United States and England made Zbigniew Herbert one of the most popular contemporary poets in the English-speaking world.

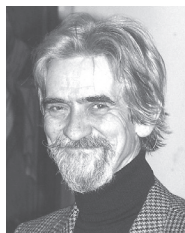


October 30, 1790 - Karol Lipinski (Born)

Karol Lipinski was a Polish virtuoso violinist and composer. His Stradivarius violin became known as the Lipinski Stradivarius. His compositions included four violin concertos, as well as polonaises, rondos and variations. The Karol Lipinski University of Music in Wroclaw, Poland, bears his name.

October 31, 1950 - Jozef Stolorz (Born)

Józef Stolorz is a fine art painter born in Katowice, Silesia, Poland. He has displayed paintings at over 100 exhibitions worldwide, including over 60 individual exhibitions and since 2002 has been listed in an official "Who's Who in Poland".



November 1, 1918 - Harcerze (Founding)

The first American unit of the Polish Boy Scouts, known as Harcerze, was started in Buffalo, New York, in 1918. They remain a well known scouting movement which has spread across the United States of America.



November 2, 1942 - Stefanie Powers (Born)

Stefania Federkiewicz, well-known by her stage name Stephanie Powers, starred in movies and television shows. Stephanie Powers is well known for her television series Hart to Hart with co-star Robert Wagner.

November 3, 1951 - Edward Murawinski (Born)

Edward Murawinski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is currently employed by the New York Daily News as a cartoonist and a member of the National Cartoonist Society. He attended the Manhattan School of Visual Arts and has been employed by the Daily News since he was seventeen.



November 4, 1937 - Loretta Swit (Born)

Loretta Swit is a proud Polish American and well-known actress of the stage and television. She is best known for her portrayal of the character Major Margaret Houlihan on the television series M*A*S*H.

November 5, 1530 - Jan Kochanowski (Born)

Jan Kochanowski was a Polish Renaissance poet and writer. He is recognized as one of the most important poets before the 19th century.



November 6, 1755 - Stanislaw Staszic (Born)

Stanislaw Staszic was a Catholic priest, philosopher, statesman, geologist, scholar, poet, writer and leader of the Polish Enlightenment. He had a direct influence on the Third of May Constitution of 1791.

November 7, 1944 - Joe Niekro (Born)

Joe Niekro was a Major League Baseball Player and the brother of Hall of Famer, Phil Niekro. Joe Niekro like his brother Phil, specialized in throwing the knuckleball. During the 1970's and 80's, the Niekro brothers combined for 539 total wins, making them the most successful brother combination in baseball history. Joe's son, Lance Niekro, is a major league baseball player.

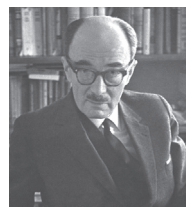


November 8, 1940 - Charles Kowal (Born)

Charles Kowal is a Polish American astronomer who discovered the two moons of Jupiter, Leda in 1974 and Themisto in 1975. Charles Kowal is also known for discovering many supernovas in other galaxies.

November 9, 1505 - Mikolaj Rej (Born)

Mikolaj Rej was one of the best known writers and poets of the Renaissance and was also a politician, musician and nobleman. The Polish Sejm pronounced 2005 as the year of Mikolaj Rej, celebrating the 500th Anniversary of his birth.



November 10, 1909 - Pawel Jasienica (Born)

Pawel Jasienica was the pen-name of Leon Lech Beynar, a Polish non-academic historian, journalist, writer and soldier.

November 11, 1918 - Poland's Independence Day (Event)

In 1918 after World War I, Poland was reestablished as a sovereign country with the assistance of United States President Woodrow Wilson and the Allied Powers.



November 12, 1952 - Steve Bartkowski (Born)

Steve Bartkowski was a well known quarterback for the National Football League. During his career Bartkowski played for the Atlanta Falcons and the Los Angeles Rams and was All American Quarterback during his senior season in 1974 at the University of California.

November 13, 1806 - Emilia Plater (Born)

Emilia Plater was a Polish freedom fighter who participated in the November Uprising of 1830. Emilia Plater, who achieved the rank of Captain of an Infantry Unit, is considered a revolutionary, patriot and national hero not just in Poland, but also in Belarus and Lithuania.

