

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

**On April 2, 2009,**  
 the world  
 remembered the  
**Fourth 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**



Thompson Street & Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, PA

**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.**

**A Tribute to**  
**P.F.C. Stanley A. Gogoj**

Private First Class Stanley A. Gogoj, of the U.S. Army, was the first soldier from the Philadelphia region reported killed in action during the Korean War which began on June 25, 1950. He was born in the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia in 1929 and attended Northeast Catholic High School before he joined the U.S. Army in 1948.

P.F.C. Gogoj was a member of the 71st Signal Service Battalion, U.S. Army. On June 30, 1950, he was a passenger in a C-54D Skymaster transport from the 22nd Troop Carrier Squadron, 374th Troop Carrier Wing. While on the ground at Suwon Air Base (K-13), Korea, the aircraft was destroyed by a North Korean bombing strike. All 23 on board were killed. P.F.C. Gogoj was awarded the Purple Heart, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Korea War Service Medal.

On February 24, 1991, a group of Korean War Veterans founded the Philadelphia Korean War Veterans Association at AmVets Post 100. On June 9, 1991, the Post was named the Philadelphia Korean War Veterans Association of Philadelphia, P.F.C. Stanley A. Gogoj, Chapter No. 38, Inc. to honor him and all fallen comrades from the Korean War.

On June 25, 1991, Philadelphia City Council President Joseph Coleman and Council members passed a resolution declaring June 25, 1991, as Korean War Day in Philadelphia. They also passed a resolution, sponsored by Councilman Francis Rafferty to establish a Korean War Memorial in Philadelphia.

On May 13, 1992, Fairmount Park Commission approved the Veterans Chapter #38 request to install a concrete pedestal at Delaware Avenue and Dock Streets as the future site of the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial. The marker was dedicated on June 30, 1992. The Vitetta Group was chosen to design the memorial. On March 21, 1994, the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial was copyrighted under P.F.C. Stanley A. Gogoj, Chapter No., 38 Inc. in the Library of Congress, Washington, DC, under Title 17, and on June 22, 2002 the Philadelphia Korean War Memorial was constructed by the John J. White Company and dedicated at Penn's Landing at Front and Dock Streets. John J. Plenskofski is the President of the Korean War Veterans Association P.F.C. Stanley A. Gogoj, Chapter No. 38 Inc.

On Memorial Day and all year round let us remember the attack of the Korean War on June 25, 1950, 59 years ago, and the dedicated American servicemen, under the command of General Douglas MacArthur, who are often referred to as the forgotten men of war. It is our duty to honor and remember these brave men and salute their efforts for the cause of freedom. May they rest in peace!

From the Desk of  
**Mary Ann Zerkowski, President**  
 Berks County Polish American  
 Board of Education  
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**Alvernia University Hosting**  
**Historic Exhibit**

Alvernia University will host the historic exhibit "A Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People" in the Franco Library and Learning Center, 400 Saint Bernardine Street, Reading, PA, from Holocaust Remembrance Day April 21, 2009 to July 31, 2009. This exhibit of photos, videos, documents and artifacts record the extraordinary contribution of Pope John Paul II to strengthening relations between the Catholic and Jewish faiths. In conjunction with this exhibit a special Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 17, beginning at 4 P.M. in St. Mary's Church, 250 South Twelfth Street, Reading, PA. Members of the Berks County Polish and Jewish communities are expected to participate in the Mass. For exhibit information about private tours and school tours call 610-790-2880.

**Scholarship Dinner**

The 64th annual Polish American Board of Education Scholarship Banquet will be held at the Reading Country Club, Exeter Township, on Sunday, April 19, 2009. The feature speaker will be Brigadier General John L. Gronski, Assistant Adjutant General, Pennsylvania Army National Guard. At the banquet, the organization will be celebrating the Polish Constitution of May 3, 1791, the second democratic constitution in the world and the first democratic constitution in Europe. Also scholarships totaling \$25,000 will be awarded to Berks County high school seniors of Polish American descent. For more information or reservations, contact Helen Nowotarski at 610-777-4598.

For more information about the activities of Berks County Polonia check the following websites: Board of Education pabe-berks.org; Berks County Polish American Heritage Association berks-paha.org.

**Police Officer John Pawlowski**  
**Memorial Fund**

Police Officer John Pawlowski, 26, a member of Polonia and Philadelphia Police officer, was mortally wounded in the line of duty on Friday, February 13, 2009, when he attempted to apprehend an armed and violent felon.



Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, February 20, 2009, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul in center city Philadelphia, followed by interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Bensalem, PA.

A Memorial Fund has been established to assist Police Officer Pawlowski's family. Checks should be made payable to John Pawlowski Family Fund and mailed to Police and Fire Credit Union, 901 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

The Polish American community joins in extending condolences to his wife, Kimmy, with a child on the way, his father, brothers, sister, and to the entire Pawlowski family.

May he rest in peace - a man of extraordinary courage, bravery and dedication to service!

**In recognition of donations to the**  
**Polish American Cultural Center**  
**Museum Exhibit Hall**  
**in Memory of**

Robert Ankielewicz  
 Frank Ford  
 Mary Heleniak  
 Edward F. Jones  
 Police Officer John Pawlowski  
 Josephine F. Pisarczyk  
 Martin F. Taylor Jr.  
 Wojciech Wierzewski

**In Memory of**  
**Frank Romanowski**  
**August 3, 1914 • May 22, 1996**  
**Offered by Daughter**  
**Theresa Romanowski**