

Museum's Historic Reflections Project Part 3



August 22, 1939 - Carl Yastrzemski (Born)

Carl Yastrzemski was a Major League baseball player and the hitting star of the Boston Red Sox. Yastrzemski, won the Triple Crown in 1967, hitting .326, with 44 home runs and 121 RBI's.

August 23, 1778 - Jozef Hoene-Wronski (Born)

Jozef Hoene-Wronski was a Polish mathematician, philosopher, economist, lawyer and military officer who served under General Thaddeus Kosciuszko during the Polish Insurrection of 1794.



August 24, 1975 - Ed Halicki (No Hitter)

Ed Halicki is a former Major League baseball pitcher, who on this day in 1975, threw a no hitter for the San Francisco Giants against the New York Mets in a 6-0 victory.

August 25, 1905 - Helena Kowalska (Born)

Helena Kowalska entered the convent in Krakow, Poland. Her convent name was Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska and through her visions, she brought about the Divine Mercy devotions which have now spread around the world. Sr. Faustina Kowalska was canonized a saint of the Catholic Church.



August 26, 2011 - Our Lady of Czestochowa (Feast Day)

On this Feast day, Polish people all over the world honor Our Lady of Czestochowa as the patroness of Poland. Celebrations are held at the Shrine in Czestochowa, Poland, the Shrine in Doylestown, PA, and hundreds of places named after the beloved Czarna Madonna (Black Madonna).

August 27, 1890 - Polish Union of the United States of America (Founded)

The Polish Union of the United States of America was a fraternal organization started by Msgr. Majer in St. Paul, MI in 1890. The organization is now headquartered in Wilkes-Barre, PA and promotes the well-being of its members as well as Polish culture and pride.



August 28, 1932 - Franciszek Zwirko (Won Aviation Award)

Franciszek Zwirko was a prominent Polish sport and military aviator. Along with Stanislaw Wigura, he won the international air contest "Challenge 1932".

August 29, 1756 - Jan Sniadecki (Born)

Jan Sniadecki was a mathematician, philosopher and astronomer at the turn of the 18th century. He is known for his works on planetoids and pioneering work in the study of probability.

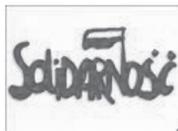


August 30, 1902 - Jozef Bochenski (Born)

Jozef Maria Bochenski was a Polish Dominican logician and philosopher. He took part in the 1920 campaign against Bolshevik Russia, served as Chaplain to Polish troops in WWII and fought as a soldier at the Battle of Monte Cassino. After the war Jozef Bochenski held many academic chairs at various educational institutions and is a noted philosopher of the "Cracow Circle."

August 31, 1980 - Solidarity (Born) 35th Anniversary (1980-2015)

The Polish Trade Union "Solidarity" was led by electrician Lech Walesa in the Baltic seaport of Gdansk, Poland. Solidarity was the catalyst that led to the downfall of communism in Eastern Europe.



September 1, 1939 - Invasion

The brutal invasion of Poland by Hitler's Nazi Forces took place on September 1, 1939. The invasion of Poland marked the beginning of World War II. From the first day of the invasion, Polish soldiers valiantly fought to stop the Nazi invaders. Their resistance is well remembered

through the statement "Poland, the first country to fight back Nazi forces." Throughout World War II, Polish soldiers in exile helped other countries fight against Hitler's Nazi soldiers.

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September 2, 1969 - Chris Kuzneski (Born)

Chris Kuzneski is a New York Times bestselling American author. Born in Indiana, PA, he currently lives in Tampa, FL. Kuzneski played football at the University of Pittsburgh where he received his undergraduate degree in writing and his master's degree in teaching. So far, his books have been translated into more than 15 languages.

September 3, 1951 - Edward Krzyzowski (Died)

Captain Edward Krzyzowski of the U.S. Army's 2nd Infantry Regiment was killed in action on this date in 1951 during the Korean War. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for providing cover that allowed his unit to escape Communist encirclement.



September 4, 1809 - Juliusz Slowacki (Born)

Juliusz Slowacki was a poet and playwright who wrote "The Trilogy of Polish History." Pope John Paul II quoted Juliusz Slowacki's works on more than one occasion. Slowacki had an influence over other great Polish poets such as Krasinski, Norwid, and Ujejski. His ashes were laid to rest in the Royal Crypt in Wawel Castle.

September 5, 1936 - Bill Mazerowski (Born)

Bill Mazerowski played with the Pittsburgh Pirates and was an outstanding defensive second baseman. He won the Gold Glove Award eight times. His lead-off homer in the bottom of the 9th inning of the 7th game of the World Series in 1960 ranks as one of baseball's greatest moments. Mazerowski's homer gave the Pirates a 10-9 win over the Yankees for the World Series Championship.



September 6, 1908 - Korczak Ziolkowski (Born)

Korczak Ziolkowski's master work of a monument to Chief Crazy Horse is continued by his family after his death in the Black Hills of South Dakota. When completed, Ziolkowski's monument to Chief Crazy Horse will be 563 feet high by 641 feet long, making it the largest sculpture in the world.

September 7, 1939 - Brave Soldiers (Surrendered)

The brave Polish soldiers under Major Sucharski were forced to surrender at the Polish Naval Depot in Westerplatte after seven days of desperate defense and inflicting heavy casualties on the invading Nazi German army. Poland continued to fight its invaders throughout World War II.



September 8, 1230 - Erazmus Vitello (Born)

Erazmus Ciolek Vitello was a Polish Friar, theologian and scientist. Vitello is known for his work in psychology and especially optics. The Vitello Crater on the earth's moon is named after this early scientist.

September 9, 2004 - Rose Gacioch (Died)

Rose Gacioch was a pioneer in women's professional baseball and one of the inspirations for 'A League of Their Own,' the all American professional women's baseball league started during World War II.



September 10, 1957 - Pawel Huelle (Born)

Pawel Huelle, of Gdansk, Poland, is a famous prose writer. He graduated from Gdansk University. He worked for the press service of the Solidarity trade union, was a teacher of philosophy and history, and served as director of Polish Television in Gdansk from 1994 to 1999. Pawel Huelle's famous work is Weiser Dawidek which was made into a film.

September 11, 1975 - Markus Klepaski (Born)

Markus James Klepaski is the bass guitar player for Breaking Benjamin. He is also the founder of the clothing line Ke'Kuhn. He currently lives in Pennsylvania with his wife and two children.



September 12, 1925 - Stan Lopata (Born)

Stan Lopata was a professional baseball player who was on the Philadelphia Phillies and Milwaukee Braves teams. He was a catcher and two-time all star player.

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