

**Your Gifts Are Welcome
To Help Blind Children in Laski, Poland**



In the early morning hours on November 27, 2007, a fire broke out in Laski, Poland, damaging the school for the blind, which is solely supported by donations. For Polish people the name Laski is immediately associated with the school for the blind. It is a community where blind children live and learn to become independent in their adult life. The fire damaged the building beyond repair, including all the Braille equipment. Funds are still desperately needed for repairs, costing approximately \$400,000.

Donations would be much appreciated and may be sent to the Polish American Cultural Center, 308 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106. Checks should be made payable to BLIND CHILDREN IN LASKI, POLAND. All donations will be acknowledged in writing.

POLAND TOURS

September 19 to September 28, 2008 - Southern Adventure - Sponsored by Pat Tarashuk. Tour includes Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane, Czestochowa and much more. Round trip air between USA and Poland via LOT Polish Airlines. For more information, contact Pat Tarashuk at 908-397-6946 or Polish American Travel Service at 215-634-3396.

September 21 to October 1, 2008 - Footsteps of two Popes/ Germany-Poland - Sponsored by Fr. Janusz Brembor/St. John Cantius Parish. Departure from Newark airport via Lufthansa Airlines. Tour includes Munich, Freising, Karisplatz, Altotting, Regensburg, Prague, Wadowice, Zakopane, Krakow, Czestochowa, Warsaw and much more. For more information, call Fr. Janusz at 215-535-6667 or Nina Tyra (J. World Travel) at 215-634-6006.

October 6 to October 14, 2008 - Trip to Krakow and Surrounding Area - Sponsored by St. Josaphat Parish and Fr. Leonard Lewandowski. Tour includes Czestochowa, Krakow, Wadowice, the Salt Mines and many other sites. Departure from Philadelphia airport. For more information, call 610-296-9844 or 484-354-0121.

**Enjoy the Music of the Polish American String Band
Marking its 75th Anniversary during 2008**

The String Band will be marching through the Port Richmond section of Philadelphia, 7 to 9 P.M. on the following Mondays: June 9, 16 - July 7, 14, and 21,

Enjoy the Concert - Wednesday, June 18, 7 P.M., Campbell Park, Belgrade Street & Allegheny Avenue, Port Richmond section, Philadelphia.

Parade - Saturday, June 28, 12 Noon, Main Street, Maple Shade, NJ.

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



Polish Travel Center

Travel Arrangements • Parcels to Poland
2718 Orthodox Street • (215) 533-1294
Internet: PolishTravel.com

Polish DVD's Available at the Richmond Branch

The Richmond Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, located at 2987 Almond Street in the Port Richmond section, is pleased to announce the addition of 45 Polish DVD's to their library collection.

If you cannot come to the Richmond Branch to borrow these DVD's, you may also reserve them from home by phone or the local branch that you usually use, and the DVD will be sent to the nearest branch for you to pick up and enjoy at home. The DVD's can be returned to any branch of the Free Library. Up to 5 DVD's may be checked out at one time. For more information, call the Richmond Branch at 215-685-9992.

Polish Museum of America

America's First Ethnic Museum
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Founded in 1935, the Polish Museum of America is one of the country's first and largest ethnic museums. Polish and Polish-American history is promoted through music, artworks, and historical and cultural displays.

Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski Memorial Fund

Police Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, a member of Polonia and officer in the Philadelphia Police force for nearly twelve years, was mortally wounded in the line of duty on May 3, 2008, when he stopped three suspects involved in a bank robbery.



Mass of Christian Burial was held at 12 Noon on Friday, May 9, 2008, 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 Sergeant Liczbinski's family. Checks should be made payable to Stephen Liczbinski Memorial Trust Fund and mailed to Police and Fire Credit Union, 901 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Polonia joins in extending condolences to his wife, Michelle, his three children, Matthew, Steven and Amber, and to the entire Liczbinski family.

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

In The Footsteps of Copernicus

Polish astronomers, led by Warsaw University's Professor Andrzej Udalski, have discovered a planetary system that can be described as a scaled-down version of our own. Conducting their observations as part of the Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE), they detected two large planets similar to Jupiter and Saturn orbiting around a sun some 4,500 light years away. According to Udalski, OGLE permits scientists to determine whether there are planets around a parent-star.

Congratulations Fr. Martin Ivanovich



On Saturday, May 17, 2008, Fr. Martin Joseph Ivanovich, along with two other men, was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Justin Rigali for the Philadelphia Archdiocese at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul. A luncheon reception was held in St. Adalbert Parish Hall following the Ordination Mass.

Fr. Ivanovich, whose most recent assignment was deacon at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Morton, is the son of Zbigniew Iwanowicz and Bozena Iwanowicz and the older brother of Sebastian.

He was born in Bartoszyce, Poland where he graduated from Romuald Traugutt Elementary School. He immigrated to the United States as a teenager and graduated from Samuel S. Fels High School in Philadelphia and the college division of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary before entering the theology division at St. Charles.

Fr. Ivanovich celebrated his first Mass on Sunday, May 18, at his home parish, St. Josaphat, in the Manayunk section of Philadelphia, followed by a reception in the parish hall. He has been assigned by Cardinal Rigali as a parochial vicar to St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish in West Chester, PA.

Congratulations are extended to Fr. Martin Ivanovich from the Polish American Congress, Eastern PA District, Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia, his family and the entire Polonia. God's choicest blessings to Fr. Ivanovich. Sto Lat!

Congratulations 2008 Raffle Winner

The board and volunteers of the Polish American Cultural Center Museum in historic Philadelphia wish to thank all who supported the \$2008 Raffle. Proceeds benefit the Museum and cultural programs.

The drawing took place on Tuesday, April 15th, in the Polish American Cultural Center Museum. The lucky winner was Chester T. Cyzio - ticket #732. Best wishes and congratulations to Chester Cyzio!



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