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VIRTUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FESTIVAL 2020



September 7, 2020



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Winners will be notified!

Polish-American Family Festival & Country Fair

It's beginnings...

In 2015, we celebrated the 50th Polish American Festival. Recently, having spoken to Fr Edward Volz, who was involved in the beginning, we've come to learn that we were off by one year. This year we should be celebrating the 54th Polish Festival, not the 55th. It turns out that in 1966, following the Feast of Our Lady of Czestochowa in August, the Pauline Fathers held a picnic for the volunteers, down below on the original grounds. The "Polish Picnic" was such a success, that they planned another picnic for the following year, but this time opening it up to others and decided to call it the "Polish Festival". So in 1967, the Shrine Volunteers held the first official Polish Festival down below at the original Shrine. It wasn't until the following year, in 1968, that the Festival was moved to the new Shrine grounds up on the hill where there was more room and better facilities to handle the crowds.

The following article was contributed by Chris Magnuson, whose family has been involved with the Shrine and Festival since the beginning:

The 'original' festival was a simple picnic that was held by volunteers, their families and friends during the year of the Shrine's dedication. As a good time had by all at this event, it inspired its continuation and expansion for the following year. The Festival was the brainchild of Dr. Raymond Chase and his wife, Virginia along with Father Michael Zembruski, the founder of the Shrine. Their idea was to create an ethnic celebration combined with an old-fashioned country fair.



Back then, events of this type were not the norm, so despite the hard work of many volunteers, questions remained as to its success. Doubts were quickly allayed when thousands of people arrived to join in the festivities at this relatively unknown shrine. Pennsylvania State Police had to be called in to handle the miles-long traffic jams. Brother (now Father) Edward Volz, who was responsible for food service, could hardly keep up with the overwhelming demand for kielbasa sandwiches. No hot dogs were served!

The festival included a professional art exhibit of Polish artists, which graced the walls of a historic Bucks County barn located on the shrine grounds. In the background, strains of Chopin works could be heard continuously played on an Aeolian grand player piano. Noted

helicopter aviation pioneer and *National Medal of Technology and Innovation* recipient, **Mr. Frank Piasecki**, graciously donated a helicopter to give rides to excited guests. The lively beat of the *Polish-American String Band* had many visitors toe tapping and has remained a regular event each year.

The original festival was simply called the Annual Festival and Country Fair. But in the second year, it was renamed the Polish Festival and Country Fair, and was moved to the upper grounds where the new Shrine basilica had been built. To better accommodate the ever-increasing number of visitors, several years later the festival dates were expanded to include a second weekend. Still later, the name was shortened to simply the Polish-American Festival. To call attention to its Polish American origin and to emphasize the family nature of the festival, in 2010 we have again renamed it, now calling it the **Polish American Family Festival and Country Fair**.

One of our most notable visitors over the years was **President Ronald Reagan**, who enjoyed a Placki (Potato Pancakes) on the festival grounds

Many individuals continue to volunteer innumerable hours to create this festival which is one of the oldest and largest ethnic events of its kind... Some of the current volunteers are 2nd or 3rd generation. Over the years the festival has grown in its offering but the same basic format remains: to create a cultural and fun atmosphere for the entire family, charge fair prices and treat every visitor as a guest.

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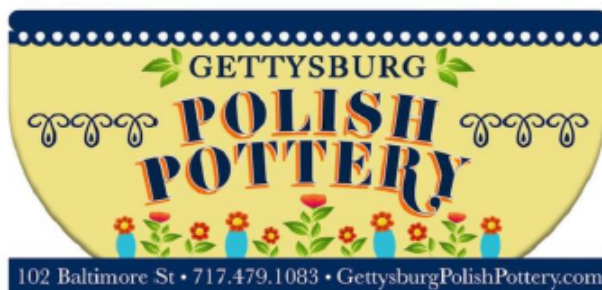
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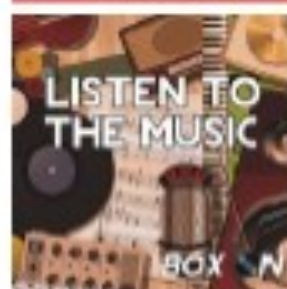
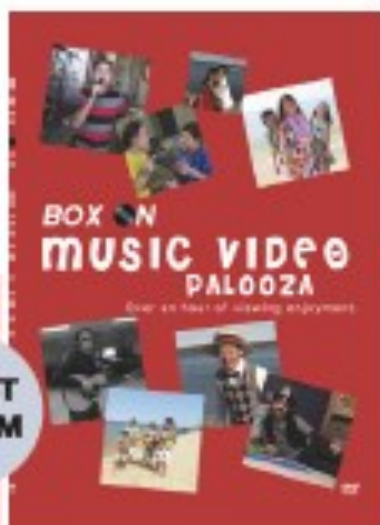




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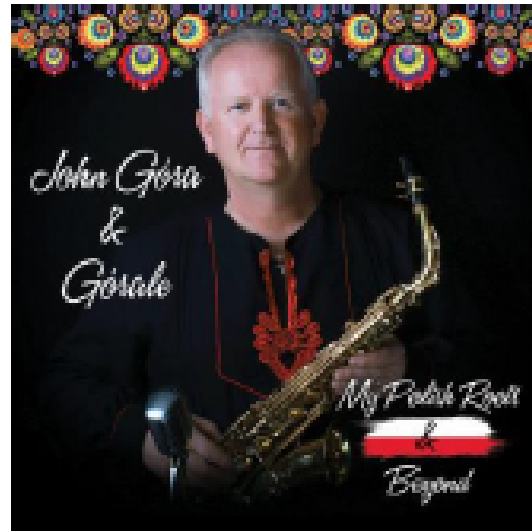


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