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PACT Members from all over Texas attended the 2018 Annual Meeting in Chappell Hill including Mass at St. Stanislaus Church.

PHOTO BY JAMES SMOCK. NOV. 17, 2018.



Officers and directors Kiara Jaraczewski, Maureen Brown, Susie Kotara, Elaine Mazurek Stephens, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, John Wojtasczyk, Eric Opiela, Dr. Piotr Przybylski, Michael Kurtin, Genny Kraus, Jolanta Mazewski-Dryden gather at the Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum for the PACT Annual meetings, Nov. 17, 2018. Not pictured: Dr. Witold Lukaszewski, Marta Morowska, Sue McCarthy, Dr. Waldemar Priebe.



OUR LEADERSHIP

Founder and Chairman Emeritus
Most Rev. John W. Yanta, D.D., Bishop
Emeritus, Diocese of Amarillo

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Kiara Jaraczewski (2018-2019); Olivia Rytelowski (2019-2020)

2019 MEMBER EVENTS

JANUARY

1 – PACT dues are due, Polish American Council of Texas

FEBRUARY

23 – Austin, Member Dinner & Dance, Austin Polish Society

MARCH

3 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

10 – Cestohowa, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

17 – Falls City, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

19 – St. Hedwig, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

24 – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

24 – Floresville, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

31 – Poth, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heri-



The procession from the opening ceremonies at Chappell Hill included participants from all over Texas.

tage Center at Panna Maria

APRIL

3 – Deadline for PACT Scholarship, Polish American Council of Texas

6 – Austin, Bigos Cook-Off, Austin Polish Society

7 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

7 – Panna Maria, Presentation, Scanning, Open House, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

14 – Austin, Pisanki & Easter Palm Workshop, Austin Polish Society

20 – Houston, Children's Easter, Blessing of Baskets, Swieconka Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

28 – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

Last Sunday – St. Hedwig, Feast Day Celebration, Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church

MAY

5 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

1st Sunday Bandera, Parish Festival, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

11 – Yorktown, Presentation, Scanning for museum collections, Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

3,4,5 – Houston, Houston Polish Festival, Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church

18 – Austin, Majowka Picnic, Austin

Polish Society

26 – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

3rd Sunday San Antonio, Spring Festival, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Dallas, Polish Picnic, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

JUNE

1 – Austin, Children's Day, Austin Polish Society

23 – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

21-22 – Bremond, Polski Dzień, Bremond Chamber of Commerce

Please check member pages and websites up-to-date info.

2019 MEMBER EVENTS



Dance Groups from Houston and Dallas provided traditional dance performances for us!

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7,8,9 – San Antonio, Texas Folklife Festival, texas-folklifefestival.org

JULY

7 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Potluck party, Austin Polish Society

AUGUST

4 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

1st Sunday – Kosciusko, Annual Picnic, St. Ann Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER

8 – Austin, Polish Movie, Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

2nd Sunday – Yorktown, Parish Festival, Holy Cross Catholic Church

1st Sunday – Chappell Hill, Annual Homecoming Bazaar & Dożynki, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

OCTOBER

All – Polish Heritage Month

6 – Austin, Polish Movie Screening, Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

2nd Sunday – Panna Maria, Turkey Dinner & Homecoming, Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Dallas, Polish Festival, St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

St. Hedwig, Polish American Priests Assn Celebration, Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church

NOVEMBER

TBD – Austin, Austin Polish Film Festival, Austin Polish Society

11 – Polish Independence Day, 16, Austin Ognisko Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Polish History Club, Austin Polish Society

16 – Bandera, PACT Annual Meetings, Polish American Council of Texas

DECEMBER

1 – Austin, Polish Movie, Austin Polish Society

TBD – Austin, Christmas Party,

Austin Polish Society

8 – San Antonio, Annual Gala, Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation

Holidays – Chappell Hill, Polskie Kolędy, St. Stanislaus Catholic Church

Holidays – St. Hedwig, Wigilia, Annunciation of the BVM Catholic Church

Holidays – Bremond, Kolędy, Toy Drive, Festival of Lights, Bremond Chamber of Commerce

Holidays – Houston, Christmas Party, PNA Council #182

Holidays – Dallas, Christmas Celebration & Bazaar, Jan Karski Polish School

Holidays – Panna Maria, Polish Christmas Mass, singing and more, Immaculate Conception of the BVM



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2019 Regions Represented by PACT Members & Events

(just to name
a few!)



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OF TANCZYK
MARJO T.



PACT Donations in 2018

- **\$400:** Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Saturday School, Trip to Poland in Summer 2018
- **\$400:** Jan Karski Polish School Of Dallas, to offset the price of tickets to Polish Teachers Conference
- **\$200:** Nicolaus Copernicus Polish Saturday School, Polish Teachers Conference in Oregon
- **\$3,000:** Awarded in Scholarships
- **\$200:** Quadrivium Quartet String Concert for Polish Independence Day celebration in Houston
- **\$200:** Transportation from Houston to PACT annual meeting

Gratulacje!

*Recipients of the 2019 PACT
Essay Scholarship Awards
- \$1,000 to each*

Alycia Caban-Johnson
La Vernia High School

Jacob Alexander
Poth High School

Kristin Krozel
Texas A&M Undergraduate

Kasia Krozel
Texas A&M Graduate Student

2018 Polish Texan Lifetime Achievement Awards

*The Polish Eagles Band and
Daniel Cendalski and the Kwiatkowski Brothers*



The Polish Eagles Band with a few of the living members of the band (Johnny, Leonard and Michael) with their families, along with family members of deceased band members.



Officers of PACT, in Polish costumes, congratulate Daniel Cendalski, holding award.

Congratulations and Dziękuję

Awardees 2018

The Polish Eagles Band
Daniel Cendalski and the
Kwiatkowski Brothers



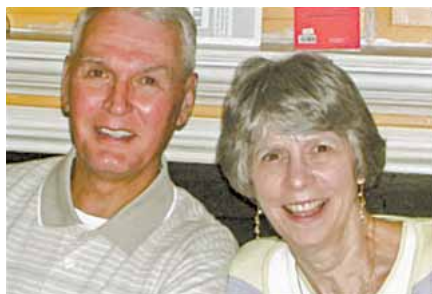
Lenny Kwiatkowski, Matt Kwiatkowski holding his granddaughter, Maelynn Wasut, and Sissi Wellmann. They are Tado Kwiatkowski's sons, great-granddaughter and daughter.



In memory of my great-great-grandparents, John Kush and Josephine Opiela Kush.

They both came to Texas from the region of Silesia, in Poland. John arrived on the first ship in 1854 and was a stonemason who settled in downtown San Antonio and helped build many churches and buildings, including St. Michael's Church that stood in the footprint of the Tower of Americas, and where the couple wed in 1868. Josephine had come to Texas with her parents, Nicolaus and Josephine Opiela (buried in Panna Maria) and seven siblings in 1856. Their family home John Kush built remains in its original location in Hemisfair Park. I hope to honor them by serving as Director for the PACT and Marketing Director for the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria. I only learned of my Polish ancestors after working with the PHC, Bishop Yanta, and the communities and now I am blessed and will treasure this heritage and will pass on to my family.

— Maureen "Mo" Brown



John & Amanda Cebrowski

In Memory of...

**Wacław Siekierski
and
Jozefa Rzańska Siekierski**

*I'm a proud
descendant
of 1850 Polish
settlers, the
Kosub & Ploch
families.*

Genny Kraus

**Mazurka Polish Dancer
PACT Member**



Jolanta A. Mazewski- Dryden

- Director of Region H,
Polish National Alliance
- President, Polish Progressive
Lodge 2335 & Representative
Council 182
- Polish Events and Happenings
in Texas and Beyond



Immigrated from Poland in the early 60's to Texas. Has been actively involved in the Polish community since she was five, performing with the Polish Eagle Dance Group & holding a variety of positions in the Polish National Alliance for over four decades.

Active promoter of Polish culture, history, language and arts via Polish displays throughout Texas. Involved in festivals, consumer events, debutante balls, and bazaars, church events and private events. Does speaking engagements and TV promos for the community.

Uses Polish Events and Happenings in Texas and Beyond to promote Polish Cultural events, arts & culture, language and current events. Owns a Consulting, PR and Marketing firm, Dryden Event Productions.

Check out: <https://www.facebook.com/PolishEventsandHappeningsinTexas/>

Contact: jola@drydeneventproductions.com

Elenora Dugosh Goodley

- PACT Director
- Poland, USA & International Ambassador for City and County of Bandera, Texas
- Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation, Outstanding Service Award, October 8, 2005
- Bandera County Commissioners Court Distinguished Service Award, June 12, 2008
- Founder of the Bandera County Sister Partnership with Strzelce Opolskie, Poland, co-chair Bandera County Historical Commission



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and beyond with
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translations!**

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**17 years old
in the
service
of his
Nation**



**Jan Lukaszewski,
100 Anniversary
of Poland
regaining
independence**

***Witold Lukaszewski,
PACT Director***

John and Frances Lewandowski - Chappell Hill



John Lewandowski
(1875 - 1957)

*John and Frances
Jensurski
Lewandowski
arrived
in Chappell Hill
in 1899.*



Frances Lewandowski
(1879 - 1960)

**We are the second and third generation of their offspring,
Pete and Theresa Kapchinski Lewandowski.**



*Stanley, F. B. "Ski" and
Johnnie Lewandowski*



*Norman and Evelyn Lewandowski
Mushinski and F.B. "Ski" Lewandowski*



F. B. "Ski" Lewandowski



*Johnnie
and Evelyn
Mushinski
Lewandowski,
Brenda
Lewandowski,
Jame's
Mushinski
family*



*Happy to be part of the
PACT as it fosters
continued interest in the
wonderful Polish Heritage.*

— Sue McCarthy

Pamela Mitchell Bremond, TX

**Blessings
from**

**Susan
Moczygemba-
McKinsey**

Panna Maria, TX

Al & Angela Notzon



I have been working with Bishop John Yanta and have been involved in the Polish Heritage Center from its inception. I am so thankful that my Polish ancestors risked so much to come to America and am humbled by the sacrifices they made for their future generations. I have sponsored the St. Michael's Cemetery window representation since my great-grandfather and great-grandmother Notzon are buried there, and I want to honor their memories as well as all my Polish ancestors through my gifts to the Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria.

Dr. Piotr Przybylski

- 2nd Vice President of PACT & PACT Board Member
- Born and raised in Kraków, Poland
- Oil & Gas advisor of Polish American Chamber of Commerce in Texas



*Mary Ann
Kotara Schirmer*
**5th Generation
in Panna Maria**
Best Wishes to All!

Elaine Mazurek Stephens



Descendant
of Thomas
Mazurek,
one of the
original
Polish
settlers in
Bandera,
Texas.

Also descended from surnames
Gruszka, Haiduk, and Jureczki

1st Vice President, Membership
& Directory Chairman,
Polish American Council of Texas
Marketing Committee Member,
Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation
& Polish Heritage Center at Panna Maria

**Honoring the Founder & Chairman Emeritus
of the Polish American Council of Texas**

**Most Rev.
John W. Yanta,
Bishop Retired**



We are thankful for his Vision and Prayers
-The Polish American Council of Texas

**PACT
Welcomes**

**Robert
Rusiecki**
**Consulate General
of the
Republic of Poland
in Houston**

**Krzysztof
&
Malgorzata
Gajda**

Sam &
Susie
Kotara

**Actively involved
in promoting
the development
of the Polish
Heritage Center
at Panna Maria.**

**George
&
Betty
Kowalik**

The Kuciemba Family



**Rebel Ian, Rusty,
Wuisayo, Liberty Rose**

**Dr. Leon
&
Mrs. Alina
Ordon
Kundrotas**

**Grzegorz
&
Stephanie
Kusinski**

**Descendant of Wielkopolska
and Kujawsko-Pomorskie
whose ancestors settled
in Chappell Hill, Texas
in the 1880's.**

Dr. Jim & Kathy Mazurkiewicz

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Professor & Leadership Program Director

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**Mark
&
Zhanna
Sikorski**

**Eddie
&
Debbie
Skrobarcek**

Lambert & Rosalie Titzman



John (Treasurer for PACT) &
Christie Wojtasczyk;

Descendants of
Morawiecz, Schlesia, Pawlik,
Hagel, Migura, Bednorz,
Brzezina, Skrobarczyk,
Grabon, Kowalik, Respondek,
Czerner, & Ibrom

Additional PACT Members

Jerome Bielamowicz
John Czyz
Dr. Marian Kruzel
Nick Kubiak
Maria Lech
Eric Opiela
Thaddeus Zawistowski
Rafal Zielinski
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Church
was
founded
in 1855.*

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Presents

Saturday

8am-1 am

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We take the United States of America, Texas, and Bandera County with us when we go abroad. Our goal is to spread peace and goodwill through sister partnerships with international cities, counties, schools, citizens, and diplomatic exchanges; to promote Bandera as the USA's best western cowboy culture vacation attraction helping to expand economic development in the city and county of Bandera.

The BCSPA promotes tourism, culture, and the cowboy traditions of Bandera County, Texas since first established in 2004.



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Father Leopold Moczygemba Foundation



In the early 1850s, Father Leopold Moczygemba, from Pluznica, Silesia, a region in Europe, now southwest Poland, came to south Texas. To help his suffering friends and families in Poland the new priest encouraged them to move to Texas, settling in Panna Maria and many other Texas communities. Their descendants continue to call South Texas home.

The Foundation hosts musical performers from Poland, annual trips to Poland and a large annual Gala; presents service awards and essay contest scholarships, and maintains two websites, resulting in the building of bridges and relationships between Poland and Texas.

ANNUAL GALA
December 8, 2019

www.FLMFoundation.org
www.silesiantexans.com



Emily Kotzur Kolodziejczyk accepts the FLMF Outstanding Service Award from Monsignor Frank Kurzaj, the FLMF President.



Fr. Frank presents an Outstanding Service Award to Warren Kolenda.

Congratulations to Pollok & Sons Surveying Inc., recipients of a 2018 Outstanding Service Award for a business.

Holy Cross Catholic Church



Rev. Roger Hawes

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Mass: Sat. 5 pm;

Sun. 9:30 am

PARISH FESTIVAL - 2ND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

*"We are proud of our Holy Cross Catholic Church Cemetery
and our ancestors whose memories we honor there."*

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church

Mass:
Sat. 5 pm,
Sun. 9 am

— Panna Maria —

Founded:
1854



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**Annual
Homecoming
and Turkey
Dinner**

2nd Sunday
in October

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Scenes from
the 2018

PACT Annual



Once again, we say
***Dziekuje
bardzo!***
to Chappell Hill
and St. Stanislaus
Catholic Parish for
making our annual
meetings fun and
outstanding!

Meeting at Chappell Hill, Texas



At the Welcoming Ceremonies for our Annual Meeting in Chappell Hill, the Key Note address was given by Polish Consul General Robert Rusiecki, center.

Join PACT at our 2019 Annual Meeting for Members & Directors November 16, in Bandera, Texas





im. Mikołaja Kopernika

Szkoła Polska w Houston

Nicolaus Copernicus Polish School in Houston

Maintaining the awareness of the Polish historical and cultural heritage among children and young people of Polish descent who live in Texas, United States.



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Saturdays

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Sundays

8:30 am, Spanish

10 am, English

11:30 am, English

1 pm, Polish



PANNA MARIA

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*Located in the Panna Maria Historic
District on FM 81 in the historic
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10 am–3 pm

•Saturdays
10 am–4 pm
(3rd weekends only)

•Sundays
1–4 pm
(3rd weekends only)

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830-780-4471

or email: pmhs.vstrctr@gmail.com.

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www.pannamariatexas.org

Polish American Priests Association



**Founder: Bishop Emeritus John W. Yanta, D.D.
of the Amarillo Diocese**

Celebrating 25+ years in Texas.

In 2018, there are now 100 Priests from Poland
or of Polish descent serving in Texas.

CELEBRATING OUR PAST



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- Support of Polish Dance & Choral Groups
- Support of Polish Language Schools
- College Scholarship Programs
- Sports Programs
- Senior Meetings
- Participation in local PNA lodges

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Polish Genealogical Society of Texas



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PGST 2019
P.O. Box 820386
Houston, TX 77282

Our Goals:

- Introduce and unite Polish researchers
- Provide medium for sharing research
- Publish books for previously undocumented matters relating to Polish immigration to Texas
- Sponsor meetings and workshops on historical and genealogical topics helpful to researchers of Polish ancestors
- Provide speakers to educate others about Polish immigration to Texas and Polish culture
- PGST meets four times a year: February, May and September at the Tracy Gee Community Center in Houston, and November for an annual social

501(c)(3) Organization

Come Celebrate & Learn

About Polish immigrant ancestry and be a part of the new 16,500 square foot state-of-the-art Heritage Center!



The Polish Heritage Center (PHC) at Panna Maria is currently being established on location of the oldest permanent Polish settlement in the U.S. It will soon be a destination for families, educational groups, scholars, researchers, and tourists and will include the following:



- Permanent & Temporary Exhibits** – interactive & immersive experiences from early Polish history to the present. Highlights to focus on early Polish immigrant settlements & lifeways in Texas.

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It began with the arrival of Father Vincent Barzynski of the Resurrectionist Order who was the earliest resident pastor. On November 8, 1866, the first Mass of the newly organized parish was celebrated in the San Fernando Cathedral. St. Michael's divine services were initially held in a rented one-story, rock building owned by Emanuel Rzeppa.

In 1867, Rev. Barzynski wrote to Father General Kajsiewicz from San Antonio: "It is true that the population of my parish amounts to some 44 to 50 families ... the total number of people under my protection ... comes to about 250 ..." The first church was constructed in 1868, and five years later, St. Michael's School was opened.

Father Vincent Barzynski was transferred to Chicago where a large number of Polish immigrants began to arrive. In 1874, he became the pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, the first Polish church in Chicago. He became the most influential dominant leader of Chicago's Polonia until his death in 1899.

The first native born Texas priest, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Thomas Moczygemba

(pictured above left) was pastor of St. Michael's for 48 years - 1912 to 1960. His assistant, Msgr. Edward Dworaczek succeeded him.

In 1922, the original church was torn down and a larger edifice of white brick was erected. The cornerstone of this majestic church was laid on July 4, 1922, followed by the dedication on October 25, 1922.

The blessing of the beautiful stained glass windows took place on December 2, 1923. The parish thrived with a grade school and even a high school. In 1947 St. Michael's was changed from a national parish to a territorial (neighborhood) parish in the Polish Quarter that was changing as many Polish residents had moved to the new suburban areas in a growing San Antonio.

This historic church was demolished in 1968 and the Polish Quarter vanished by Urban Renewal to make room for HemisFair 1968. The beautiful stained glass windows were put into Immaculate Heart of Mary Church located in the western part of downtown San Antonio. St. Michael's cemetery, located a couple of miles away from the Church, still exists but accepts no new burials.

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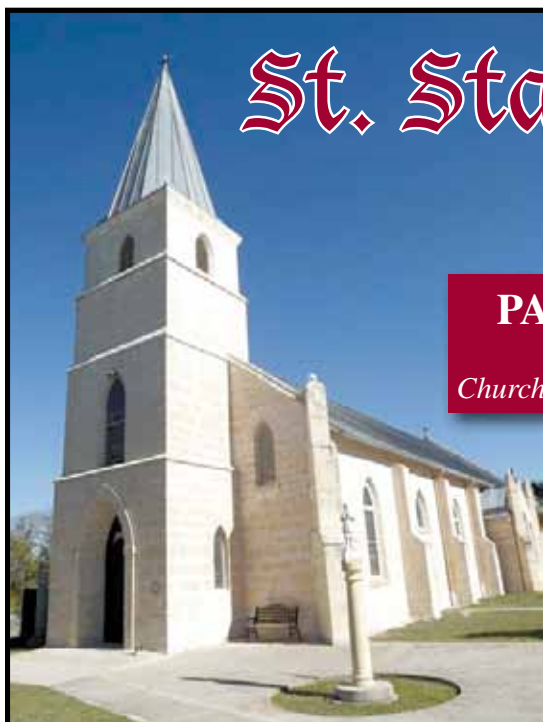
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
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