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## Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku

### Polanki Meeting January 12

On Friday, January 12, Polanki's regular meeting will be held at Villa St. Francis at 7:30pm in the dining room.

**SPEAKERS:** Claire Anderson, a sustaining member of Polanki, will discuss her recently published book, "Seasons of the Slavic Soul--A Quest for an Authentic Polish Spirituality"

#### HOSTESSES:

Joanne Barndt  
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### *From the President's Desk*

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a Happy New Year! 2018 is already upon us. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for Polanki at the Holiday Bazaar. I know people enjoyed selecting Polish treasures in the sales booth, ornament area, and gift shop. It was a successful event. I heard many good things about the Christmas Party. It seemed like members and guests were having a good time and enjoyed the delicious meal. I know Laski appreciated the generous donations. Just a reminder that Polanki's annual business meeting will be on Friday, February 9. No guests are allowed at this meeting. We will have elections for next year's Board. If you have any interest in serving on the Board or want to learn more, please let me know, and I will have someone from the nominating committee get in touch with you. We are always looking for new members to serve on the Board and bring new ideas to the organization. The application deadline for Polanki's annual College Achievement Awards is approaching quickly. Applications must be postmarked no later than January 8, 2018. Please encourage eligible students you know to apply.

-Denna Flemming

## In honor of Polanki's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coming up this year!



**Do you remember...**

In the early 80's, Southridge Mall at a multi-ethnic event various ethnic groups. Groups could have merchandise sales and/or dancers to perform in the center court area. Polanki had 2 sales areas, one on the upper level (near what is now Macy's) and another spot near the Boston Store.



## Check those Closets for Polanki Artifacts

UWM library archives all of Polanki's important documents and artifacts for safe keeping. We would like to keep this updated so we are asking for all members to turn in any Polanki artifacts they have been storing for Polanki or simply have lying around the house, under the bed or in a closet. Please bring any items you find to our Polanki membership meetings. If you have any questions regarding documents or artifacts you find please contact Joanne Barndt, the Polanki historian, at (414) 962-5634) or [jbarndt@uwm.edu](mailto:jbarndt@uwm.edu) and she will be more than happy to help.



## December

01/06 Sybil Grandeck  
 01/09 Sandy Je T'aime  
 01/14 Kathleen Wroblewski  
 01/19 Diane Ufnowski  
 01/27 Terry Markowski  
 01/31 Roma Numrych

## Community Corner

Catholic-Jewish Studies Film Series: Educational Films with Scholars

### Zookeeper's Wife

**Sunday, January 28, 3:00 p.m.**, at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in the Banquet Hall

Dr. Neal Pease will do an introduction to the film and have a question session afterwards

### The Jewish Cardinal

**Sunday, February 25, 3:00 p.m.**

Introduction and post-film discussion by Dr. Richard Lux, PhD, Professor Emeritus at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Film will be shown at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

### Bal Maskowy 2018

**Saturday, February 10, 5:00-11:30pm**

Hosted by the Syrena Polish Dancers at the Wisconsin Club

## Upcoming Events

Jan. 21 Polanki Book Club,  
Polish Center

Apr. 8 Awards Tea,  
Polish Center

Apr. 29 Pierogi Dinner,  
Polish Center

Jun 15-17 Polish Fest,  
Summerfest Grounds

## Deepest Sympathy to...

Sustaining member, Lorraine Grzechowiak's husband, Marvin past away.

# 2017 Polanki Christmas Party

The Annual Polanki Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Polonez Restaurant. It was a wonderful event and a good time was had by all.





# Holiday Bazaar

The Holiday Bazaar was held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Polish Center. People enjoyed buying the beautiful Boleslawiec pottery and other Polish gifts. It was a very successful event.



# Catholic Tidbits

Written by Creston and Denna Flemming, from St. Alphonsus Parish December 3, 2017 Newsletter

What do Archbishop ListECKi, our pastor, Fr. Aaron Esch, our former associate pastor, Fr. Kevin Barnekow, and parishioner Denna Flemming, all have in common? They are all members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. After the First Crusade's leader, Godfrey de Bouillon, liberated Jerusalem in 1099, five military orders were founded to protect the new Kingdom of Jerusalem; the Knights Hospitaller, the Knights of the Hospital of Saint Mary of Jerusalem (Teutonic Knights). The Knights Templar was suppressed in 1312, and the Knights of Saint Lazarus no longer is recognized. The Teutonic Knights is now known as the German Order and exists solely as a religious order. The Knights Hospitaller (as the Sovereign Military Order of Malta) and the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre (as the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre) survive to this day as orders of knighthood.

Today, there are about 30,000 knights and ladies worldwide in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The Order is the only lay institution of the Vatican State, whose mission is to provide for the needs to the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and to support the Christian presence in the Holy Land. In addition to supporting Christians in the Holy Land through prayers and financial contributions to mission such as Christian schools and hospitals, knights and ladies pledge to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land at least once during their lifetimes in order to not only see the Holy Sites, but also to meet the Christians in the Holy Land whom they support. The Christians of the Holy Land are known as Living Stones as they are the descendants of the first followers of Christ. Many people do not realize that since World War II ended, the population of Christians in the Holy Land has dwindled, primarily due to political reasons from 20% of the population to less than 2%.

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