

**OUR LADY OF CZĘSTOCHOWA PARISH**  
WORCESTER, MA  
**PILGRIMAGE MINISTRY**  
&  
**ST. MARY'S SCHOOLS,**  
WORCESTER MA

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND**

**HOMELAND OF SAINT JOHN PAUL II**

**WORLD YOUTH DAY**



**KRAKOW, POLAND**

**IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY**

**JULY 19 - AUGUST 5, 2016**

**PILGRIMAGE TO WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) IN KRAKOW**  
**JULY 19 – AUGUST 5, 2016.**

**JULY 19, 2016 TUESDAY**

Depart Our Lady Of Czestochowa at **2:00 PM** to JFK airport. Please come to our parking lot at least 30 minutes before departure. Depart JFK at 10:15 PM by LOT Polish Airlines with nonstop flight to Warsaw (meals on board). Flight # LO 027

**JULY 20, 2016 WEDNESDAY**

Arrive Warsaw at 12:40 PM and transfer to the hotel in Bochnia, near Krakow. 7PM dinner & overnight at Hotel

**JULY 21, 2016 THURSDAY**

8AM breakfast and tour of Wieliczka and Łagiewniki – Shrine of Divine Mercy. 7PM dinner & overnight at Hotel. (Lunch box)

**JULY 22, 2016 FRIDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and tour of Krakow. 1:00 PM Dinner at Grand Hotel  
 7PM Mass, dinner & overnight at Hotel

**JULY 23, 2016 SATURDAY**

7AM breakfast and tour of Zakopane, beautiful resort in Tatra Mountains.  
 8PM dinner & overnight at Hotel. (Lunch box)

**JULY 24, 2016 SUNDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and tour of Auschwitz and Wadowice, birthplace of St. John Paul II (Mass and lunch).  
 8PM dinner & overnight at Hotel.

**JULY 25, 2016 MONDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and Pieniny National Park with Dunajec River rafting. Lunch. At evening (6:00 PM) - **Bochnia Salt Mine – overnight stay:** Mass, tour, dinner, dancing.

**JULY 26, 2016 TUESDAY**

8 AM breakfast and World Youth Day activities. (Opening Mass at evening)  
 9 PM dinner & overnight at Hotel. (Lunch box)

**JULY 27, 2016 WEDNESDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and WYD activities. At evening: Gathering with Bishop McManus and other Pilgrims from the Diocese of Worcester in local Restaurant. (lunch box)

**JULY 28, 2016 THURSDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and World Youth Day activities. (Lunch box)

5:30 PM Welcoming Ceremony - Kraków - Błonia. Dinner & overnight at Hotel.

**JULY 29, 2016 FRIDAY**

8AM breakfast and WYD activities. At 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis. Dinner & overnight at Hotel. (Lunch box)

**JULY 30, 2016 SATURDAY**

7:30AM breakfast and World Youth Day activities. At 7:30Vigil with Pope Francis. Campus Misericordiae - Brzegi. **Overnight in Brzegi, the Campus of Misericordiae :)**

**JULY 31, 2016 SUNDAY**

10:00 AM Mass with Pope Francis and closing of the World Youth Day.  
7PM dinner & overnight at Hotel.

**AUGUST 1, 2016 MONDAY**

8AM breakfast and tour of Kalwaria Zebrzydowska.  
7PM dinner & overnight at Hotel. (Lunch box)

**AUGUST 2, 2016 TUESDAY**

6:30AM breakfast and tour of Tarnów and Zabawa. We will visit Shrine of Blessed Karolina Kózka, Patroness of Youth and the Movement of Pure Hearts in Zabawa. Lunch.  
7PM dinner & overnight at Hotel.

**AUGUST 3, 2016 WEDNESDAY**

8:00AM breakfast and transfer to Warsaw. On our way to Polish Capital we will stop in Czestochowa – Spiritual Capital of Poland, for Mass and tour of the Shrine. Lunch in Czestochowa. Dinner and overnight at Hotel in Warsaw.

**AUGUST 4, 2016 THURSDAY**

8:00 breakfast and tour of Warsaw. Lunch. Dinner and overnight at Hotel.

**AUGUST 5, 2016 FRIDAY**

7:00 breakfast and transfer to Warsaw Airport for our return flight to New York, JFK. LOT Polish Airlines, Flight # LO 006, departing at: 12:25. Arrival to JFK at 3:30 PM. Arrival to Worcester around 9:00 PM.

### **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:**

No visas are required for U.S. citizens to travel to Poland for stays up to 90 days. Your passport expiration date must be at least three months after your return to the United States. For further information please visit the website of the Polish Embassy or Consulate in your country.

**PLEASE GIVE A COPY OF YOUR SIGNED PASSPORT PICTURE PAGE TO FR. RICHARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Also keep copy for your own records in carry on or suitcase.

### **WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU:**

- A joyful spirit
- One suitcase per person (up to 50 pounds) and one carry-on preferably back-pack (up to 17 pounds);
- Passport and air-ticket; if you have another ID (such as driver's license or student ID);
- Money Belt worn under clothing
- Rosary, your favorite prayer book, prayer intentions from parish and your family. Please remember, it is a pilgrimage;
- Personal hygiene items: toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, hair-products, soap, wash-clothes, shaving items;
- Clothing:
  - ⇒ Undergarments for 17 days;
  - ⇒ Socks ;
  - ⇒ Shoes: (2 pairs of sneakers/comfortable walking shoes and sandals); no need for dress shoes;
  - ⇒ Two fleece jackets/sweat-shirts;
  - ⇒ Five/six pairs of shorts (conservative length);
  - ⇒ Two pairs of jeans or pants;
  - ⇒ 14 tee-shirts;
  - ⇒ 5 collared shirts (polo shirts) for men; 5 blouses appropriate for Mass (must cover shoulders) for women;
  - ⇒ Sundresses maybe worn on many days.
  - ⇒ PJ;
- Small umbrella (collapsible to 12 inch);
- Weather-proof jacket shell
- Warm, compact, micro-fiber sleeping bag
- Any needed Medication
- Sun-protection: sun-scream, hat, sun-glasses;
- If you use any medication, make sure to take it with you and that it is properly labeled;
- Camera, charger and adapter (220 V);
- Money (recommended \$20 per day for snacks, beverages, ice-cream – all meals are included);
- Journal, writing and reading material.

- Because of scheduling, please bring snacks for the journey from Warsaw to Krakow.

## INFORMATION ABOUT POLAND

**Poland** is situated in a very central part of Europe and covers an area of 120,733 square miles - comparable to that of the state of New Mexico. It is the sixth largest country in European Union.

### CLIMATE:

Poland has a moderate climate. The average temperature in August is 67°F (19°C). There are, of course, very hot days when temperatures exceed 86°F (30°C).

### CURRENCY:

The official Polish unit of currency is the Polish Zloty (1 PLN = 100 groszy). If you convert 1 USD into Polish Zloty you will receive about 3.7 PLN. (subject to change). USD may be exchanged for Polish Zlotys in change places called KANTOR. To get the best rates, **do not** exchange your money at the Airport. The bank notes: 200, 100, 50, 20 and 10 zlotys. The coins: 5, 2, 1 zloty and 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1 grosz. ATM Machines or BANKO-MAT are popular in tourist areas in large cities. Ask your bank of fees for using ATM or credit cards.

### CREDIT CARDS:

VISA, Master Card, credit cards are accepted in many shops, major restaurants. American Express is less popular. Lost or stolen cards can be reported to PolCard Ltd. - 24 hour Tel. in Warsaw (022) 515 31 50. Cash advance on credit cards (in Polish currency only) can be obtained from major banks.

### ELECTRICITY:

The uniform voltage in Poland is 220 Volts / 50 Hertz, since round, European-style two-pin plugs are used. Electrical equipment of 110 Volts / 60 Hertz requires the use of an adapter or a voltage converter.

### Baggage:

**Free check-in** baggage allowance is 1 piece not exceeding 50 pounds.

**Free carry-on** baggage allowance is 1 piece not exceeding 17 pounds You can also take a small personal hand bag or laptop. See more details on [www.lot.com](http://www.lot.com)

**Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish - Worcester, MA  
World Youth Day with Pope Francis – Kraków 2016**

## Who's going?

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Ks. Ryszard Polek         | 22. Hiester Maryanna    |
| 2. Bugajski Daniel           | 23. Janczewski Felicity |
| 3. Bugajski David            | 24. Kineke John Paul    |
| 4. Chandley Emily            | 25. Koss-Stephany Emily |
| 5. Chlebeczek Ann            | 26. Koss-Stephany Gina  |
| 6. Chlebeczek Caroline       | 27. Malinowski Andrzej  |
| 7. Chlebeczek Olivia         | 28. Mobilio Derek       |
| 8. Chojnowski Pawel          | 29. Nickle Annamaria    |
| 9. Cormier Adam              | 30. Nickle Anne-Claire  |
| 10. Cormier-Mondel Francisco | 31. Prominski Gabriela  |
| 11. Cwaliński David          | 32. Prominski John      |
| 12. Cwaliński Jakub          | 33. Prytko Robert       |
| 13. Czubaj Monika            | 34. Prytko Veronica Ann |
| 14. Dube Nolen               | 35. Quinn Declan        |
| 15. Dutton Jaclyn            | 36. Siemaszko Mark      |
| 16. Edmonds Desiree          | 37. Stasiewicz Michał   |
| 17. Faneuf Austin            | 38. Stephany Julie      |
| 18. Faneuf Izabela           | 39. Szymczak Anthony    |
| 19. Gawedzki Jakub           | 40. Szymczak Veronica   |
| 20. Gawedzki Pawel           | 41. Votruba Arline      |
| 21. Hiester Ian              | 42. Votruba Nicolas     |

### OUR HOTELS:

HOTEL NAD RABĄ (14 nights)  
011-48-14-610-5966

BOCHNIA

[www.hotelnadraba.pl](http://www.hotelnadraba.pl)

HOTEL HETMAN (2 nights)  
011-48-22-511-9800

WARSAW

[www.hotelhetman.pl](http://www.hotelhetman.pl)

## WHAT IS A PILGRIMAGE?

A pilgrimage is a journey a pilgrim makes to a sacred place for the purpose of venerating it or to ask for heavenly aid, and ultimately to come to know God better. Christian pilgrimages were first made to sites connected with the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Shortly after, pilgrimages started being made to Rome and other sites associated with the Apostles, Saints and Christian martyrs, as well as places where there had been apparitions of the Virgin Mary. In the past, pilgrims would leave their homes, families, and comforts to walk for hundreds of miles with nothing but what they could carry on their backs. Just as the pilgrims from the early centuries, we modern pilgrims also leave our homes, families and comforts in order to journey to sacred places.

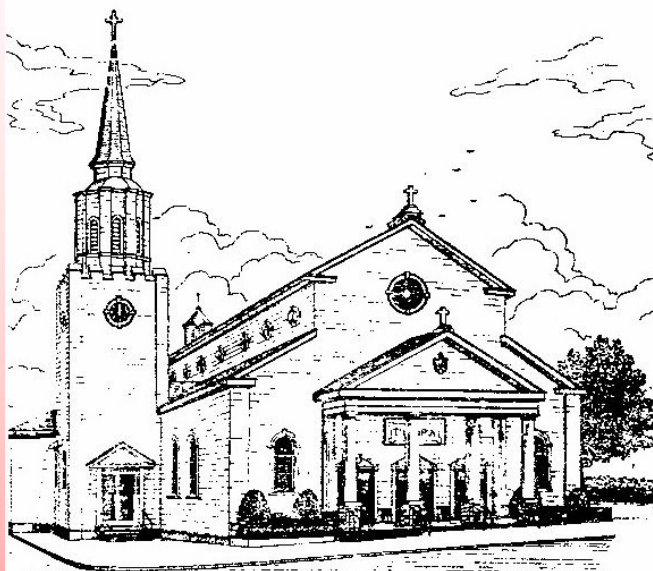
### **Sacrifice:**

Along the journey, there are many sacrifices involved. There is suffering, hunger, pain, exhaustion, extreme weather conditions, crowds, etc... All of these involve self denial in order to obtain the ultimate goal and reach the final destination. Contrasting common misperceptions, suffering is not a punishment that each receives in direct proportion to his own sins but is a result of original sin and is part of the universal human experience, something we all experience in some form. Jesus Christ embraced his cross of suffering and death and so, too, should we embrace these sufferings with joy.

### **Reflection:**

While journeying, a pilgrim may notice that although they are living entirely in the present, it's not the present that matters; what matters is the distant goal. The experience one has on a pilgrimage can be fantastic and deeply meaningful, or it can be completely meaningless. It is entirely up to the pilgrim. Extra graces are given to pilgrims who open their hearts to God. Pilgrims are also called to be witnesses for Christ on their journey. As a Christian and a foreign visitor, pilgrims are ambassadors for Christ and the nation of their citizenship

**Our Lady of Częstochowa - pray for us!**  
**St. Faustina - pray for us!**  
**St. John Paul II - pray for us!**



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