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Lietuvos Katoliku Baznycios Kronika [Chronicle of the Catholic Church in Lithuania]

1974

Box 1: 1

Polish-American Gazette (1 issue)

1968

Box 1: 2

Polish farms in western Massachusetts: news clippings

1969-1993

Box 1: 3

Polish prayer books

1895-1936

Box 1: 4

Polish American veterans: news clippings

1977

Box 1: 5

Postcard from S. M. Heppe

1914

Box 1: 6

Programs and ephemera

1982-1995

Box 1: 7

Massachusetts Federation of Polish Women's Clubs, 66th anniversary convention program

1997

Box 2: 1

Polish churches in Massachusetts: news clippings and miscellaneous

1979

Box 2: 2

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 75th anniversary program, 1893-1968

1968

Box 2: 3

Photographs: Polish cultural activities and churches in Massachusetts

1978-1991

Box 2

Nun in habit doll (cloth and plastic)

ca.199

Box 2

Polish churches in Massachusetts: photographs

1978-1995

Box 3

Although she never completed her project, Panus hoped to photograph all Polish churches in Massachusetts. In most cases, each church is represented by both exterior and interior shots, often several. The images are arranged by church name.

Massachusetts

Adams: St. Stanislaus

Bondsville: St. Adalbert
Brockton: Our Lady of Ostranronia
Cambridge: St. Hedwig
Chelsea: St. Stanislaus
Chicopee: Holy Rosary
Chicopee: St. Anthony of Padua
Chicopee: St. Stanislaus
East Bridgewater: Polish Club
Easthampton: Sacred Heart
Fall River: St. Stanislaus
Hadley: Holy Rosary
Hatfield: Holy Trinity
Holyoke: Mater Dolorosa
Hyde Park: St. Adalbert
Indian Orchard: Immaculate Conception
Ipswich: Sacred Heart
Lowell: St. Casimir
Ludlow: Christ the King
Maynard: St. Casimir
New Bedford: Holy Cross
New Bedford: Our Lady of Perpetual Hope
New Bedford: Polish National Church and Hall
New Bedford: St. Casimir
Northampton: St. John Cantius
Northampton: St. Valentine
Norwood: St. Peter
Peabody: St. Joseph
Pittsfield: Holy Family
Salem: St. John the Baptist
Taunton: Holy Rosary
Three Rivers: Sts. Peter and Paul
Ware: St. Mary
Ware: Holy Cross
Webster: St. Joseph
West Lynn: St. Michael
Westfield: Holy Trinity
Westfield: Polish National Church
Worcester: Lithuanian Association
Worcester: St. Mary

Non-Massachusetts
Fairfield, Conn.: St. Anthony of Padua
New Britain, Conn.: Holy Cross
New Britain, Conn.: Polish Club
New Britain, Conn.: Sacred Heart
New London, Conn.: Saints Peter and Paul
Norwich, Conn.: St. Joseph
Manchester, N.H.: Holy Trinity
Bound Brook, N.J.: St. Mary
Manville, N.J.: Sacred Heart
Kulpmont, Pa.: St. Casimir
Mt. Carmel, Pa.: Our Mother of Consolation
Mt. Carmel, Pa.: St. Joseph
Shamokin, Pa.: St. Stanislaus
Central Falls, R.I.: St. Stanislaus
Central Falls, R.I.: Holy Cross
Central Falls, R.I.: St. Joseph
Central Falls, R.I.: Chet Acisz Restaurant

Administrative information

Access

The collection is open for research.

Provenance

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Language:

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Language:

Lithuanian

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