

2009 Polish Day at Kennywood: A new look for a new year!

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For 78 years, Polish American families in the tri-state area have made Polish Day at Kennywood Park an integral part of their summer fun. Over the years, they came by trolley, by bus, by car. They toted picnic baskets and swim gear – yes, Kennywood once housed a huge public swimming pool and a great miniature golf course! They rode the Pippin, the Little Dipper, the Enterprise. They sampled the cuisine in the Polish Kitchen and packed the benches in front of the stage to get a great seat for the annual Mass, speeches, and festivities. They purchased a program book – always \$1.00 – to review the day later. Although many rides and people are no longer with us, the tradition of Polish Day at Kennywood is alive and well - with an updated look!

Mark your calendars, call the family, buy your tickets and pack the picnic basket: The 78th annual **Polish Day celebration** will take place on **Tuesday, August 4, 2009**, at **Kennywood Park**.

The day will still feature a **Polish Kitchen**, which opens at noon. You can enjoy homemade pierogi, kielbasa, cucumbers and sour cream, cabbage and noodles, paczki, and other delicacies while listening to strolling musicians who will entertain from noon until 3 P.M. Father Miro's famous potato pancakes will be a featured menu item! Stop by the bake sale to purchase nut rolls, poppy seed cake, and an assortment of home-baked cookies and pastries.

In addition to the annual program and Mass, this year's festivities will feature a number of **special surprises: Our own Bishop of Pittsburgh, the most Reverend David Zubik will be honored as the Polonian of the Year.** Born and reared in the Pittsburgh Area, Bishop Zubik has never forgotten his humble Polish roots. We are most gratified that he has accepted our initiation to be honored at Kennywood.

New this year are performances by a Polish Dance group from Youngstown, Ohio – the Krakowiaki, and music by a big name Polka Band, “The Family Polka”, beginning at 6 P.M. Other innovations are in process as well!

Don't miss the fun in 2009. Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday in August, purchase your discounted tickets from the PCC and be the first in line for the Polish kitchen. Renew old acquaintances and make new Polish friends. Remember: the tradition continues with a few new twists and turns! Make Polish Day at Kennywood Park a rite of passage for your children and grandchildren just as it was for you