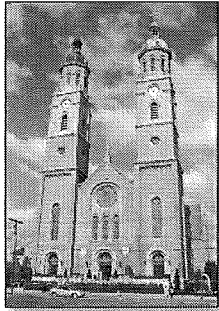
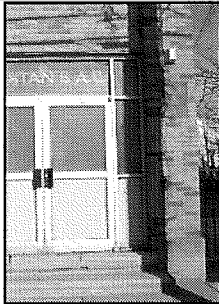


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St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Church – 123 Townsend Street: The oldest Polish parish in the diocese of Buffalo and the oldest in New York State. It was here and within the streets surrounding the parish, where one of the largest Polish communities in the world was founded. In 1904, the St. Stanislaus parish was among the largest in the U.S. with close to 20,000 parishioners and a school of more than 3,000 children. The current Romanesque style church was built in 1882. Since 2004, St. Stanislaus has undergone an aggressive series of capital improvements to stabilize and restore the parish campus. These have included the restoration of long lost murals and the rebuilding of its historic, 1893 Johnson & Son pipe organ. St. Stan's Sunday Noon mass has been broadcasted on radio since 1945. Peckham Street, the original Polish business center in the 1870s & 1880s, lost its strategic importance to the intersection of Broadway & Fillmore as the Polish population increased.



St. Stan's Athletic Club – 289 Peckham Street: In 1921, Rev. Alexander Pitass organized the St. Stan's Athletic Club with the goal of bring together the Polish Catholic youth of the parish and protecting them from the dangers of "evil places and immoral companionship." In addition to lectures about religious and national affairs, the Club provided supervised amusement including baseball, basketball, bowling and gymnastics. The first clubrooms of the organization were located on the second floor of a building at Wilson and Peckham. In 1945, at the cost of \$13,000, the clubrooms were redecorated. In 1959, the old "Czerwona Kamienica" was scheduled for demolition. The AC would find temporary quarters in the Moniuszko Singing Society Clubrooms on Fillmore until the new Parish Social Center was completed. In the summer of 1960, the club moved to its present location. You can become of member of the St. Stan's AC for only \$5.



R & L Lounge – 23 Mills Street: It's like sitting around the kitchen table with relatives...that's why people keep on coming back to the R&L Lounge. Owned by Ronnie and Lottie Pikuzinski, the "R & L" sits across the street from what was once Sattlers 998 Broadway. This neighborhood joint has served as a tavern for over 75 years with the Pikuzinski's at the helm since 1969. Known for their famous Polish lunches featuring homemade pierogies and golabki, they serve dinner only on Friday. Sattlers Department Store was one of the largest retailers in Western New York for over 100 years. Its flagship store on Broadway featured seven floors of goods including a supermarket, pet store and a large home furnishing department. The Broadway Fillmore Business District, in many ways, rivaled the Main Street Business District in number of stores and volume of customers. In addition to Sattler's, this strip of Broadway also hosted the flagship Kobacker's, Eckhardt's (Sears) and Postmature's Department Stores along with over 100 specialty shops. Include the Broadway Market and you had a Western New York shopping Mecca.



Arty's Grill – 508 Peckham Street: To get a full appreciation for Arty's Grill, 508 Peckham St., you need to exercise your creative thinking and picture a time and place about 50 years in the past. Not so long ago, Memorial Drive on Buffalo's Eastside was a 24-hour center of activity. A tightly packed neighborhood of homes, business and churches invaded by the continual flow of travelers arriving and departing at Central Terminal and the thunderous rumble of delivery trucks servicing the almost mile long Railway Express Agency building. With a catbird's seat on the action, Arty's Grill provided a community meeting place....a role it continues to this day. An Arty's Tradition: Don't miss the church bulletins near the front door (St. Stan's, Corpus Christi, etc). Many a man has told his family he was going to church, only to pick up a bulletin before leaving the grill! Mary Ann Kwiatkowski bought Arty's in 1972. Nine of her 11 kids still live in the area and help with the tavern.



G&T Inn – 68 Memorial Drive: Home of Buffalo's ONLY polka singing bartender. Owner Eugene Kiszewski witnessed the end of World War II and then postwar communism while growing up in Poland. Has been the proprietor of the G&T since 1978 (the business has been around since the 30s) Get ready as he turns on the polka music to deafening volume, puts on a hat & wig attached and begins to sing! NOTE: G&T also serves up some of the best Chicken Wings in the city. Across the street are parts of the sprawling New York Central Terminal complex. The buildings near the G&T housed load docks for the Railway Express Company. In a twist of irony, Memorial Drive as originally named Charles Lindbergh Drive at the time of the Terminal's construction. It was changed due to anti-German sentiment during WWII. The G & T is one of a number of privately owned taverns in the neighborhood that keep the pride of Polonia going strong!