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**BLESSING OF THE INSTRUMENTS TO KICK-OFF
DYNGUS DAY IN BUFFALO**

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, April 9, 2009 – Dyngus Day Buffalo will formally begin 2009 Dyngus Day celebrations with the unique Western New York tradition of “Blessing the Instruments.” The blessing will take place on Easter Sunday, April 12th at 7:30p.m. at the Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. VFW #6251 located at 2450 Walden Avenue in Cheektowaga.

Polka musicians from across Western New York and as far away as Chicago, Detroit and Toledo will be in town for this year’s parties. Over 50 musicians with their instruments along with costumed Polish dancers from the Harmony Folk Ensemble and the Polish Heritage Dancers will be on hand for Sunday night’s blessing. Presiding over the event will be Fr. David Bialkowski, pastor of St. John Gualbert’s Parish.

In partnership with public and private organizations, Dyngus Day Buffalo provides marketing and organization support to the numerous Dyngus celebration throughout the Buffalo-Niagara region. Dyngus Day Buffalo promotes public awareness of Buffalo as the Dyngus Day Capital of the World. It is the goal of the organization to grow Dyngus Day through public awareness and education and to promote Polish customs with accuracy, integrity, and liveliness.

A Polish-American tradition, Dyngus Day celebrates the end of the restrictive observance of Lent and the joy of Easter. Over the decades, Buffalo, New York has become the Dyngus Day Capital of the World attracting thousands of people from across the northeast United States. Although celebrated in Buffalo’s Polonia neighborhood since the arrival of the first Poles in the 1870s, the city’s first modern Dyngus Day celebration was held 48 years ago by the Chopin’s Singing Society, a tradition that continues today. Dyngus Day 2009 will take place on Monday, April 13th.