



1 Girl with pigeons fountain
vis-a-vis al. N.M.P. 75

Girl with pigeons is one of the most often photographed elements of small architecture in Częstochowa. Fountain was made by Ewa Maliszewska, known for designing and sculpting the puppets for an Oscar-winning animated movie, *Peter & The Wolf*, co-produced by Se-ma-for, a famous animation studio based in Łódź.

2 The Church of the Holy Virgin Mary
al. N.M.P. 65

Consecrated in 1862, this oriented church building was a part of Mariavite Sisters convent, which also contained a boarding school for girls. In modern times, the church holds tridentine masses and is nestled along the „Sienkiewicz” high school, famous for its alumnus, Muniak Staszczuk, a leader of one of the most popular Polish rock bands, T. Love.

3 Bishop's Curia
al. N.M.P. 54

This late classicist building was erected in 1870 as a residential building and transformed into bishop's curia in 1927, thanks to the

efforts of fr. Jan Pilica. The building contains a Florentine terracotta dating back to 15th and 16th century, probably made in the workshop of della Robbia family.

4 Bench sculpture of Halina Poświatowska
vis-a-vis al. N.M.P. 47

Halina Poświatowska was a famous poet whose works explored themes of love and erotica. The sculpture of Halina Poświatowska (and her cat) was unveiled in 2007 and was the first in a series of sculptures commemorating famous citizens of Częstochowa.

5 The Good Art Gallery
al. N.M.P. 47

This late classicist building was erected in 1875 as headquarters of orthodox clergy and transformed during the interwar period into bishop's palace. Before the WWII it served as a command headquarters for Polish 7th Infantry Division. During German occupation it was used as a police headquarters and after the war, during the communist period, it served as headquarters for the District Military Staff. Nowadays, the building is a part of the Museum of Częstochowa and holds temporary and permanent exhibitions.

6 Bench sculpture of Marek Perepeczko
vis-a-vis al. N.M.P. 46

Marek Perepeczko was an actor best known for playing the titular role in iconic TV series *Janosik*, portraying the life of a highlander outlaw who „took from the rich, gave to the poor”. During 1997-2003 Marek Perepeczko was a director of the Adam Mickiewicz Theatre in Częstochowa.

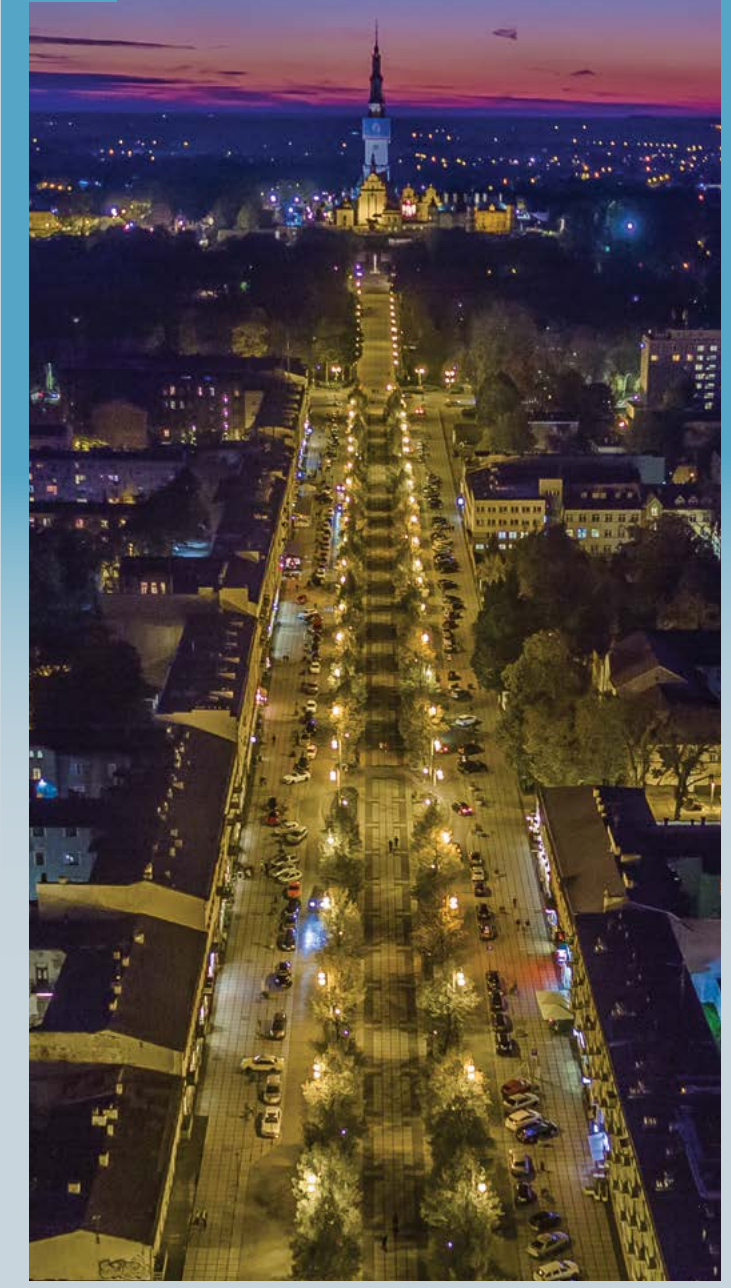
7 The Tower of Babel mural
ul. Dąbrowskiego 1

Unveiled in 2014, the „Tower of Babel” mural was created by Tomasz Sętowski and a team of graffiti artists called „Dreamers”. The mural, painted on a building wall that is almost 300m², features surrealistic imagery, based on biblical and mythological motifs.



CZĘSTOCHOWA

the avenue of Częstochowa



THE AVENUE OF CZĘSTOCHOWA...

Aleja Najświętszej Maryi Panny (the Holy Virgin Mary avenue) is the main artery of Częstochowa, designed by Jan Bernhard and built in 1818. It connected two separate urban environments, Old Częstochowa and New Częstochowa. The avenue leads from St. Sigismund's Church to the parks surrounding the Jasna Góra monastery.

Since the middle of the 19th century many representative buildings and burgher tenements were built along the avenue, richly adorned with balconies and oriel windows. In the middle of the avenue, at St James' square (the current Plac Biegańskiego - Biegański square), a town hall was erected.



8 Old Town Hall

plac Biegańskiego

Classicist building erected between 1828-1836 according to the design of Franciszek Reinstein, after the merger of Old Częstochowa and New Częstochowa. Currently, the Old Town Hall holds the headquarters of the Museum of Częstochowa. Visitors can see the panorama of the city from the building's observation tower.



9 St. James' Church

plac Biegańskiego

Since the 16th century, the location of the current St James' Church held various religious temples. The existing building was erected during 1870-1872 as an Orthodox church of Saints Cyril and Methodius. In 1914, the temple was again transformed into a Catholic church and incorporated into St. James' parish in 1947.

10 Adam Mickiewicz Theatre

ul. Kilińskiego 15

The theatre building was designed by Józef Krupa and Teodor Łapiński and erected in 1931, thanks to the initiative of Jan Otrembski and district foreman Kazimierz Kühn. At first it was known as Municipal Chamber Theatre. It was renamed twice – in 1938 as the Municipal Theatre of Częstochowa and in 1956 as the Adam Mickiewicz Theatre.



11 Former Russian National Bank

al. N.M.P. 34

The Russian National Bank was erected during 1903-1904. In 1927 this eclectic building with neo-Renaissance elements was taken over by Polish National Bank. It was a place of failed robbery attempt by legendary Polish safecracker Szpicbródka and a succesful robbery carried out by a unit of Polish National Armed Forces in 1943, during German occupation.

12 Merchant's House

al. N.M.P. 24

Erected between 1894-1907, the Merchant's House is an L-shaped eclectic building with prevalent neo-Gothic features. At the beginning of the 20th century it hosted trading courses. During the interwar period various banks were located in the building, as well as the Savings and Loans Association of Częstochowa.



13 Bench sculpture of dr. Władysław Biegański

naprzeciw al. N.M.P. 22

This sculpture, unveiled in 2008, depicts dr. Władysław Biegański, a famous physician and social activist. Dr. Biegański was the head of the municipal hospital in Częstochowa, as well as the initiator of founding the city's public library, in front of which his bench sculpture is now located.

14 Franke's House

al. N.M.P. 14

One of the most representative buildings in the city center, erected between 1901-1903 by the evangelical industrialist Adolf Franke. Franke's House is built in eclectic style, reminiscent of urban architecture of Berlin or Vienna.



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Today, the avenue is a place of friendly meetings and family strolls, leading pilgrims directly to the Jasna Góra monastery and encouraging tourists to learn about the history of the place. It offers a variety of gastronomic and entertainment facilities as well as interesting cultural events.

Throughout the year, this special boulevard is also a place for various types of events, the largest of which are located at Plac Biegańskiego. By walking down the avenue, visitors can come across various historic tenements with their own (often dramatic) stories, and other special places that create the unique urban ambience of Częstochowa.



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