

A TASTE OF POLAND

Editor's note: This is a weekly feature where we see how far \$20 can stretch in North Jersey's myriad markets.

Piast Meats & Provisions in Garfield was named for an ancient Polish dynasty, but the only thing that's old about this Garfield landmark is its traditions. The kielbasa, przysmak piwny (beef jerky) and cold cuts are made in-house, the homemade breads are fresh, and the aisles are packed with Polish groceries, desserts, dairy products and even periodicals. If you have time to spare, explore the prepared foods section at lunchtime, where \$6 combos include salad and, for a dollar more, soup and dessert, too.

— Bill Pitcher, photos by Bill Hillermeier

Krokiety z grzybami:

Fried croquettes filled with either chicken or mushroom; good for a quick lunch on the run. \$1.99.



Piast Meats & Provisions is at 800 River Drive, Garfield; 973-340-4722; piast.us. A smaller shop is at 3 Passaic St., Garfield.

Przysmak piwny:

Also known as beef jerky, but thicker, softer and smokier than you'll get from any supermarket. Two big sticks were \$1.80.



Czekoladowy: An enormous eight-layer cake alternating wafers with a thin chocolate frosting. It's big enough to feed 16. \$8.



Pasztet

drobiowy: A mild chicken paté spread, thick enough to slice but soft enough that it also can be spread on crackers or toast. \$3.49.



Rolada boczkowa:

Similar to Italian pancetta, it's rolled, cured pork belly, with hints of sweet and savory flavors. \$3 for a bit under a half-pound.