January

Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of March 16-18, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider “happy hour” on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening. For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin.

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1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
On this holy day of obligation, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.

6 The Feast of the Epiphany
Celebrates the three wise men’s visit to baby Jesus and also remembers his baptism.

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Last day to submit material

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Mission Statement: We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family, we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.
Milestones & Passages

Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the “in our prayers” list. Please contact Muriel Fullam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFullam@msn.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Al Nora. Mr. Nora a member since 1997 passed away in the fall of 2011.

Please keep long time member Willi Stang in your prayers. He is battling some health issues. We all wish him a quick and full recovery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:
James Kieman, we all wish you a very Happy special birthday!

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email me at editor@kolpingny.org or Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.

THANK YOU!
Thank you to Margaret Cirincione for her donation in memory of Mary Minarik.

NEW YORK KOLPING’S ADVENT PROJECT:
Please see page 8 (What’s Happening in New York This Month) to read about the family that is in much need of our help.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, BOB HEMSING:
The Catholic Kolping Society is a volunteer family organization. Every year it is very difficult to get members to volunteer at KOH, whether it be for the clean-up weekends or during our many events held during the summer. It always falls on the same members to step-up and volunteer.

We ask that you make a concerted effort to get involved with the Society and volunteer at several events during the year. Please check off the events on the schedule that you prefer to help out at. We will use this list to contact you via e-mail or phone to remind you when the event is coming up. Don’t be afraid to check off an event because you don’t know if you will be able to make it that day—this is non-binding! If you can’t make that event, we will contact you for the next one.

Please complete the volunteering form found on the next page of this Bulletin and send it with your membership dues. Please update and complete your contact information, including email address. We send out frequent notices via email to keep you up-to-date with what is going on at Kolping.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S JANUARY 2012 INTENTIONS
Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

Victims of Natural Disasters. That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Dedication to Peace. That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.
2012 DUES

It is time to remind you to pay your dues for 2012. The good news is that the rates have not changed from last year! Pay before April 1 for these discounted rates:

- Family: $100
- Individual: $85
- Student: $40
- 50 year members: Paid up forever!

Please include email addresses, change in address, phone number, birthdays, and any other information to update our files.

After April 1, the rates will be increased by $5.

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Muriel Fullam, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128 and mark "Dues" in the left-hand corner.

KOLPING IS ON FACEBOOK! Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

BOARD VACANCIES

On March 4 at the General Meeting, we will have elections for 2 Junior board members and 2 Senior board members, plus 2 vacant seats. If anyone is interested, please call or email Bob or James:

Bob Hemsing
347.386.9311 • bob42@optonline.net

James Rohrbacher
646-468-6557 • jmrohrbacher@yahoo.com

Volunteer Activities List

- KOH Clean Up Events (April & May)
  - kitchen clean-up: washing dishes/pots/pans
  - room clean-up: dusting, sweeping, mopping, window washing, general indoor work
  - yard work: pruning trees, weeding, raking leaves
  - moving picnic tables/benches
  - painting
  - refinishing dining room chairs

- Movie Night (Saturday, June 2)
  - set up/clean up
  - cooking/BBQ

- Family Fun Day (Saturday, August 18)
  - organizing family games
  - set up
  - clean up
  - cooking/BBQ

- Octoberfest (Saturday, August 25)
  - set up – moving picnic tables, setting up the booths
  - volunteering at the booths
  - supervising the bouncy castle so the kids don't get hurt, etc.
  - cooking
  - clean up: taking down the booths, etc.

- Stoufen Day Parade (Saturday, September 15)
  - marching in the parade
  - carry the sashes/banners to the meeting spot

- Harvest Craft Fair & Flea Market (Saturday, September 22)
  - setting up tables/tents
  - taking down tables/tents
  - parking lot
  - cooking/BBQ

- Shut Down at KOH (October)
  - blowing leaves
  - moving picnic tables/benches
  - etc, etc

- Do you have any special talents that you can share with us? (electrician, plumber, carpenter, mechanic, cook, bookkeeping, event planner, specialist in landlord/tenant law, historian, etc)

- Do you have any special equipment that could be useful? (chainsaw, wood chipper, power washer, leaf blower, etc)

The best way to contact me is:

- e-mail: 
- phone: 
- name: 

Thank you for your participation. We will contact you before the event.
Bob Hemsing received the following Thank You cards. We thought we’d share them.

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**Dear Mr. Hemsing,**

The students and staff at Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, Nativity Mission Center and St. Ignatius School wish you and your family many blessings this Christmas season.

Thank you for everything you do for my school.

Merry Christmas

Marcellous

NMC - 6th Grade

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**Rules and Regulations for Members at Kolping-on-Hudson**

1. Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a proper manner. Disorderly conduct is contrary to the principles and values of the Catholic Kolping Society and will be cause for consideration of immediate cancellation of all privileges.

2. No alcoholic beverages may be brought on the property according to State Liquor Authority regulations.

3. Opening and closing times of the bar will be determined by the manager and in accordance with New York State law.

4. No alcoholic beverages will be served to intoxicated persons.

5. Only authorized persons will be tending bar and allowed behind the bar.

6. Cars are to be parked in the parking lots and designated areas.

7. Noise levels should be kept to a minimum after 11:00pm.

8. Wet bathing suits are not to be worn in the dining room or bar area.

9. Barbecuing is permitted in designated areas.

10. Pets may be brought on a leash and are the sole responsibility of the owner.

11. Please do not throw cigarette butts, paper, or refuse in the wash basins, urinals, or toilets. Garbage should be placed in waste baskets.

12. A guest should be encouraged to become a member after three visits to the property. Members are responsible for their guests and are encouraged to introduce them to the manager and other members.

13. The Kolping-on-Hudson grounds may be used year round. The buildings may be used during the winter season with the permission of the manager.
December 4th, the second Sunday in Advent was a wonderful day at Kolping House on 88th Street. First we had a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Bretone. In his homily Father reminded us to be "patient" in all things in our everyday life and in waiting for Jesus to come again. God knows the right time to do everything—so no need for us to worry and be impatient. Thank you to Fr. Bretone and to Don Simons and his accordion for this nice start to the day.

Wolfgang Hahn outdid himself once again. The meal, loin of pork, mashed potatoes, vegetables, schnitzel, and sauerkraut was delicious. We are so lucky to have such a renowned chef cook for our party. Of course, Ernst Endrich and his staff, Ray, Ken, Giovanni, Chris, Roger, Miguel all helped to decorate and setup the tables. The room looked so festive. And when it was over—they cleaned up. Thank you so much guys. Thank you also to Heidi, Kelly, & Emily Weinberg as well as Alexa, Stephen & Jenna Richardson for serving the food. Wilma Endrich is our own Christmas angel. She remembers everything and writes notes to remind everyone. She ordered everything for the bake sale and helped with all the party details that everyone else would forget. Thank you too to Lou Colletti, Donna Richardson and Christina Lovasz for working at the bake sale table.

After our meal, we were treated to the sounds of “Beauty Parlor”, an a cappella group consisting of 6 young women. They were wonderful, with beautiful voices. They got us all involved—even the children in singing the Twelve Days of Christmas. I hope we can get them again in 2012.

Our “Members of the Year” for 2011 were Nick & Lou Colletti. Nick and Lou help out at each and every Kolping event. They truly love Kolping and we are so pleased and happy to have them as members.

Next we celebrated our 50 and 25 year members. Bert Bruegger, Anita Buchholz, and Bob Hemsing were applauded and thanked for their 50 years of service to Kolping. Robert Hemsing Jr., Charlotte Rahm and Donna Richardson were thanked for their 25 years of service. Robert Doyle and the McGreevy/s could not make it to the party but their names were mentioned and their certificates and pins will be mailed or given to them at a later time.

St. Nikolaus and the rest of us really thank Donna Richardson and her children, Stephen, Alexa and Jenna for doing all the shopping. Good old St. Nik would have been horribly embarrassed if there were no gifts to give out.

Speaking of St. Nik—our member of the year Nick Colletti did such a fabulous job. He looked and sounded like the real deal! Thanks Nick!! Most of the kids loved him—but there were a few like cute little Michael Cevello, age 1 (a Buchholz grandchild) that did not care for St. Nik. Maybe next year!

If I have forgotten to thank someone I am sorry—everyone did a wonderful job and the party was just about perfect.

Congratulations to the winners of the National raffle drawn at our party:
$1,500—Jerome Stegman from Cincinnati
$1,000—A. Preisser from New York
$ 500—Theodore & Mary Ann Welsh from Chicago
GEORGE NAUMAN SHUSTER: Author and College President
submitted by Martin A. Kelly

At that time, a voice of tolerance and patriotism was needed, here; and it was found in George Nauman Shuster. He was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin in 1894, and he was educated in the Catholic school system being graduated from Notre Dame in 1915.

By 1917, World War I, between the Allies (Britain et al.) and the Central Powers (Germany et al.) had raged for 3 years; both sides were battle-weary and the possibility for negotiations seemed at hand.

America, however, intervened in April 1917 on the side of the Allies. Shuster foresaw that this move meant the military advantage to the Allies and Germany would become the victim of vengeful conquerors. Nevertheless, Shuster enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in military intelligence. While in Europe, he sharpened his appreciation for Western civilization and culture.

Returning home, he taught at various universities and edited a Catholic weekly “Commonweal” in which he pointed out that Catholic intellect and American intellect was not the same and the latter was lacking in spiritual areas. This was the era of the K.K.K. and lynching. He also denounced Nazism for its assaults on individual and religious freedom; and, supported boycotting the 1936 Olympics in Berlin because it would be used as a propaganda gimmick. Throughout this time, he wrote numerous books on sanity in a world going crazy.

After Pearl Harbor, he served on the Enemy Alien Board and on the conference establishing UNESCO and served as the U.S. representative for over 20 years. In 1950 he was appointed deputy for Bavaria under the High Commission for Germany and served 18 months. Later he was the director for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

As President of Hunter College in Manhattan, he reformed and expanded scope and function of what was a women’s college during his 20 year tenure (1940-60). He also, made salient recommendations in higher Catholic education. He died in 1977 in South Bend, Indiana, site of Notre Dame.

In our fragmented world with nuclear proliferation, we could use a couple more guys like Shuster.

WHY PRACTICE PENCE (by Paul Thigpen, Ph.D.) submitted by Jack McGee

As Lent approaches, Catholics turn their attention once more to penitential practices: traditionally, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Protestant traditions, such as Anglicans, Lutherans, and Methodists, observe Lent as well. Pentecostals, for example, often practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving year-round with an enthusiasm that would put many Catholics to shame. Prayer is obviously giving our ongoing conversation with God. Fasting is seen as a way to strengthen the power of prayer and to focus the one who is praying. Almsgiving is simply a reasonable response to the financial needs of various ministries.

These are of course commendable reasons for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, and they give much common ground as a place for mutual understanding and shared action. But when people inquire about Catholic practices, any discussion of Lenten traditions, should include an explanation of the notion of penance as well. What exactly is it, and why are Catholics called to practice it—not only during Lent, but throughout the year?

THE MEANING OF PENCE

In Catholic tradition, the word penance has several meanings, all closely related. The virtue we call penance is a good habit of attitude, thought, and behavior that inclines us to be sorry for our sin, to avoid sin in the future, to repair (as much as lies within our power) the consequences of our sin, and to turn wholly to God.

The Sacrament of Penance (or Reconciliation) is that channel of grace flowing from God through the Church by which—through the ministry of a priest acting on Christ’s behalf—sins are forgiven for a person who confesses them with true sorrow and the intention to turn away from them.

With in that same sacrament, penance is the name commonly given the action or discipline assigned by the priest confessor as a way of showing our sorrow for sin and our intention to change, and of repairing in some way, the consequences of our sin.

More general, penance refers to all the particular, concrete ways in which we show our sorrow for sin; demonstrate our intention to avoid it in the future; repair its consequences; turn away from temptation; detach ourselves from the things that compete with God for our love; and turn ourselves more fully toward God. In short, penance might be defined as spiritual change that enables us sinners to turn away from sin and toward God.

That last, brief definition is one that our brothers and sisters would recognize and appreciate. In fact, they would most likely see it as a definition for a word they themselves use frequently: repentance. Again, we find common ground here. But some would probably have difficulties with certain aspects of the Catholic teaching about penance as we’ve described it.

Laying aside for the moment the common objections many Christians have to the Sacrament of Penance, we can identify other particulars here that would give them pause. Trying to turn away from sin and back toward God is one thing, but attempts to repair the consequences of our sin is quite another. The problem lies in the important differences between how Christians understand the consequences of sin.
THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

La Fille du Régiment  Jan. 2, 6
Hansel and Gretel  Jan. 3, 7 (matinee)
The Enchanted Island  Jan. 4, 7 (8pm), 12, 14 (8pm), 17 (8pm),
                    21 (matinee), 25, 28 (8pm), 30
Faust               Jan. 5, 9, 13, 16, 19
Tosca               Jan. 10, 14 (matinee), 18 (8pm), 21 (8pm),
                    24, 28 (matinee)
Götterdämmerung    Jan. 27 (6pm), 31 (6pm)

Tickets from $25. Evening performances commence at 7:30 pm and
matinees at 1 pm (unless otherwise noted). Double-check times. Box
Office hours: Mon-Sat 10 am to 8 pm, Sunday 12 noon to 6 pm. Phone
212-362-6000.

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio (WQXR Radio)
Saturday afternoons at 1 pm. on 105.9 FM.
January 7 — Hansel and Gretel
January 14 — Norma
January 21 — The Enchanted Island
January 28 — Tosca

The Met at your local movie theater.
Check Friday’s film pages for local screenings.
The Post, Daily News, N.Y. Times
Jan. 21, Saturday at 12:55 The Enchanted Island

NEW YORK CITY EVENTS JANUARY 2012

Events in January include Chinese New Year, The Big Apple Circus,
New York Times Arts and Leisure Weekend, Martin Luther King Jr.
Day, New York National Boat Show, Winter Restaurant Week, $20
Off Broadway Shows and the Annual Winter Antiques Show. January
follows a fantastic season of shopping, celebrations and parties, so New
York City tends to be a bit quieter in January. Masses of tourists and
visitors have left, making this an ideal time to visit and have every NYC
attraction to yourself. The Rockefeller Tree is lit until Friday, January 6,
2012 and everything is on sale in the stores! The only catch? January
cannot be freezing, so layer up with hats, gloves, scarves, heavy sweaters
and your best waterproof boots.

Ongoing New York City Events January 2012 include:
Museum of Natural History Side Entrance, Rockefeller Center
Christmas Tree, Ice Skating, Holiday Train Show, Nutcracker Ballet,
Big Apple Circus, CSI: The Experience at Discovery Center, Radio
City Christmas Spectacular, with the Rockettes

GERMAN MASS  St. Joseph’s in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th Street
Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass
is celebrated in German at 10 am. Confessions in German
before Mass. For information call Julia Winter (347-852-
3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments
in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey,
Pastor (212-289-6030).

2011 ADVENT PROJECT—JENNIFER ALLISON

submitted by Gerhard Schmitt

Roy Allison is Jennifer's husband, and Steve Allison is Roy's
brother. I've known Steve and Roy for at least 25 years. We
all used to pal around together in Queens during our "Hot
Rodding" days. I met Jennifer about ten years ago when they still
lived in East Meadow. I saw her last at their home in Rockland,
and although she was already ill, she was still continuing her
education in the hope she would recover and land a better job.
As of this writing, Jennifer has taken a turn for the worse and is
now receiving in-home hospice care. Roy is coping as best he
can, but has lost a lot of time at work as an elevator mechanic
due to the constant trips to the hospital with his wife for treatment.
They have two daughters, the oldest is living in Pittsburgh and
the other is in her first year of college upstate, but has taken
a semester off to help care for her mother. This is a tragedy on
many levels, but for a hardworking tradesman and his family
to suffer like this over the holidays is doubly bad. I hope my
Kolping brothers and sisters can give a little something to help
ease Roy's burden of medical and utility bills that have been
piling up during the course of their struggle.

Steve Allison sent Gerhard the following information:
Jennifer was diagnosed with early stage breast cancer in summer
2004. She had a mastectomy and reconstruction August of
that year, and started chemotherapy and hormonal therapy.
She had 1 year of weekly herceptin infusions from 2005-2006.
She worked for Occupations for a 3 month trial period, but
could not continue due to health. She graduated from SUNY
Orange July 2007. She was diagnosed with metastasis to
bone and liver July 2007, and is now in stage 4. She received
Radio Frequency Ablation to her liver in 8/07 and then in July
2008 she started chemotherapy again and switched to Cancer
Treatment Centers of America. Her new chemo treatments
required weekly flights to Philadelphia. She went into remission
for 3 months. But the cancer returned, and she received many
different chemotherapies over several years as well as surgery
and procedures such as chemoembolization, Radio Frequency
Ablation and Thermablate to her liver. In July 2011 she received
Microwave ablation to her liver. She felt increasingly ill after
ablation. The tests showed complications from the procedure
as well as spreading of cancer. In September 2011, Jennifer
started chemotherapy again, but could not continue due to
liver damage. October and November 2011 required many
trips to Westchester Medical Center Emergency Room due
to complications with the stent in her liver and the drain.
In December 2011 she entered hospice with no treatment
options currently available. These many years of treatment
have required Roy to take off many days from work. He
has no paid sick days. Their youngest daughter is 19 and
attending college. Insurance is capped at $5,000.00 lifetime
maximum for hospice treatment.

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society and mail to
The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Muriel Fulham, 165 East 88th St.,
New York, NY 10128 and mark "Advent Project" in the left-hand corner.
Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

2012 Theme: *In the past year there has been much comment about the 99% versus the 1% in the USA. What is your opinion about the disparity of the division of wealth in the USA? Are the demonstrations by anarchists in Zuccotti Park & other public places the solution? How would you solve the problem?*

Scholarship Applicants must:
1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
6. Mail application, proof of enrollment, and essay by April 15, 2012. The essays are to be sent to
   Richard T. Brunhuber, 33-28 81 Street, Apt. 51, Jackson Heights, New York 11372-1328
   If an applicant prefers, they may be emailed to: richard.brunhuber@verizon.net or faxed to 718-639-0581.

Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of New York at 1-212-369-6647 or 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name:__________________________ Last First Initial

Mailing Address:__________________________________________________________
   Number and Street
   City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: ______ / ______ / ______ Phone: ___________ - ___________
   Month Year

Name of School:________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:________________________________________________________
   Number and Street
   City State Zip Code

Major/Minor Program of Study:__________________________________________

Year (Check One): _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly):____________________________________

Relationship to Student:________________________________________________
   Kolping Family Branch:________________________________________________

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay by April 15, 2012
PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2012

DESTINATION: MOUNT SNOW
Hotel: Mountaineer Inn, West Dover, VT 05356 • 800-682-4637 • 800-464-5404
Includes: 2 nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on
Saturday night, tax and gratuity. A complimentary wine, cider and cheese
reception will be provided Saturday before dinner.

Doubles @ $155 per person $_______________
Triples @ $145 per person $_______________
Single @ $200 per person $_______________
Children (2-12) @ $85 per child $_______________
(extra day adult before or after: $55; child: free) $_______________

Lift Passes: 1 Day ........ 2 Day ........ 3 Day
Adults: $65 .......... $110 .......... $141 $_______________
Youth (18 and under): $55 .......... $91 .......... $115 $_______________
Senior (65 and over): $55 .......... $91 .......... $115 $_______________

Total Payment due February 15, 2012: $_______________

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone: ______________________ / Email: _______________

Additional people in room: Name:_____________________
Name: ______________________
Name: ______________________
Name: ______________________

Make checks payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society
Mail to: Muriel Fullam, Kolping-on-Hudson
95 Montrose Pt. Road., Montrose, NY 10548

For more information, contact: Gerhard Schmitt
at 516.868.1654