February

Please Join Us!

Mass, Communion Brunch,
Annual Elections & General Meeting

All members, friends and their guests are requested to join together on Sunday, March 3, 2013

German Mass at 10:00 am: St. Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC
Coffee Hour following Mass: St. Joseph’s Church, lower level
Brunch at noon following St. Joseph’s: Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

The cost of the dinner will be $15.00 for adults and $7.00 for children under 12 years of age. Our menu, prepared by Chef Wolfgang Hahn, will consist of sauerbraten, noodles and red cabbage, followed by dessert, coffee or tea.

We will also be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day.

Please make your reservations by calling Muriel Fullam at (914) 582-8379 (or email MurielFullam@msn.com), or call the Kolping House (212) 369-6647 by Thursday, February 28, 2013.

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.

Please pray for the soul of Leon Glinski. Leon, father of member Doris Lechner and son-in-law of member Hans Lechner, passed away right before Christmas. He was 100 years old. We wish peace for his soul and send our deepest sympathy to the Lechner family.

Please pray for the soul of Carl Seelback. Mr. Seelback, brother of member Ronald Seelback, son of past member Carl Seelback and cousin of Bob Hemings passed away in December 2012. Our deepest sympathy to the Seelback family.

Please pray for Martin McGreevy, son of members John and Johanna McGreevy. Martin is in Milstein Hospital recovering from a 5 hour operation for a ruptured brain aneurysm. His mother says he is doing quite well now but has a long way to go for full recovery. Please pray for Martin’s continued recovery.

Please pray for member Louie Janny. Louie is in Montefiore Hospital. He had a liver transplant on January 15th. Louie and his wife, Heidi became members of Kolping in 2011. One month after becoming a member Heidi passed away. Louie & Heidi have two teenage children Michael & Erika. Louie and his children are really in need of your prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY:

SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:
Special birthday wishes to Jerry Fullam.

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A DONOR
In January one of our members received an organ transplant. The transplant will help save his life. You can help save a life too, here is how:

There are a variety of ways to be an organ, tissue and eye donor in New York State.

1. At the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV): Check off the donor box on your driver’s license application or renewal form, or when applying for or renewing a non-driver identification card.
2. Online: Fill out the Donor Registry enrollment form on this website. Once you’ve filled out the form online, print it, sign it, and mail it to the New York State Department of Health.
3. By Mail: Download a Donor Registry enrollment form and mail it in.

No matter which method you choose to enroll, you will receive confirmation by mail from the New York State Department of Health that you are a designated donor. At that time, you can specify which organs and tissues you may wish to exclude. If you wish to order free copies of the New York State Donate Life Registry Brochure, send an e-mail to communications@nycdh.org or call 646-291-4456.
**Classified Ads**

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to classifieds@koping.org or mail them to: Ingrid Resmaer, Kpling Classifieds, 86 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kpling.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

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**News & Notes**

**KOLPING NY ADVENT PROJECT**

Thank you to Willy & Marlene Bitterman, Bob & Ann Hemsing, Katrina Dengler, Robert & Phyllis Coletti, Barbara Grimm, Jerry & Muriel Fullam, Frances Schulte, Carmelo & Theresa Rascona for their very generous donations to our Advent Project. We have sent a total of $800 to Sr. Flora Marinelli at St. Patrick's Church in Long Island City. Thank you all for your donations.

**KOLPING NY LENTEN PROJECT**

Can you believe Ash Wednesday is less than a month away—Wednesday, February 13th? We are collecting money this year for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. We will be sending $50 gift cards to the Pastors of three New York parishes that were hit hard by the hurricane. The gift cards will say “from Catholic Kolping Society”. The Pastors of the parishes will decide which parishioners need the most help and give them the gift card(s). The gift cards can be used anywhere. Our goal is $1500. If we reach that goal, the Catholic Kolping Society will match the amount and we will have a total of $3000 to send to aid our fellow New Yorkers.

Won’t you send us your check—no matter how small—it will help us reach our goal. Make your check out to Catholic Kolping Society and mail it to Kolping On Hudson, Attn: Muriel Fullam, 96 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548. If you have an email address, we will be sending out emails to let you know how close we are to our goal.

Thank you very much to our early birds who have already sent in their Lenten donations—Willy & Marlene Bitterman, Al & Linda Ferony, Frances Schulte, Gerald & Maureen Beyrer.

**THANK YOU!**

Members Jorge & Kim Parra have made a wonderful donation to Kolping On Hudson. The donation is to go toward the rebuilding of the Blessed Mother’s house. As you may remember, Hurricane Sandy’s winds destroyed the building that surrounded the Blessed Mother statue at KOH. The Blessed Mother statue was intact and remained standing. Thank you Parra Family for your donation!!

Thank you to Bob & Ann Hemsing, Frances Schulte and Norbert & Marilyn Dengler and others for their donations in memory of Rose Barbara Henry.

Thank you to Bob & Ann Hemsing for their donation in memory of Carl Seelback.

**THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR. RICHARD**

“I want to thank the entire Kolping family for your continued generosity over these many years. The Lord has given me many jobs to do, and being with you helps increase the ease with which I do these.999 I always learn from you and I thank you so many ways. “

*With love & peace, Fr. Richard*

**KOLPING ON HUDSON**

Remember us for your parties this spring and summer—Communion, Graduation, Wedding, Showers, Birthdays, we do it all! Just call Jerry Fullam (914-582-0010) to reserve your date.

Do you like to cook? Think about being a guest chef this summer at Kolping. We will do all that we can to help you with this venture.

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**OUR HOLY FATHER’S FEBRUARY 2013 INTENTIONS**

Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

**Migrant Families.** That migrant families, especially the mothers, may be supported and accompanied in their difficulties.

**Peace.** That the peoples at war and in conflict may lead the way in building a peaceful future.
LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!

Kolping Ski Trip
Fri-Sun, March 8-10, 2013

Mount Snow, Vermont
Mountaineer Lodge

THREE THINGS TO DO RIGHT NOW:
1. Tell a friend
2. Make your reservation by phone or email
3. Mail your check payable to Kolping to Dengler, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

Single: $210  Double: $300
Triple: $400   Children 2-12: $70

Includes two breakfasts, wine & cheese reception, Saturday dinner.
Additional nights just $48/adult, kids free

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For more info or to reserve:
Email: joanandted@gmail.com or call Joan Dengler at 212-727-4102.

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2013 Theme: *In European countries such as France and Germany, which are only nominally Christian, there is a religion which is vibrantly expanding—Islam. This rapid growth of Islam has caused a good deal of xenophobia and religious discrimination in Europe. There is a great fear that Europe will lose its religious and cultural heritage. In the New York City area there has been a significant rise in the Muslim population. What is your opinion with regard to the increased Muslim presence in the United States. Will it damage or destroy our religious and cultural heritage? Will it enrich our country’s future as was the case when Catholics first arrived in the United States in great numbers in the nineteenth century? Let us not forget how the first German and Irish Catholics were persecuted, even killed, when they first arrived in the United States.*

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. Please, follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar, vocabulary, syntax and orthography will be taken into account.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
6. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **APRIL 15, 2013**. Please email materials electronically to richard.brunhuber@verizon.net. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to me, and I will scan them and email them to Richard Brunhuber (mail to: Ingrid Reslmaier, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563).

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

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

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Mailing Address: ____________________________  ____________________________

Number and Street

City  State  Zip Code

Date of Birth: ______/_____/______  Phone: __________ -  __________

Month  Date  Year  Area Code  Number

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 ____________________________
Stories of Interest

Wings of an Angel submitted by Martin A. Kelly

BF-109 pilot Franz Stigler & B-17 pilot Charlie Brown

The Reich's Minister of Armament, Albert Speer (1905-1981), remarked in a post-war interview that the "Second Front" had begun long before the invasion of occupied Europe. It was in the skies over Germany.

In this lofty arena, "viermots" (4-motored) bombers of the U.S. 8th Air Force tangled with Luftwaffe fighter planes in life-and-death struggles. Despite the desperate nature of the encounters, the antagonists never quite forgot the meaning of the word "honor."

On December 20, 1943, an American Boeing B 17, "Flying Fortress" with only one engine functional and the interior of the plane a shambles, limped toward its home base in England. The fuselage of the bomber loomed into the gun-sight of a B 109 Messerschmitt pursuit plane piloted by Lt. Franz Stigler. He had been an airline flyer who they drafted into the G.A.F. Stigler needed only a few more "confirmed kills" to qualify for the coveted "Pour Le Merite" Blue Max award. Six of the bomber's 8 man crew were wounded, and the craft was riddled; it presented an easy victim for Stigler.

He resisted the temptation to bring the plane down. A devout Catholic who always carried his rosary in the pocket of his flight jacket, Stigler used hand signals to motion the B-17 pilot to set down at a German field or head for neutral Sweden.

Lt. Charles Brown of the American bomber did not understand the message. Running short on fuel, Stigler pointed in the direction of England, saluted, and flew off. For his courtesy, he could have been court-marshaled; the air raids were relentless. Miraculously Brown's plane lumbered home. Stigler and Brown survived the war; Brown remained in the Air Force and Stigler returned to commercial flying. Neither forgot the show of valor in 1943.

In 1990 Brown put an ad in a WWII flyers newsletter. Stigler read it and immediately called up Brown to identify himself as the fighter pilot who had spared his crew's life. This began a lifelong friendship which ended in 2008, the year both died. In their obituaries, each was listed to the other as "Special Brother—Enemies in War; Friends in Peace". [Sunday News 12/9/12 pg 24]

Blessed Mother Exhortation for 2013 Homily given by Father RB on January 1 Submitted by Bob Hensling

Every New Year I compose a homily by using my imagination and asking the Blessed Mother to give us a focus/message for the coming year. This is the fruit of this endeavor for 2013. The homily was shared with the good people of St. Patrick's Church in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. It was at their request that I printed a copy and make it available for your reflection.

Be at peace, my children. Be at peace! The worst is over! This year will finally begin the "spring time of the Church" that my son—John Paul—spoke about at the dawn of this millennium. What will revitalize our Church is your renewal in the Spirit: a Spirit of Hope, a Spirit of Trust and a Spirit of Peace.

This year will be marked with wonderful signs of reconciliation among old rivalries within the world, and it will be marked by a spirit of forgiveness in your homes and in your hearts. Finally, people will begin to understand the meaning of the words: "It is mercy I desire and not sacrifice"...Mercy...Mercy and more Mercy!

Please be merciful with yourselves. Please start here! Forgive yourselves of whatever infractions, indiscretions, anger, jealousies—whatever commandments you may have broken—forgive yourself! Please! Enough! No more beating yourself up! Once confessed it is forgiven in Heaven. Let it be forgiven on earth—especially the earthly places of your hearts! So much lost energy and lost prayerfulness and lost helpfulness are wasted on residual guilt, falsely felt, over already confessed sins! This year turn the page on this forever!

Mercy on the world and the people with whom you share your day...Mercy on them! Please stop judging others, it destroys your peace! It is a false comparison! You cannot know all that determines a person's behavior...why they do what they do. So judgement is partial and provisional at best, and at worst, it robs you of your peace! The world judges, the world condemns. The world destroys.

My Son Jesus gives life! He gives new hope, gives another chance—always another chance! Why, then, if He gives life, hope and new beginnings—why follow the darkness of the world and destroy and diminish and dismiss? Your peace consists in the generosity of your judgment and the completeness of your forgiveness. Forgive yourself—Forgive others...AND forgive your human condition. Forgive the partiality of your knowledge. Forgive the way it is to be a human being!

My Son had to accept and forgive the human-ness of His incarnation—His embodiment made him vulnerable to the accidents, diseases and cruelty of others. His human-ness limited his divinity and his divine knowledge was submerged, dimmed, by the limitation of space, time and matter!

So much anger is focused and shed and concentrated on your human-ness. So much frustration at the pain associated with living—the aches that come with old age. These are blessings...really, you made it this far. But there is even greater pain and anger at the mysteries of life, diseases, accidental death, malicious death—all that cuts down, shortens, a person's life.

Truth is that life is given by God and is taken back to Him by Him. You, nor I, will never know the human reason for this divine mystery—not until the other side—until the final manifestation of my Son on earth!

So stop regretting and second-guessing. And longing and pining for things to be different—for human nature to be immortal and all-powerful and all knowing. To do so is folly and hubris. To do so is to want to, to desire to be God...and, alas, that is the core sin and root evil that my Son came to cure!

He revealed your true nature as adopted sons and daughters of the Spirit—sent by Jesus through our Father—but it is an adoption and a glory shared fully only at the end. Look forward to this final sharing and full fulfillment in Heaven's loving embrace when your doubts and discouragement and despair will be transformed into knowing, hoping and loving God to His fullness, and you and your greatest image as His sons and daughters. Until then, do not question the human condition—it will destroy your peace and ruin your hope.

Not! Have mercy on all situations and give God the benefit of all human doubt, for our Son proved through His life, death and resurrection all that awaits those who believe in Him! Have faith, my children...have faith, and in this year of faith—be at peace with all things, with all interior struggles. Let them melt into the peace of my Son who conquered all sins and doubts.

Be at peace with all relationships—giving all judgments to God who knows the human heart and the interior dispositions of the behavior of your friends, family and neighbors that comprise your relationships. Be at peace with them for only God knows their reasons!

Be at peace finally and forever with being human, with limitations and partial knowledge...with sicknesses that may occur and the accidents that can happen. It is all made whole and made right in God's greater plan that can make; good from evil, hope from despair and joy from sorrow. Peace, Peace and more Peace is this New Year to be felt, and it begins with Mercy, Mercy and more Mercy!

God Bless you my special children...God Bless You!
News from Philadelphia
submitted by Jack McGee

From the Praeses Desk
It is nice to be back home in Philly, after our 3-day Kolping National Convention in San Francisco, August 31 to September 3. But as other members of our Philadelphia Kolping Family who attended the convention may also be sharing with you, it was an enjoyable, meaningful and friendly gathering with our Kolping Brothers and Sisters from throughout the USA. Certainly the San Francisco Kolping did a beautiful job in planning the activities for the convention.

Naturally, the most important part of the Convention was the business meetings, when we discussed election of national officers, the Kolping USA budget, and most importantly, the goals of Kolping USA: membership numbers and the importance of increasing the membership in each Family, yearly.

At the meeting on membership and the growth of the Kolping Society goals, the point that was stressed, was the need for the long-time members to reach out and be very welcoming to the new, younger members. Several of the Kolping Families shared how new members drifted away because they were never invited by long-time members to join them in activities. They often felt left-out because they were never invited to share ideas, or start new Kolping activities. Here in Philadelphia we have reached out to our newer members fairly well, inviting them to join in planning “Kolping Day”, BBQ’s and social outreach. Maybe we need to do more. Certainly our “general membership” meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month (usually) lack the presence of so many of our more recent members, who have joined us in the last few years. We do want you to be present and share your ideas, desires and plans to make our Kolping Family the welcoming group Father Kolping always sought to establish.

One final point: since we have not had a National Praeses for the last two years, I was asked to accept the duties of the National Praeses again. I was the National Praeses from 1996-1996. I said “yes” to the offer, so I’ll have a few additional responsibilities. I hope that all goes well.

Treu Kolping, Father Michel

The Praesides of Kolping who attended the 2012 Convention
(l. to R): Fr. Michel, Philadelphia, Archdiocese George Niederer,
San Francisco, Fr. J. Bosset Musirongui, Los Angeles; and Fr. Winfried Kellner,
Rochester NY

FEBRUARY ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR
Feb. 2: Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
Feb. 5: Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr (Memorial)
Feb. 6: Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs (Memorial)
Feb. 8: Saint Jerome Emiliani (Optional Memorial)
Feb. 9: Blessed Virgin Mary (Optional Memorial)
Feb. 11: Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional Memorial)
Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday— Day of Fast and Abstinence
Feb. 14: Saint Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop (Commemoration)
Feb. 15: Day of Abstinence
Feb. 21: Saint Peter Damian, bishop and doctor (Commemoration)
Feb. 22: Day of Abstinence
Feb. 23: Saint Polycarp, bishop and martyr (Commemoration)

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
Monday through Friday performances at 7:30 pm. Saturday matinees at 1:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Tickets from $20. 212-362-6000
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L’Elisir d’Amore
Feb. 2 (8:00 pm), 6, 9 (1:00 pm)
Rigoletto
Feb. 4, 8 (8:00 pm), 12, 16 (1:00 pm), 19 (8:00 pm), 23 (8:00 pm)
Carmen
Feb. 9 (8:00 pm), 13, 16 (8:30 pm), 20 (8:00 pm), 23 (12:30 pm), 26 (8:00 pm)
Parsifal
Feb. 15 (6:00 pm), 18 (6:00 pm), 21 (6:00 pm), 27 (6:00 pm)
Don Carlo
Feb. 22 (7:00 pm), 25 (7:00 pm), 28 (7:00 pm)

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio (WQXR Radio)
Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm on 105.9 FM.
Feb. 2 Le Comte Ory
Feb. 9 L’Elisir d’Amore
Feb. 16 Rigoletto
Feb. 23 Carmen (12:30 pm)

Humorous Quips submitted by Martin A. Kelly

How can you get four suits for a dollar? Buy a deck of cards.
Why was everyone worried about the small bucket? It was a little pail.
Why did the waitress like working in the coffee shop? There are so many perks.
Please mark “Due” in the left-hand corner.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Michael Fulham, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128.

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Birthday in the bulletin. You can send this information via email to me at michaelfulham@msn.com or call me at 914-582-8379.

Remember to include your current email address, any changes in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information.

50 Year members: Paid up forever!

Family: $100  Individual: $85  Student: $40

Thank you to the 36% of you that have already sent in your dues, as well as sending in your phone numbers and email addresses with your dues. Remember that after April 1, the dues go up by $5.

2013 Dues - discount if received before April 1!

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