February

Kolping Society New York

ANNUAL MEETING

March 7, 2021

The Bylaws of the Catholic Kolping Society New York call for us to have our annual general meeting on Sunday March 7th, review our books and vote on issues and the selection of the Board of Directors.

We expect there may be travel challenges for many of our members who’ve faithfully attended for decades and we invite newer members to make use of this opportunity to participate more fully in our Society.

At this time, we are planning to hold a safe in-person meeting at our House on 88th Street. Our large Ballroom will allow us to space appropriately and we have windows on all four sides for ventilation.

Please RSVP as early as possible so we can make arrangements and avoid incurring costs at this time when our finances are stretched.

Email kolpingny@gmail.com or call or text 914.432.2535 with your name and plan to attend.

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 Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.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.

ANTONIA REHRL – 1931-2021
Antonia was a longtime Kolping member whose husband George joined the Society in 1953. With over 65 years in our Society, many of our members have special memories of times spent with Antonia and George who predeceased her in 2005.

Please keep Antonia and her family and loved ones in your prayers.

EDWARD F. STINSON – 1925-2021
Ed led a rich life characterized by loving service to others and we will forever be inspired by his example. Ed was a charter member of the informal Breakfast Club at KOH and is probably telling Doris Pesce a good story over a heavenly cup of coffee right now.

Edward F. Stinson, lifelong resident of Verplanck, died on January 19, 2021. He was 95 years old. Eddie was born November 28, 1925 to Samuel and Mary Stinson of Verplanck. He was a WWII Army Air Corp. Veteran as a B24 belly gunner serving from 1944-1946. Eddie worked for Sun Oil Company for 26 years and retired from the United States Post Office. Eddie was a 77 year member of the Verplanck Fire Department and Past Commander of the William J. Boyle Post #1030 in Verplanck, NY. He enjoyed spending time at the steamboat dock and seeing the eagles arrive along with seeing his friends and neighbors. He is survived by his daughter Patrice Ann Stinson of Virginia, son Francis Stinson of Virginia who predeceased her in 2005.

Please keep Antonia and her family and loved ones in your prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY:

Meghan Allen, Michael Beldotti, Betty Boecklen, Bob Boeschl, Carol Guarino Bongiovanni, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Zolia Chacha, Bernie Dengler, Jerry Fullam, Sarah Gale, Elizabeth Giordano, Eric Gorski, Bud Gramer, Anne Hemsing, Dan Hoek, Anna Keller, Brad Kelly, Violet Kelly, Joseph Kvar, Elisabeth Lersch, Matthes Lersch, Walter McDonald, Stephanie McGill, Johanna McGreevy, Christopher McGuire, Mary McGuire, George McNamara, Chad Mills, Joseph Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, Killian Murphy, Patricia Murphy, Christine O’Dell, Carl Pollack, Martin Povilonis, Bernard Preisser, Theresa Rascona, Renee Reichenbach, Ingrid Reslmaier, Edward Schmitt, Kate Seger, Jason Sinks, Edward Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Daryl Stiloski and Gerhard Zoeller.

SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to Karl Buckel, Renee Reichenbach, Reinhold Stehle and Gerhard Zoeller.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

KOLPING DUES: Individual $90, Family $120, Student $40
Please send in your dues. Over 100 members have already submitted their 2021 dues—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are coming soon.

Note that if you didn’t get 2020 dues paid, you should send that along with your 2021 payment so that your membership in the Society continues. Our very modest dues payments combined with the savings and contributions of generations of members keeps our Catholic Kolping Society New York operating at all three of our locations—Montrose, the Concourse and 88th Street.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S FEBRUARY 2021 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL INTENTION: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.
Kolping Classifieds

SECURITY AND ALARM SYSTEM INSTALLATION
Kolping Member John Tripaldi / 914-332-7874
- Residential and commercial security systems, specifically tailored to client’s needs
- Fire protection as well as carbon monoxide protection, flood protection, low temperature protection etc.
- Camera systems for home and business
- Apps available for remote viewing for alarm systems and cameras

News & Notes

K88 FUND – 2021 EMERGENCY
As discussed in the President’s letter in the January bulletin, our Society is facing significant financial difficulties. Our Mission “to promote development of the individual and family” is largely comprised of providing safe Catholic housing in Manhattan and the Bronx. At 88th Street we have traditionally housed international students and interns. In the Bronx we provide home for a variety of people from many walks of life. Our retreat at Kolping on Hudson is a place for all of our groups to relax and refresh.

During 2020, international travel has declined and so too our occupancy rates have fallen to about 10% at 88th Street. In the Bronx, some of our residents have lost jobs making it difficult to meet rent obligations. We’ve cut expenses and staff but a shortfall remains.

In our 100+ years in operation the Kolping Society has experienced good times and bad. We’ve come through them because of the generosity and hard work of our members. If your circumstances permit, can you help again? If so, please make a gift today and send to K88 Fund, Catholic Kolping Society New York, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. Your gift of any size ensures that the mission of Father Kolping lives on in our times. Most importantly keep praying! Pray for our members, pray for our Society, pray for our world.

Many thanks go out to all who have already sent a gift to the K88 Fund—Michael and Victoria Longworth, Gary and Theresa Ostroff, Ingrid Reslmaier, Al and Linda Feron, Valentine Sartorius, Katherine Reslmaier, Max Lorenz, Keith and Ingrid Franz and Charles Norris.

Your Society can still use your help. Please send your gift and note K88 in the memo or on the envelope.

THANK YOU!
We thank Max Lorenz, Cheryl Bryant, John and Terry Urban, Barbara Heffron, John and Gina Demchyk, Neil and Stephanie Baron, the Gemutliches Enzianer, the Vereinigte Bayern of New York & New Jersey and the First Burgenlander Austria S.C. of N.Y. for their generous gifts to the Kolping Society in memory of Diana Sinner.

Thank you Max Lorenz for your gift in memory of Henry Leschke. And take note, for all of us, “Henry’s wishes are to have a beer and be happy in remembrance of who he is, was, and forever will be.”

Thank you to Kathy and Mike Weinborg for your generous donation in support of Kolping. We are inspired by you two—giving time, talent and treasure.

Warm thanks go out to those who’ve donated thus far to the Advent Project—the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal: Kathy and Walter Weigand, Peggy and David Dougall, Marge Cirincione, Anna Dengler, Ferdinand Zipprich, Katherine Reslmaier, Valentine Sartorius, Margaret Halvey, Muriel and Jerry Fullam, Katrina Dengler, Joanne, Ted and Teddy Dengler, Lou and Nick Colletti, John and Betty Reitter, Tracie Truncellito and Al Vogl.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org. We are pausing the process of interviewing and inducting new members to the Kolping Society at this time. If you have sponsored someone for membership, we will revisit the applications in the Fall with the goal of having inductions May 2021.

Looking for Pampered Chef Products?
Earn great tools for free or at a steep discount when you host an online party. Nothing could be easier!

Contact Joan Smyth (914) 432-2353. Booking February parties now.

TREAT YOURSELF!
Hildegard of Bingen (German: Hildegard von Bingen; Latin: Hildegardis Bingensis; 1098 – 1179), also known as Saint Hildegard and the Sibyl of the Rhine, was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath of the High Middle Ages. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, as well as the most-recorded in modern history. She has been considered by many in Europe to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany. Hildegard's fellow nuns elected her as magistra in 1136; she founded the monasteries of Rupertsberg in 1150 and Eibingen in 1165. She wrote theological, botanical, and medicinal texts, as well as letters, liturgical songs for female choirs to sing, and poems, while supervising miniature illuminations in the Rupertsberg manuscript of her first work, Scivias. There are more surviving chants by Hildegard than by any other composer from the entire Middle Ages, and she is one of the few known composers to have written both the music and the words. One of her works, the Ordo Virtutum, is an early example of liturgical drama and arguably the oldest surviving morality play. She is also noted for the invention of a constructed language known as Lingua Ignota. Although the history of her formal canonization is complicated, branches of the Roman Catholic Church have recognized her as a saint for centuries. On 10 May 2012, Pope Benedict XVI extended the liturgical cult of Hildegard to the entire Catholic Church in a process known as "equivalent canonization". On 7 October 2012, he named her a Doctor of the Church, in recognition of "her holiness of life and the originality of her teaching." As of 2012, Pope Francis has designated September 17 (the day she died) as St. Hildegard's feast day.


EASY AND IMPACTFUL SERVICE PROJECT

Valentines Day and Easter Cards for Seniors in Nursing Homes

As Father Kolping said “the needs of the times will tell you what to do”. Many of us are cooped up at home doing our best to stop the pandemic before it hurts more people. At the same time, there are many seniors in hospitals, nursing homes and senior living venues who are similarly cooped up and lonely because safety protocols often mean they can’t mix with others freely. Families and friends cannot come inside to visit. In some places meals are no longer taken in dining rooms but each resident eats alone in their room.

We can each brighten the life of another person if we take 5 minutes to write a card or note to go to one of our loved ones. If you don’t have a family member in this situation, or if you have another 5 minutes, Catholic Kolping Society New York is planning to collect 100 such cards and notes to deliver to our senior members and then other seniors in the community. Won’t you participate?

It can be difficult to know what to say to a stranger so a great place to start is with a favorite bible passage or a meaningful quote. We all know how nice it is to get mail—when it’s not a bill! Children could make a simple drawing to be sent along – hearts, trees, flowers, cars. Each of us can do something with a bit of paper and pencil, pen or crayons.

To celebrate the impact of our Kolping members, please drop an email or note telling us how many messages your household was able to send. To participate in the group send, forward your messages to our Secretary Joan Dengler, Kolping Society, 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562. We will be sending them to our Kolping members and folks in our Community.

Treu Kolping!

FASTNACHTS, KUGELN, KRAPFEN, DONUTS!

Thank you to Peggy Dougall for sharing your Shrove Tuesday recipe for homemade Kugeln.

Ingredients needed:
3 3/4 cup-4 cups unsifted Flour more or less
1/3 c Sugar
1/2 tsp Salt
1pkg Active Dry Yeast
1/2 stick softened margarine or butter
1 cup warm tap water
1 Egg room temp
Oil for frying, canola or vegetable (not olive oil)
Confectioners Sugar for sprinkling

In a large bowl dump in 1/2 cup of warm water, the package of yeast and a tablespoon of sugar. Stir and set aside till you see bubbles, maybe 5 minutes. To that now add the softened butter, 3 cups flour, the rest of the sugar, salt and beaten egg and mix by hand. The dough should be pliable and not stick to your hands. Scrape sides of bowl—may add more water if it looks too dry or add a bit more flour if too wet. Cover the bowl and let it rise in warm place, free from draft and doubled in size, about 1 hour. Turn it out onto floured surface and knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes. Roll out to a rectangle and take a glass to shape them, then place the Kugeln onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Cover again and let double in size.

Fry in deep hot oil (375 degrees). While frying sometimes you may have to flip them over to get them all brown. Drain on paper towels and Sprinkle with confectioners sugar.

If this is too much work, then go to your nearest Dunkin Donuts!

If you have a recipe to share with your Kolping Family, please post it on our Facebook page.
Tim Tebow, former NFL quarterback and current New York Mets minor league outfielder, was among the speakers at this year’s virtual March for Life rally.

Tebow told the tale of a missionary in the Philippines asking his wife to have a fifth child and God putting it on both of their hearts to pursue another baby. He said the family started to pray for another baby to come into their lives.

The professional athlete said the woman then got pregnant but “it was not easy.” He said it was first believed that the baby was a “tumor” and then it was realized the woman was pregnant.

Tebow said the woman in his tale was told to have an abortion and that she needed to “get rid of him.” Tebow said the woman decided “she was going to trust God” in the face of potential peril and possibly even death.

“Then it came time to give birth and a doctor who had been doing it for over 35 years -- this was his specialty helping women give birth -- and he helped deliver that baby, and in over 35 years of doing it he looked at her and said, ‘Out of all my years this is the greatest miracle I have ever seen because I have no idea how he survived. The placenta is not attached. There are so many different issues and I don’t know how he had the nourishment and the food to be able to survive. This is a miracle baby.’

“Here is your baby, Mrs. Tebow.’ And that day I got to meet my mom,” he said.

“I’m so grateful my mom gave me a chance at life,” he added.

He continued on and told anecdotes about motivation, passion and compassion and why the sports trophies he’s earned over the years don’t matter to him as much as his faith does.

“You know, I’ve given so much of my life to sports,” Tebow said. “And people might say I was passionate about that and that’s for trophies that rust and for praise of people that are going to forget your name. Does that really matter? I don’t think so.”

He said real significance to him is being passionate about God, Jesus and people in general.

The march has been held every January on the National Mall since the 1973 decision Roe v. Wade passed in the Supreme Court, guaranteeing a woman’s right to an abortion.
TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: $2,000 / 2ND AWARD: $1,000

THEME: The COVID-19 Pandemic has taught us many lessons. What have you learned and how will you apply these lessons in your life?

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 more than 1,000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
4. Please double space all lines in your essay.
5. Submit essay on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
6. Not be a previous winner or applicant.
7. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
8. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by midnight SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021. Please email materials electronically to bob42@optonline.net or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

Please contact the Bob Hemsing at 914-231-5601 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:_________________________________________________________________________________________
Street/City/State/Zip

Date of Birth: ________/_______/__________      Phone: ___________ - __________________________________
Month        Date          Year                                  Area Code        Number

Name of School: _________________________________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:_________________________________________________________________________________________
Street/City/State/Zip

Major/Minor Program of Study:_________________________________/___________________________________

Year (Check One):   _____ Freshman    _____Sophomore    _____Junior    _____Senior     ____2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly): __________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Student: __________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Applicant ____________________________________        __________________________________
Date