March

JOIN US ON MARCH 2!
All members friends and their guests are invited to join together for Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

Mass at 9:45 am: St. Joseph’s Church, 404 East 87 Street, NYC
Brunch following Mass: Kolping House, 165 East 88 Street

The cost of the dinner will be $15.00 for adults and $7.00 for children under 12 years of age. Our menu 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 very important day.

We anticipate many members will attend to join together with old friends and celebrate the end winter and the approach of spring. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Treu Kolping, Laurence Dengler John G. Noonan Albert Sartorius

A Joyous Easter

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 call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

John Braunweiler writes to thank us for our prayers. He had a successful operation, but still has a year of therapy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:
Birthday greetings to KOC manager Jorge Paris and online editor Jennifer Scheuermann. Thanks to both of you for all your hard work.

If you do not see your name, spouse’s name, or child’s name listed, it means we don’t have that information in our files. Please call, email or write Ann Horan (annth@optonline.net / 914-737-2026) with these important dates so we can include them in the appropriate month.

THANKS

Thanks to Walter and Kathy Weigand for their contribution to the Lenten Project. Thanks to John Noonan for his contribution in memory of Charles Kennedy.

2008 Lenten Project
Our New York Board of Directors has decided to join in with National Kolping and send our contributions to Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Slidell, Louisiana. Please send your check to the Kolping House and we will send them on to the National.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2008
The Holy Father gives us two intentions each month—one a general intention, the other an intention for world missions.

Forgiveness. That all may understand the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples and that the Church may spread Christ’s love.

The Persecuted. That Christians who are persecuted because of the Gospel may be sustained by the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness to the Word of God.
LAST MONTH TO SAVE $ 

Please send in your 2008 dues. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Family: $100  
(after April 1 – $105)  
Individual: $85  
(after April 1 – $95)  
Student: $40  
(after April 1 – $45)

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 and mark “Dues” in the left-hand corner.

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News & Notes

Kolping-on-Hudson: Think Spring!
We have rooms to rent for the season. Call Heidi Umland (718-805-0552). Don’t forget us when you need to rent a beautiful place for your graduation, First Communion, birthday, or any kind of parties. We do weddings! Our house on 88th Street is also available for rentals. Call our manager, Ernst Endrich at 212-369-6647 for those dates.

Kolping Ski Trip.
The response this year has been great...if you haven’t booked yet, contact Gerhard Schmitt to find out of there is still room (516-868-1654).

Kolping-on-Hudson Spring Clean Up.
Don’t forget...April 5th is the first clean up day at Kolping-on-Hudson. You bring your strength and physical powers and we will give you lunch and good fellowship.

Donations Still Needed
Our Mass furniture at Kolping on Hudson needs an upgrade, so that each one of our Masses look as nice as possible. The prices are: Lectern—$500  
Priest’s Chair—$459  
Fixing up the Blessed Virgin Grotto—$750  
Address plaque to be placed at the front gate—$750  
Altar Table—*donated by Catherine Hickey in memory of her husband Steve*  

If you and your family would like to donate one of these items, it would be most appreciated. If you donate them in memory of a loved one, we could put their name on a plaque. Please let Ann Horan know if you are interested in this project (914-737-2026).

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES submitted by Jack McGee

Cincinnati Kolping
Their Majesties, King Allen I and Queen Carol, cordially invite you to their 84th Annual King’s Ball on Saturday March 15, 2008 at the Kolping Center, 10235 Mill Road, Mt. Healthy, Ohio. German American music by Franz Klaber’s Orchestra. 8:30pm to 1am. Admission $25 per person, includes open bar and food.

Detroit Kolping
King Edwin I and Queen Patricia and their court invite you to their 73rd Kings Ball to be held Saturday evening, April 26. But no last-minute guests at this Ball—all tickets must be purchased in advance. With music by “The Sorgenbrecher”, it promises to be an evening to remember.

Philadelphia Kolping
They are getting ready to host the Kolping Convention over Labor Day weekend (August 29, 30, 31 and September 1). Our convention headquarters for the weekend will be at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, which is right in the heart of Philadelphia’s Historic District. Events for the weekend are scheduled at both the Sheraton at 1 Dock Street, as well as The Kolping House on Southampton Road. Check out Philadelphia Kolping’s new website: www.kolpingphilly.com.
Colonel Werner Moelders (German Air Force)

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

It's not very likely that anyone closely associated with the Third Reich would be elevated to sainthood. If, however, one were pressed to suggest someone from that setting who exemplified a high degree of Catholicity it might be Colonel Werner Moelders.

He was born in 1913 and grew up in an atmosphere of post-World War I defeatism. By the 1930s, Germany began to re-emerge as a world power, and she needed a military that would command respect. From a patriotic family, Moelders rose to the challenge and applied for flight training.

They accepted him, but "earning his wings" was not easy. Moelders was subject to "air-sickness". For a pilot this was cause for a "wash-out". By a conscious effort of application and practice, he overcame this malady. He rose to become the world's highest scoring ace up until his untimely death on November 11, 1941. But his demise is a mystery and conspiracy theories abound to this day.

Moelders was a staunch Roman Catholic and attended mass almost daily. His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, had condemned the "racial superiority" philosophy of the Nazis in his encyclical "Mit Brennendem Borgeu". He foresaw how right and justice would be trampled on for the sake of expediency under such arrogance. Moelders was not silent about his objections to some of the orders coming out of Berlin. These remarks would not have gone unnoticed in a police state.

At the peak of his combat career (117 confirmed victories), Hitler ordered his "top gun" to be assigned to the air transport division. It was supposed to protect him so he could serve as a mentor to younger flyers. As a passenger in a transport aircraft, Moelders met his death in a bizarre accident.

Ernst Udet, one of German's highest scoring aces in World War I, returned to civilian life as a stunt flyer and barn-stormer. He travelled abroad to perform, and particularly enjoyed America and Americans. Later, he returned to Germany and accepted a high rank in the Luftwaffe. But, when he saw the direction things were taking and the ultimate consequence, he shot himself. It was in returning from Udet's state funeral that the transport carrying Moelders crashed killing him and the other passengers. He had only been married 2 weeks.

Suppose Moelders had survived, would he remain silent in the face of the atrocities the Nazis were about to perpetrate? What might have been his effect on the war? Who knows...

Rebecca & Jacob

submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand

Jacob, age 92 and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter. "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism and scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist "Of course"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, jaundice?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

A LITTLE HUMOR

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

An upstate doctor visited his uncle in the city. Eventually, the conversation came around to the uncle's health.

The uncle said he had hypertension and his own doctor had prescribed a medication, but he could not remember its name.

Trying to recall the drug's name, the uncle asked "What flower comes in white, red, and pink?"

His nephew replied, "Roses."

"That's it," said the uncle. Then he yelled into the kitchen to his wife, "Hey, Rose, what does the doctor give me for my hypertension?"
LINCOLN CENTER

METROPOLITAN OPERA (TICKETS FROM $15.00)
Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30
Otello March 1 (matinee 1:00pm), 8
Carmen March 1
Peter Grimes March 7, 15 (matinee)
Lucia di Lammermoor March 8 (matinee)
Tristan and Isolde March 14, 22 (matinee), 28
La Traviata March 15, 22
Ernani March 21, 29 (matinee)
La Boheme March 29

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO - WQXR 96.3FM
Saturdays afternoons. Confirm for time and station at www.operainfo.org
Otello March 1
Lucia di Lammermoor March 8
Peter Grimes March 15
Tristan and Isolde March 22
Ernani March 29

NEW YORK CITY OPERA (TICKETS FROM $20)
King Arthur March 7, 8, 15 (8, 9, and 15 matinees)
Madama Butterfly March 8, 14, 29 (16 and 22 matinees)
Falstaff March 21 (23 and 29 matinees)
Tosca March 22, 28 (30 matinee)

AT THE CHURCHES

ST. JOSEPH’S IN YORKVILLE 404 East 87th Street
Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Narrey at 212-289-6030.

ZION ST. MARK’S 339 East 84th Street, Manhattan
Saturday, March 15 at 3 p.m. “DER MUSTERGATTE” 1937. Perfect husband William’s wife is bored and wants a divorce. Friend Jack advises he should go out with other women to make Margaret jealous. Starring Heinz Ruhmann, Leny Marenbach, Hans Soehnker, Heli Finkenzeller.
Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for coffee and cake. All films in German—no subtitles. Programs subject to change. Contribution $5.
Information: 212-479-7808 / website: zionstmarks.org

Easter Service at Zion St. Mark’s (both services are in German and English)
Good Friday March 21st at 2:30pm
Easter Sunday March 23rd at 11:00am

MUSIC AT THE CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
10 Street and Fifth Avenue
March 4 at 8pm. Tickets from $10.
Poulenc: Gloria and Bruckner Te Deum

TRINITY CHURCH
Waller and Church Streets
March 11 at 7:30pm. Tickets from $10.
Franz Joseph Haydn
Theresienmesse and Schöpfungsmesse

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
65th St. & Central Park West
Good will offering.
March 2 at 5pm – Music by Bach
March 8 at 7pm – St. Matthew Passion
March 9 at 3pm – St. Matthew Passion
March 16 at 5pm – Bach Cantatas/organ
March 21 at 12 noon – St. John Passion
March 23 at 5pm – Bach’s Easter Oratorio
March 30 at 5pm – Bach Cantatas/organ

ST. BARTHOLOMEW’S
51st Street and Park Avenue
Wednesdays at 1:15pm. No admission charge.
March 5 – English choral works
March 12 – Violin music from 17 & 18 centuries
March 19 – The Seven Last Words of Christ
March 26 – Mozart orchestral trios

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135 West 31st Street
Adult Education classes ($20 per course). One evening per week (6pm to 7pm) or one lunch hour (noon to 1pm) per week for 4 meetings.
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For information or course booklet, call Father Kevin Tortorelli, Director 212-736-8500 ext 311.

New York City alternate side of the street parking regulations suspended on both Thursday, March 20 Holy Thursday and Friday, March 21 Good Friday and Jewish holy day of Purim.
Lenten Regulations submitted by Jack McGee

In his Lenten Message for 2008, our Holy Father draws special attention to the practice of almsgiving as a sign of Christian love. Love draws us to the heart of the mystery of God, who is love. Our “attachment to Christ” opens us to celebrate more profoundly the mystery of God’s love, shown to us, especially in the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

It is a season of repentance, of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is a time of new life and new hope. We joyfully walk with those who are preparing to be initiated and received into full communion, and look forward to affirming the baptismal life we have already received. May this holy season give us the grace to share with others more completely the love we ourselves have received. May Mary, “Mother and faithful Servant of the Lord,” show us the way to authentic conversion.

In order to help us take part more fully in the season of Lent, the Church has established the following as minimal requirements for us:

ABSTINENCE—All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING—All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

EASTER DUTY—After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year. By special indult, in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this precept has been extended to include the period beginning the First Sunday of Lent (Feb. 10) to Trinity Sunday (May 18).

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS DURING LENT 2008 From the Cardinal

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH—Pope Benedict XVI has determined for the Universal Church that this year only, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph is to be celebrated on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

MEMORIAL OF ST. PATRICK—The Memorial of St. Patrick is to be celebrated on Friday, March 14, 2008. As this is a Friday during Lent, a dispensation from abstinence from meat to those members of the faithful who celebrate this day has been granted. Those who avail themselves of this dispensation should substitute a different day during the season of Lent to observe these penitential disciplines.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK—On March 17, 2008, the celebration of Mass and of the Liturgy of the Hours must be that of Monday of Holy Week, not that of St. Patrick. (In the Archdiocese of New York, including in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, the liturgical celebrations will be those of Monday of Holy Week.) The St. Patrick’s Day Parade, which is not sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York, is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 17, 2008.

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK—On March 19, 2008, the celebration of Mass and of the Liturgy of the Hours must be that of Wednesday of Holy Week, not that of St. Joseph.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:
- The obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious one. Days of penance are not merely individual exercises—they are observed by the whole Church, as the Body of Christ.

- After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

- The faithful are encouraged to celebrate the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance frequently during the Lenten season. Reading the Scriptures, prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, generosity toward the poor and the needy are additional means of becoming more involved in the Lenten season. Operation Rice Bowl is one example of a specific way to give alms.

- Pastors and parents are responsible to see that young persons, who are not bound to the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

- All other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Jesus Christ. The Bishops of the United States have recommended abstinence from meat as a penance for all Fridays of the year, although each individual may substitute for that tradition some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. This may involve acts of mortification, prayer or charity.

- In prayerful pilgrimage with the catechumens and candidates for full initiation, let us accompany our Lord on His way to the cross and to the empty tomb. May we use this time of Lent to be more closely united with Christ in his Death and Resurrection.
In the liturgy of the Church, we have a new feast day. It is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. On February 22, 1931, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sister Faustina Kowalska, in her convent and asked her to paint the image of the Christ standing before her and to make every effort to have the Feast of Mercy observed.

Sister Faustina was ordered by Jesus Christ to keep a journal during the last four years of her life in which she recorded events relating primarily to the encounters of her soul with her God.

"Paint an image according to the pattern (the image) you see, with the signature "Jesus, I Trust in You". I want this image to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday).

By means of this image I shall be granting many graces to souls; so let every soul have access to it.

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. I am giving them the last hope of salvation. Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.

To profit from these great gifts, we must fulfill the conditions of the Divine Mercy devotion (trust in God's goodness and active love toward neighbor), be in a state of sanctifying grace—having gone to Holy Confession and worthy receive Holy Communion.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY printed here under the painting by Sister Faustina, was dictated by Christ Himself, on September 13-14, 1935, as a prayer of atonement and for the appeasement of God's wrath.

Souls that say the chaplet will be embraced by My Mercy during their lifetime and especially at the hour of their death.

As often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in My Mercy. Try your best to make the Stations of the Cross at this hour. If this is not possible, immerse yourself in prayer, if only for an instant.

THE CHAPLET OF THE DIVINE MERCY  (to be recited on ordinary rosary beads)

Begin with:
Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.
Then, on the OUR FATHER BEADS you will say the following words:
Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity ofYour dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
On the HAIL MARY BEADS you will say the following words:
For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
In conclusion, THREE TIMES you will recite these words:
Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
(From the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina, 476) With Ecclesiastical Approval

"Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for will be compatible with My will" (Diary, 1731, see also 1541).
"By this novena [of chaplets, before the Feast of Mercy], I will grant every possible grace to souls" (Diary, 796).
"Even if a sinner were most hardened, if only once he will recite this chaplet, he will obtain grace from My infinite mercy" (Diary, 687).
2008 Kolping Ski Trip

Friday, March 14th through Sunday, March 16th

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