

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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note the date

march

- 1 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

- 6-8 Kolping Ski Trip**
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!

- 19 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

- 20 April Bulletin**
Last day to submit material

- 21 Fr. Bretone's Barn Dance**
St. Patrick's Academy, Bay Ridge

april

- 4-5 Easter Weekend**
No Cleanup at KOH

- 11 Easter Egg Hunt**
Kolping-on-Hudson

- 11- KOH Cleanup**
12 Kolping-on-Hudson

- 14 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping-on-Concourse

- 18- KOH Cleanup**
19 Kolping-on-Hudson

- 25- KOH Cleanup**
26 Kolping-on-Hudson

may

- 2-3 KOH Cleanup**
Kolping-on-Hudson

march

Spring Cleanup at Kolping-on-Hudson

Your help is needed!

It is almost that time of year again—spring is just around the corner. It is really hard to believe all of this snow and ice will be thawing soon. So mark your calendars for our first scheduled weekend cleanup at KOH!

Weather permitting the first day of cleanup is scheduled for April 11th. We are calling for all helping hands—projects for everyone big and small. The dates for KOH cleanup are as follows: April 11-12, April 18-19, April 25-26, and May 2-3. Lunch will be served for the volunteers. Please let Heidi Umland know what days you can help with the spring cleanup. There are always many chores to be done and we appreciate all those volunteers that come out. Stop by when you have free time to lend a hand. Thanking everyone in advance for all your help!

Heidi Umland can be reached at heidiumland@Verizon.net, 718-805-0552 weekdays, and 914-736-0117 weekends.

KOH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Saturday, April 11th at noon for our 5th Annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the lower field to search! Families with children 10 and younger are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on the soccer field to search for Easter eggs filled with Easter surprises. Egg Races and Egg Toss for older children and adults! Bring your own baskets, please. Please contact Cecilia Portilla by April 3rd by phone, text or email. Let her know the participants names and ages.

Cecilia Portilla: email cdgportilla@gmail.com; phone 516-761-8801.



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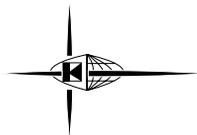
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Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Hildegard Augart, Christian Aviles, Charles Aviles, Jr., Tina Bagen, Gabrielle Barbara, Leigh Barbelet, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Laura Burke, Karl Buscher, Gabrielle Caruso, Mary Dennis, Robert Feeney, Manfred Gallwitz, Liam Geoghegan, Matt Geoghegan, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley, Jean Gormley, Kristina Gruno, John Halvey, Jillian Hemsing, Catherine Hickey, Tyler Hierspiel, Eileen Hogan, Kerryann Horan, Louie Janny, James Kelly, Marilyn Kozynski, Denise Kurcz, Debra Lewis, Elizabeth Lorenzen, Stephen Lovasz, Kristine Mallon, Jaclyn Mandel, Cecelia McGlew, Allison McKay, Joan McNamara, Gloria McSweeney, John McSweeney, Erik Melita, Gertrude Mohapp, Wayne Moraitis, Mark Nieshalla, Steve Ochronek, Elfriede Orlowski, Jorge Paris, Claudio Petriccione, Helmi Pinner, Gail Prager, Stephanie Prager, Scott Ralls, Jenna Richardson, Ruthann Ritter, Albert Sartorius, Jennifer Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann, Franziska Schmidt, Robert Schmidt, Alex Schmitt, Inge Schmitt, Roy Sokol, Karen Staub, Tyler Stiloski, Hendrik Van Asselt, Samantha Van Asselt, Heide Weinborg, Herb Winkelmann, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Karen Staub**.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

DONATIONS

Lenten Project:

Thank you to **Barbara Grimm, Linda & Al Feron, Frances Schulte, Walter & Katherine Weigand,** and **Mary McGuire** for their donations.

CONGRATULATIONS! 95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Wally Holzner celebrated her "Bavarian-style" 95th birthday with friends and family on January 23rd. Pictured below is Wally with her daughter, Irmgard Pastorello.



2015 DUES

We appreciate everyone that have paid their dues and want to remind everyone else that they are due by April 1st. **Please forward your payment to Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548 Att: Jan Kessler**

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Jan Kessler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email.



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News & Notes

2015 KOLPING LENTEN PROJECT

All donations for this year's Lenten Project will be given to Bishop Chris Cardone's missionary efforts in the Solomon Islands. Bishop Cardone is from Long Island and has dedicated his life toward this mission and we would like to help support his efforts. The Church runs a variety of Vocational Schools that teach carpentry, mechanics and other trade courses. Bishop Cardone could certainly benefit from more hand tools and power tools which would facilitate more boys being involved in projects.

Please send your Lenten donations to the Catholic Kolping Society 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548 Att: Jan Kessler

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS

The new membership committee will be setting up interviews for those that are interested in becoming members of the NY Catholic Kolping Society sometime in April or May. The new members mass and ceremony will be held on May 31st at Kolping on Hudson. Please be sure to let Jan Kessler know if you need a new membership application for any of your friends or family. Sponsors need to be members for 3 years and in good standing. Contact Jan to request an application or with any questions that you may have: jkessny@aol.com or cell # 914-462-7649.

NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016

Our branch will be hosting the National Convention in 2016! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States, and a great way to learn what their missions and activities are.

We are calling on all members to help the Convention Committee....party planners, people with organizing skills, and people of good will in general. Email our President, Katrina Dengler, at kdengler67@hotmail.com and let her know your thoughts and ideas. It will be here before you know it!

RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!

Receive your Kolping monthly bulletin via email. Many members have decided this works out well for them. Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or jkessny@aol.com.

Please also note that you can visit our website www.kolpingny.org where you can find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MARCH 2015 INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: Scientists—That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

EVANGELIZATION: Contribution of women—That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

A Request from Ireland

I received this email a few weeks ago, and thought I would publish it in the Bulletin to see if anyone could provide any information. If so, please feel free to email me at editor@kolpingny.org. Or snail mail: Ingrid Reslmaier, 6 Green Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563.

Good afternoon, Editor "Kolping Journal"
Greetings from Ireland.

I am going to make a very long shot inquiry and wonder if you can help in any way. I live in the town of Tuam in Co Galway Ireland and am working on a comprehensive family tree which has links to an address at 88th East Street, New York. In the early 1900 a chain of emigrating Irish cousins lived at 113 East 88th Street. They were Hawkins and Kelly families, who were also related. The Hawkins brothers and sisters who lived for a time at least at 113 East 88th died, (we think) without descendants, and all trace of them was lost. I am a 1/8 Hawkins and would be about a fourth or fifth cousin to the Bridget, Nellie and James Hawkins who lived at 113 East 88th Street with their cousin Thomas and Mary Kelly.

When I stumbled upon the "Kolping Journal" webpage (while researching the Upper East Side's history), I discovered that you are based at nearby 165 East 88th Street and that one of your monthly contributors is a Martin A. Kelly. I don't know if Mr Kelly had any connection whatever with the family that once lived at 113 East 88th Street but I found it to be a tantalising coincidence that I could not walk away from. Is there any possibility that you could forward my enquiry to Mr Kelly to establish if he knows anything about the Kelly family that once lives at 113. The Thomas Kelly listed in the 1905 census was a policeman. I wonder if you or anybody else would know where I could access any information which might be available about what East 88th Street was like in the early 1900s of if any photographs of the period exist.

I know this may seem to be a strange request but I would really like to learn more about what 113 East 88th Street was like in 1905 and if possible to make contact with a Kelly (or a Hawkins- a very less likely possibility) who may have any family memories of 113 at the turn of the 2nd last century. Would hugely appreciate any help you could offer.

Your newsletter is very engaging. I was immediately drawn to "Words Worth Noting" and Mother Teresa's observation that she wondered "why God seemed to trust her so much"? I met her once in Calcutta and don't have to do any wondering at all about the question posed.

Best wishes
Jim Fahy

In a follow-up email, Jim also added the following:

Thank you also for offering to ask around the Kolping community to see if anybody has any memories of the street in the old times. I have been trying to build up a picture of what East 88th might have been like in the late 1890s and early 1900s when waves of Irish immigrants settled there. From what I can gather, from the limited amount of published material, there were strong German-Austrian- Central European communities between 72nd and 89th – with their own churches, schools, shops and perhaps "sweat-shops" as well. The Irish also insinuated themselves into the area – among them my relations the Hawkinses and the Kellys. I may never succeed in making a direct connection with them but anything that would build up a picture of the quarter of New York they lived in at the time would be really interesting. I hope to be able to pass on a sense of this period of the Irish-American the story to family members here in Galway in Ireland and to heritage and historical groups.

I have tried without success on the internet to find any early 1900s picture of East 88th Street or its landmarks, such as churches, but have failed. Do you know if any exist or where I might source one.

Once again thank you sincerely for your help and the very best of luck with your work.

RESOLUTIONS *submitted by Jack McGee*

I picked this up from Cincinnati Kolping and thought it might be of interest. If not too late, maybe we can add them to our list of New Year's Resolutions for 2015. And when December 31, 2015 arrives, we might ask ourselves that big questions: How many of our "I will do more" did we achieve?

I WILL DO MORE

I will do more than belong—I will participate

I will do more than care—I will help

I will do more than believe—I will practice

I will do more than be fair—I will be kind

I will do more than forgive—I will forget

I will do more than dream—I will work

I will do more than teach—I will inspire

I will do more than earn—I will enrich

I will do more than give—I will serve

I will do more than live—I will grow

I will do more than be friendly—I will be a friend

I will do more than be a citizen—I will be a patriot

Stories of Interest

Saint Barbara, Virgin and Martyr submitted by Martin A. Kelly

St. Barbara with a tower representing the one in which she was imprisoned, stone sculpture, painted and gilded, French, 15th century



I had a funny experience as a passenger on the Myrtle Avenue El. I became drowsy watching block after block of 3 storied brown stones. Then, as if in a flash, a majestic edifice, towering over the panorama, captured my view. Was it an illusion? No, that structure was the church of St. Barbara, 138 Bleecker Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., built around the turn of the 19th century by the largely German-American parishioners.

Next to the Blessed Mother, Barbara is one of the most revered females in the Catholic Church. But, to appreciate her passion, one must understand something of ancient Roman customs and laws.

1. The father has power over his children's lives. After delivery, the midwife presents the infant to the father for his acceptance. If he decides in the negative, the child was abandoned. This parental power extended into the offspring's adulthood.

2. Prostitution was rampant; but, chastity was the order for females. The biggest brothel was next store to police headquarter (Vigiles).

3. Refusal to sacrifice to the pagan gods was a capital crime.

Barbara was born about A.D. 280 in the Roman province of Egypt. Her father was very proud of her beauty; and, intending to protect her virtue, confined her to a cell. Somehow, she converted to Christianity which infuriated her father.

He arrested her and had her tried before the pagan court. She remained steadfast in her beliefs and the judge condemned her. The frustrated father killed her himself. Many miracles were attributed to her and she was canonized in the 7th Century. She is the patroness of those who die suddenly and is associated with mining and explosive manufacturers, and handlers, military and civilians.

Bavaria, with its rugged terrain, adopted St. Barbara as their patroness. The land is prone to avalanches, lighting storms, perilous suspension bridge accidents, and other dangers. The church of St. Barbara is modeled after the Cathedral of Munich.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, Flemish and Italian artists created many works of art around her life. The Metropolitan Museum of Art has a painting and stone carving of St. Barbara.

With assassinations and bombings so wide spread today, we pray for St. Barbara to protect us.

Merchant of Mercy submitted by Jack McGee

This is a war story from 1943. One would not expect to find a German War cemetery in Ireland, but there is one in Glencree, County Wicklow.

On December 29, 1943 the German destroyer Z 29 was sunk by British cruisers in the Bay of Biscay. 700 German seamen were cast into the sea. A German patrol plane spotted an Irish freighter and signaled to it the plight of Z 29's crew. The Irish captain, Donahue, acknowledged the message and turned and sped to the scene. For 10 hours he and his small crew rescued 177 men from the sea. The German captain wanted to be taken to France, but Donahue refused, and even though the Germans outnumbered his small crew, the German Captain respected his stand. The Royal Navy wanted Donahue to go to an English port where they could be prisoners of war, but Donahue refused and took his vessel to the port of Cork, Ireland. He served neither the King or Führer, but humanity. 168 lived out the war in Ireland.



Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

◆ TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000 ◆

2015 Topic: *Pope Francis and the recently assembled Catholic Bishops released a preliminary document calling for the Church to welcome and accept gay people, unmarried couples and those who have divorced as well as the children of those less traditional families. How would your relationship with the Church change if these modifications were adopted?*

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 1000 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. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
5. Not be a previous winner.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**. Please email materials electronically to **bfp19@msn.com**. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to Christine Preisser, 19 Revere Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Please contact the Christine Preisser at 914-693-5537 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 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: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

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