April

The Cross of Contradiction
Submitted by Fr. Richard J. Bretone / for Easter 2018

Jesus: nailed to the cross,
Lifted high on a hill,
For all to see,
His followers perceive his power,
His glory,
Fall on bended knee.

A man who taught only,
Gentleness, healing, love and peace,
Mistreated like a common criminal,
One of society’s least.

Woman sobbing, apostles hiding,
Jerusalem shaken witnessing
The crucifixion of the Christ
That day,
The temple curtain torn in two,
The earth rumbling in rebellion,
And through the rolling darkness,
A ray.

A ray of hope that God now knew,
All of humanities terrible worries,
Of torture and hatred, of a life lived
Without justice,
God now understood the
timidness,
The helplessness of all of his righteous.

However, the brutality and spectacle,
Of the cross that sought to cower the people
Was not the end,
The rolled away stone,
The empty tomb,
The appearances to his beloved believers,
No atheist could defend.

What started as a way to silence,
A new teaching of love,
Tolerance and forgiveness,
Did not end in tears.
For the cross that raised up Jesus is the greatest symbol,
Of conquering one of our greatest fears.

O death where is your victory?
O death where is your sting?
In the resurrection of Jesus,
We have received great courage,
And a new hope,
We have received,
Everything!
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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL:

SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:
Special Birthday wishes to Willi Dunz, Al Ferony, and Maria Jung.

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 Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

A SPECIAL THANKS
A heartfelt thank you to Agatha Frassman and her family. Agatha was a longtime member and was such a loyal and true Kolping member, that she remembered Kolping in her will with a bequest. Agatha even met her husband through Kolping! Agatha was Liz Graham Schwebke’s aunt. Liz’s parents, besides being Kolping members, managed the Kolping House for many years and her dad was also the secretary of the Society. We thank Agatha and her family for their generosity.

ANIMAL LOVERS NEEDED
Can you help with a special project to collect clean used towels and sheets and blankets for donation to the SPCA? Please bring them to KOH weekends during April and we will deliver them for the kittens and puppies.

WINTER COAT DRIVE
we’re getting a jump on this year’s coat drives
We are collecting in the Spring when you’re probably deciding that your kid has outgrown their winter gear or that you’d like something more up to date for yourself. Bring your no-longer-needed but still warm and useful winter coats, sweaters, hats and gloves to KOH. Kathy Weinborg is spearheading a collection that we’ll provide to Midnight Run of Westchester to share with our less-fortunate brothers and sisters.
2019 DUES
If you haven’t already, please take a moment now to send in your dues payment. Please forward your check made out to Catholic Kolping Society and mail it to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary

Family: $105
Individual: $90
Student: $45
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, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.

News & Notes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Congratulations and thanks go out to the newly elected and returning Kolping members who have agreed to serve on our Board of Directors this year. It’s a thankless job most of the time, so let’s thank them now and be sure to keep them in our prayers throughout the year. We pray for discernment, wisdom, perseverance and vision as they lead our Society forward in 2019.

SPRING CLEANUP AT KOH
Mark your calendar for April 6-7, our first scheduled weekend cleanup at KOH (weather permitting)! Every one of us—big and small—has talents to offer. Projects will range from gardening and raking the grounds to sweeping out the dust and cobwebs to washing windows so our Hudson views are perfect to preparing our kitchen for the delicious meals to come. This year’s cleanup dates are: April 6-7, April 13-14, April 27-28, May 4-5, and May 11. We’ll work together for a few hours, then sit down to enjoy a delicious lunch provided for the volunteers. In advance, please let Heidi Umland (heidiumland@verizon.net / 917-699-6875) know what days you can come so we can have the right tools ready to make the most of your generous gift of time. If you find yourself unexpectedly available, come on by even without an RSVP. Our Society only functions when all of our members share their time and talent.

THE DWELLING PLACE
We’re providing shampoo, soap, moisturizer, toothpaste, toothbrushes and detergent pods to the women living at The Dwelling Place. Sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, The Dwelling place is a transitional residence for homeless women. Located in midtown Manhattan, they’ve been providing shelter, sustenance and support to thousands of women since 1977. Would you like to make a positive difference in someone’s life? Here’s an easy way to do just that. Lou Colletti is Kolping Organizer for this effort and can answer any questions you may have. Please bring what you can to any official Kolping event and we’ll get your gifts to the Dwelling Place.

BREAKFAST COOK NEEDED
KOH is looking into hiring a breakfast cook for July and August. After many years of service and hundreds of delicious breakfasts, the lovely and talented Helmi Pinner is looking to pass the apron and spatula to the next chef. The job would be on Saturdays and Sundays (July and August only) with the hours from 7am to 10:30am. The position would be ideal for a responsible college aged kid on the culinary path, culinary intern, or a more seasoned (pun intended) person who is looking for a limited gig for the summer. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact Heidi Umland with any suggestions or with your questions.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!
Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

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 APRIL 2019 INTENTION
DOCTORS AND THEIR COLLABORATORS IN WAR ZONES:
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.
VETERAN’S BENEFIT DINNER AT THE GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF PEEKSKILL
Join us on Saturday, April 13th, 5pm-9pm—call Anna Schramek for reservations: 845-224-5855 after 4pm. Entertainment by Joe Unger. $50 per person. All net proceeds donated to PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Vet 2 Vet Program of Putnam County.

WURST NIGHT AT THE GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB OF PEEKSKILL
Come and sample different German Wursts on May 3rd, 7:30pm, while enjoying a fun filled social evening with friends! Lisa Montini will be serving up the drinks! Contact her at lmontini@combe.com or 914-837-7456 with any questions. Donations greatly appreciated.

KENTUCKY DERBY
Saturday May 4th at KOH – Come watch the horses run and play a few racecourse games with your Kolping Friends. Contest for best bonnet! Watch your email for more details.

MAIFEST!
Join the Bavarian Club Edelweiss of Westchester on Sunday, May 5th, from 12-6pm. Live German music by “Gregory and the Braulhaus Band” with German Folk Dancing. Featuring the Maibaum Tanz with Edelweiss Schuhplattlers! Krucker’s Catering, 81 Call Hollow Road, Pomona, NY. Admission: Adults $50, Children ages 4-12 $20. Includes unlimited buffet, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert. For more information, contact Roland Lex (845) 803-3774 or Ingrid Wittmann (914) 400-7083.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY
Now in its third year, The German-American Committee of Greater New York Scholarships will be awarded in June of 2019. The application deadline is April 15, 2019. Open to 8th graders and up, the student must demonstrate an interest in German heritage, the German language and/or German-American contributions to their community and the United States. For complete info go to: Germanparadenyc.org/about-us/gacgny

FR. BRETONE’S DINNER AT BISHOP DIMARZIO’S HOUSE
Join Father Bretone for Eternal Flame of Hope’s 3rd Dinner with Bishop DiMarzio at Bishop DiMarzio’s House in Brooklyn (241 Clinton Avenue), and celebrate, at this dinner, Fr. Richard’s 30th Anniversary of Priesthood. Saturday, May 25th at 6pm. Early-bird parking available at the Bishop’s residence. Make $150 tax deductible donation (per person) to: Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries, c/o Fr. Richard Bretone, 74-18 Ditmars Blvd., Jackson Heights, NY 11370. For more information, contact Marianne K. 646-645-3502, or 718-238-2600 or fr.richardbretone@eternalflameofhope.org. Seating is limited. RSVP ASAP.

KOH NEWS
SATURDAY DINNERS: We will be offering dinner on Saturday evenings at 6pm in July and August only.
SUNDAY DINNERS: The time has changed...dinners will be served at 2pm.
Check the bulletin and weekly emails for up to date information on Special Events that we have planned for the season as this may affect our regular dinner schedule. Come join us for a delicious meal at our beautiful summer home on the Hudson!

2019 SCHEDULE CHANGE – We’re going to try something new with our Oktoberfest picnic and hold it on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. Be sure to mark Sunday, September 1st on your calendar and plan to attend this highlight of the summer season.

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!
Receive your copy of the Bulletin via email instead of the paper copy. Email Secretary Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com and she can switch you to digital distribution. You’ll receive the news faster and you’ll save your Society a little money in the process.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Submitted by Katrina Dengler
Friday night, just before the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, stars and cameras came to 88th St...Law and Order, SVU filmed on the street, just next door to our Kolping House! Mariska Hargitay and Ice-T could be seen walking a victim on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance. Unfortunately, the ambulance blocked the view of our neighbor building, so it will be tough to recognize our street…but take a close look at episode 21! They also filmed at Holy Trinity Church, down the block at 1st Ave. (God Friended Me films there too!). Fun fact: Mariska is the daughter of actress Jayne Mansfield.
**General Meeting and Annual Elections**

Annual Meeting Day opened with Mass at St Joseph’s on 87th Street. Father Ramsey presided at the German Mass and welcomed the Kolping Society members present. After Mass, we invited the congregation from the monthly German Mass to join us at Kolping 88th Street as we hosted coffee hour. We enjoyed some goodies and coffee and tea and made some new friends.

Meanwhile, at the Kolping House, Wolfgang Hahn and Kathy Weinborg were putting the final touches on our delicious luncheon. Special thanks go to our staff—Ken, Ray, Gail, Max, Rodrigo, Angel and Geovanny—who made the house ready for our visit, as well as ensured the clean up afterwards! Maria Reyes collected the meal tickets and Donna Richardson, Alexa Richardson and Alex Schmitt stepped up to serve us our delicious lunch of sauerbraten, chicken, spaetzle, potatoes and roasted root vegetables.

The General Meeting and Board elections began with a welcome from President Katrina Dengler. Vice President Gerhard Schmitt gave the House report for 88th Street. Occupancy is good and many improvements have been made over the past year. Ted Dengler, X shared the controller’s report and John Reitter reported on the Treasury. John Reitter updated us on events at the United Nations and reminded members that the Lenten project is an effort supervised by International Kolpingwerk which will help Kolping members in Kenya become more self-sufficient. Our gifts will help the members purchase goats. With training and mutual support, our Kolping brothers and sisters will learn how to better feed their children and possibly generate a small income from the ownership and care of the small livestock. All members are encouraged to consider contributing towards this life-changing project.

The Annual Election for the Board of Directors was held and Peter Carruthers was elected to return to service on the Board. We thank all of the Directors for taking on this important role and we pray for them going forward.

Father Bretone concluded the meeting with his Praeses report and Blessing.

**Kolping Ski Trip**

A spectacular Saturday – sunny, mild temps and lots of snow – kicked off the first official skiing day of our Kolping Family Ski Trip. A half-dozen folks came up early and started their skiing (and snow-mobiling!) on Friday to maximize trail time. Sunday brought us a bit of a winter storm so only the hardy souls ventured out to the slopes but they reported excellent snow volumes and lots of room to enjoy the mountain. Most of these athletes skied right up until 4pm before hopping in their cars to head back home.

Even in the north country of Vermont there are some unique shopping venues. Sticky Fingers Bakery (bring some muffins home!), Twice Blessed Thrift Shop, Bennington Furniture, Austin’s Antiquarian Books, The Vermont Bowl Company and others provide an entertaining afternoon for any non-skiers in your group. (Reportedly, it’s worth the detour over to NH to check out the state-operated liquor and wine outlets as well.)

Meanwhile, back at the lodge, we luxuriated in the hot tub and watched the wild turkeys and a small Kolping crew snowshoe around the spacious meadow behind the Inn. Ned and Royal Wilson are celebrating their 25th year as Innkeepers at the Mountaineer and they were perfect hosts for our Kolping Family. With many returning skiers and a lovely group of first-timers, we enjoyed lots of laughs and delicious food and drink.

Mark your calendar for March 6-8, 2020 and plan to come to next year’s Kolping Family Ski Trip.
Stories of Interest

KOH Kitchen Makeover
The team at KOH has been running its own HGTV-style makeover. After 40+ years of service our stoves and refrigerator were given the opportunity for a restful retirement. Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann led an investigation into suitable replacements that will help us offer ever-more delicious brunches, lunches and dinners. Take a look at some of the work in progress and be sure to come visit soon to see it all for yourself.

No Oscar for “Bund”
Submitted by Martin A. Kelly

On February 24, the Oscar Awards were broadcasted on TV. A new category had been added: Best Documentary, Short Subject. Along with four other films, “A Night at the Garden” was considered.

A crowd of 20,000 gives the Nazi salute as swastikas flank a giant portrait of George Washington.

Unimaginable to most Americans, the pro-Hitler rally that took place 80 years ago inside New York's Madison Square Garden.

The seven-minute film shows Fritz Kuhn, the leader of the pro-Nazi German American Bund, decrying “the Jewish-controlled press” and demanding “a socially just, white, gentile-ruled United States.”

Documentary filmmaker Marshall Curry said that after learning about the 1939 Bund rally, which he could barely believe had happened, he asked a researcher friend to help him locate archival footage of the Feb. 20, 1939, event.

“Once he pulled it all together and I saw it, I thought it was very surreal and frightening, and I wanted to find a way to make something of it and share it with the world,” Curry said.

Inside the Garden, people in suits and dresses cheer as Kuhn calls for “gentile-controlled labor unions, free from Jewish Moscow-directed domination.” A protester rushes the stage and is tackled and beaten by uniformed Bund troops.

The protester, 26-year-old Isadore Greenbaum, was later arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Details including his name and Kuhn’s are not spelled out in the documentary, which immerses the viewer in the rally rather than having a narrator explain it.

Curry said he considered using a narrator but “ultimately almost on a whim I edited it together as if it were a verite documentary where you dropped the audience into this rally and you had to figure out what was going on. I found that it was more compelling that way.”

Although compelling, Curry’s film did not win the Oscar.

(Feb 24, 2019—Daily News)
FATHER BRETONE’S
ETERNAL FLAME OF HOPE
BARN DANCE
Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Western BBQ & Italian Favorites
LIVE MUSIC
The Mary Lamont Band
RAFFLES – PRIZES – ARTWORK – JEWELRY

IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD’S
Healing Mercy

LOCATION:
St. Patrick School Auditorium
9511 Fourth Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209
(Convenient Parking, Close to Mass Transit)

$55 Donation
$25 Youth
RSVP By April 2, 2019

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Name: ___________________________ Phone Number: ___________________________
Address: ______________________________ Email: ________________________________
Number of Guests: __________ Email: ___________________________
Amount Enclosed: ____________________
We cannot attend, but would like to make a donation
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Enclosed is $______ for grand prize Raffle Book(s) Please send me ___ Additional Books

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

THEME: How do you put St. Ignatius Prayer for Generosity into practice in your life?

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

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. 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 14, 2019. 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.