May

Mother’s Day
Kolping-on-Hudson • May 11, 2008

Mother’s Day marks the official opening of the 2008 Summer Season at KOH. To all our members and friends, we extend a heartfelt invitation to celebrate this special day with us.

Our delicious menu will include: salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetable, coffee and dessert. The price is $18 for adults and $9 for children. The settings are at 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.

Mass will be celebrated by Father Breton in Assmuth Hall at 4:00 pm. Father Breton will bless all our new Mass furniture, Mary’s grotto, and the new address sign. Please call Heidi Umland, KOH Manager, at 718-805-0552 on weekdays and 914-736-0117 on weekends.

NOTE: Ann Horan will be seated in the bar room—please do not pass by without stopping so she can update her information on you and fill in any empty spaces for phone numbers, email addresses, and birthdays. She will also have Kolping sweatshirts, bags, and notebooks for sale.

KOH REMINDER: Meals will be served from Mother’s Day on, Saturday nights 7:00 pm and Sundays at 1:00 pm.

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.

Please remember Walter Gross in your prayers. He is hospitalized in Florida undergoing chemotherapy.

We wish Johanna McGreevy a speedy recovery after her recent trip to the hospital.

Eleanor Beller Ruocchio, niece of Msgr. Hubert Beller, passed away on March 30. Eleanor was a member of the Kolping Society before moving to Raleigh, NC.

Happy Birthday to those born in May:

Special Milestone Birthdays: John McGreevy, Elfie Woschitz, and Eric Gliomann.

Baby News! Erich & Wilfreda Roessler proudly announce the birth of their grandson, William Reagan Curley. William was born on March 24. He is the son of Drs. Deneen Roessler & Kevin Curley. William joins a sister and brother. Best wishes to all!

Thanks: Lenten Project: Frances Schulte, Bob & Gen Hemings.

Thanks to your generosity, we sent $1,000 to the National Kolping for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Slidell, Louisiana—$600 from our members, $400 from NY Kolping. Thanks to all of you who donated.

Thank you for $1,000 donation for KOH from the Harry S. Truman Foundation, Inc.—Arthur Kessler member.

Thanks to Mark Franzoso for sending one of his crews to clean all the roofs and gutters at Kolping-on-Hudson.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR MAY 2008
Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

Human Dignity. That Christians may use literature, art, and mass media to create a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person.

Mary's Guidance. That the Virgin Mary, Star of evangelization and Queen of the Apostles, may still guide missionaries with maternal affection, just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church.
News & Notes

KOLPING HAPPY HOUR
An event for "younger" Kolping members (21 and over, please!)
Zum Schneider Restaurant & Biergarten
107 Ave C @ 7th Street, New York, NY 10009. Tel. (212) 598-1098
Friday, May 2, 2008 6:30pm – 8:30

Come pre-party with the after-work Kolping crowd at Zum Schneider, known for its Bavarian atmosphere, great selection of beer, and a great spot to sit back and have some big, delicious beers with friends. For questions, comments and/or future Kolping Happy Hour suggestions, please email Anna Dengler at annadengler@hotmail.com

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.

With the opening of our 2008 summer season this month, we thought it would be helpful to publish some important times and prices.

Pool: Member daily $7
     Guest daily $9
     Children 5-12 $4 (Children 4 and under are free)
     Yearly membership $400

Meals: Saturday night at 7:00pm $12
      Sunday afternoon at 1:00pm $14
      Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Harvest Dinner $18
      Special occasions - to be announced


Mass Furniture at KOH
All of our wishes have been granted! Thank you so much for your response to our Mass needs, grotto, and sign. We will show off our new fixtures on Mother’s Day when Father Breton will bless them. Here is the final list of donors:

Altar: Cherie and Steve
Chair: John & Betty Reitter for Reitter and Beck families.
Grotto: (1) Joseph & Marta Baumgartner for Klein & Baumgartner families and Susan Cirincione. (2) Bert & Heidi Bruegger for Ludwig Pinner. (3) Barbara and Jim Mallon for their children.
Sign: Theresa Ostoﬀ, Ingrid & Christine Reshmaner for Albert & Carla Santorius, from G&G Zoeller Family.

2008 Board Officers
At the April Board Meeting, the following were elected:
Frank Weigand — Chairman
Gerhard Schmitt — Vice Chairman
Cecilia Portilla — Recording Secretary
Jack McGee — Corresponding Secretary
Ted Dengler X — Comptroller
John Reitter — Treasurer and National Board Representative
Daniel Dengler — Kova Representative
More News & Notes

National Convention
On August 29-September 1, 2008, the 37th National Convention will be held in Philadelphia. Since this is one of our 'neighbor' Kolping families, we are hoping our New York members will support this convention. It is so much work, as those of us who have worked on Conventions in the past can attest to. Philadelphia has sent each of us a mailing so we have all the information.

We are pleased to announce that our members Marlene Bittermann and Bernie Dengler will receive the Distinguished Service Awards from New York. They will receive their awards on Sunday, August 31 at a 12:00 p.m. brunch held in the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel. The brunch will follow 10:00 a.m. Mass at Old St. Mary's Church.

Please consider joining us for some part—or all—of the Convention. Please also consider being a delegate from NY. We would pay for your transportation, room, and Convention package. Being a delegate is a great way to learn everything there is to know about Kolping in the USA!

If you have any questions, please call, write or email Ann Horan: 914-737-2026, annth@optonline.net

Prayer for Our Troops
submitted by Jack McGee

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
And give us peace.
I ask this in the name of Jesus,
Our Lord and Savior, Amen.

Our Heroes
Will Not Be Forgotten!

May 17 is Armed Forces Day.
Please remember our troops in your prayers.

Das Paradies und die Peri
by Robert Schumann

"A rarely performed gem"
"Mesmerizing and moving"

Soloists:
Carissa Castaldo
Natalya Kraevsky
MaryAnn McCormick
John Bernard
David Ekstrom
Robert Garner

Eugene Sirotkine, Conductor
The Hudson Valley Singers
The New York Metamorphoses Orchestra

Saturday
April 26th ~ 7 pm
New York Society for Ethical Culture
2 W 64th St. at Central Park West

Tickets
$45 at the door - $35 in advance - $25 seniors and students
Call 914.674.2865
www.HudsonValleySingers.org
Priest’s Artwork Searches for A Piece of Eternity

BY FATHER FRANK MANN

"Every great work of art has two faces, one toward its own time and one toward the future, toward eternity." — Israeli pianist Daniel Barenboim

There is no doubt that the masterpieces of sacred art created by Brooklyn priest Father Richard Bretone reflect the mysteries of eternity.

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend an exhibition of his artwork at the Pratt Institute’s Schaffer Gallery. Browsing through a simple yet inviting guest book on a table near his exhibit, I delighted in the many comments and observations by many of the students, faculty and friends with regard to his "creations."

"Your work is awesome," wrote one individual.

Others were both neatly and artfully penned on the pages: "The pieces captivate! Amazing!" "People are touched, inspired and moved toward a deeper love for God." "You are incredible — an embodiment of pure creative spirit."

No one else has made anything so unique as your pieces. You have an amazing talent and you are an amazing priest."

Might I add my own reflection to the many other pious congratulatory wishes? "Rich, the Church is very blessed to have you and countless other priests in the Diocese of Brooklyn who never fail to make a difference in the lives of others.

Father Bretone is completing a seven-and-a-half-year assignment as the Catholic chaplain at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, one of the country’s premier art colleges. Declared in 1988, he remembers once taking an art class at high school and the instructor asked him his interests. "I said I liked philosophy, theology and art," he recalls.

All the pieces at the Schaffer Gallery showcased Father Bretone’s original liturgical art. "I chose to concentrate on mosaics because of my love for sacred objects used in the Mass," he proudly states.

When Father Bretone first arrived at Pratt in 2001, he remembers, "I could feel the absence of God. I knew that if I were going to be effective at Pratt, I would have to enter the students’ world by understanding the art they dedicated themselves to learning." He gently adds, "Art opens the soul to beauty, which is an attribute to God. The artist pays homage to God in choosing to bring things of beauty into creation."

He was happy to share his "artist’s statement," that which is more appropriate to his vision and goals: "My artwork is an attempt to give glory to God who has given me all things, and most importantly, He has given me the gift of life. I have consecrated my life — my whole person — to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The art that I create is sacred, because it references our supreme connection to the Holy in the ritual worship of the Roman Catholic Church."

One artwork in the exhibit, titled "Lift Up Your Hearts," displays a chalice and paten used during Mass. They are made of sterling silver sheet that was raised and hand-hammered into its perfect form. The bronze stem in the shape of two flames represents the fire and desire of God’s love for humanity as it is expressed in the Incarnation of Jesus as both God and man. The verdigris (oxidized silver) on the inside of the vessels intuited the luminosity of the soul in union with God.

The work titled "Angels We Have Heard On High" is a set of nine huge altar bells made of flat bronze sheet that was raised and hand-hammered. They were placed in a wood frame that matches the wood interior of a chapel that Father Bretone has built in upstate New York. The nine bells are symbolic of the medieval teaching of the nine choirs of angels.

A third piece in the show is titled, "From Death to Life." It is an Easter Candle holder (for the Paschal Candle) that is made of copper, stone, wood and enamel. There are canes (flags) that dramatically extend from sections of the holder and were made waterlight in order to hold holy water. The stamens of the flowers are actually aspergillums or sprinklers that the priest uses to bless the congregation. The base is stone. There is a scroll at the base made of hand-carved wood, which references Golgotha, where Jesus was crucified.

"It is a stark reminder of one’s mortality," explains Father Bretone. In the viewpoint of this "reporter," this is one of the most unique works of sacred art that I have ever seen.

Finally, the work "We’re Not Our Hearts On Fire" is a pendant in the form of a flame. It is made of copper rossoupe and represents hearts on fire with the love of God. There is a citrine stone at the base that reflects the spark of divinity that is aching in divine love.

According to Father Bretone, "It symbolizes our spiritual goal to transcend our limitations and to unite to that love, as Dante saw in his last Canto, ‘moves the sun and other stars.’"

Father Bretone concludes, "... I await to see how God will use all of this for His greater glory in my future service to Him as a priest in the great Diocese of Brooklyn."
Willkommen, Benedict
Yorkville, a nabe with German past, readies for the pope’s visit

Making pope feel at home
An old German nabe gears up

The Pope’s path
Pope Benedict XVI’s itinerary during his three-day visit to New York.

Friday, April 18
10:30 a.m. — Pope lands aboard Shepherd One at Kennedy Airport. Followed by a rain-soaked
10:45 a.m. — Addresses the United Nations General Assembly
10:45 a.m. — Vist Park East Synagogue, Earl’s Court Street
11 a.m. — Latin prayer service with Cardinal Mainardi at St. Joseph’s Church, on the west

Saturday, April 19
9:30 a.m. — Morning Mass for priests, deacons and seminarians at St. Francis’s Church
10:30 a.m. — A family of 10 and prayer service at St. Joseph’s Synagogue, in Brooklyn
10:30 a.m. — A family of 10 and prayer service at St. Joseph’s Synagogue, in Manhattan

Sunday, April 20
9:30 a.m. — Mass in Grand Army Plaza with family members
10:30 a.m. — Graduation Mass at Central Synagogue
11 a.m. — Mass in Central Synagogue

Ship tragedy shaped fate of Germans
By Matthew Smorey

Before it was the former East River, Lower East Side. The neighborhood that developed around Tompkins Square Park was known as Kinneretsholz, lead to Little Germany, and was the largest German population in the world.

But Little Germany never recovered from the tragedy of June 4, 1994, when 1,001 people, mostly women and children, drowned or burned to death in the sinking of the ship General Schermut. It was the single largest loss of life in New York City since the attacks of 9/11.

Nearly all the ship’s victims were German immigrants who attempted to ship across the Atlantic in the East River, where there were many other ships in the vicinity. The disaster left behind a lasting memory of Little Germany, which has never fully recovered from the tragedy.

Julia Winter grew up in Yorkville and is the mayor of the neighborhood, which was named for the German neighborhood of Yorkville, in Germany.

Julia Winter, mayor of Yorkville, says the neighborhood is still a mix of old and new. She says the neighborhood is still a mix of old and new, and that it is important to remember the history of the neighborhood.

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Stories of Interest

GOVERNOR WILLIAM SULZER (1861-1941)
submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Stories of misconduct by state Governors have made headlines, recently. They seem to deal with improprieties in office. Did you know one of our governors was booted out of office on allegations of wrong doings before coming into office?

He was William Sulzer (1861-1941) and he took governorship in 1912. But, tension marred his administration from day of his swearing in. Geopolitically, New York State was divided in two: down-state, or New York City; and, upstate, the northern remainder. Their interests conflicted. New York City was wealthy with Wall Street and the Stock Exchange, Corporate headquarters, and half the population. Upstate was largely agricultural with orchards, vineyards and farms. The downstaters were largely Democratic and controlled by a club house called Tammany Hall.

Rumor has it that Gov. Sulzer refused “rubber-stamp,” a Tammany’s Appointee for Commissioner of State Highways. Tammany had enough clout in the legislature to rush through an impeachment on alleged mismanagement of campaign funds by Gov. Sulzer. His removal has been termed political lynching.

During his eviction from the Governor’s Mansion, a crowd of 10,000 well-wishers showed him their support. Amid cheers, he addressed them: “Posterity will do me justice. Time sets all things right.”

Maybe so, but, his political career, despite his attempts went no further. Several bills to repair his record have introduced, but all foundered in the Assembly. Also, his is the only portrait of a Governor (1912-13) not on display in the capitol gallery.

Catholic Parrots
submitted by Gerhard Schmitt

A lady goes to her priest one day and tells him, “Father, I have a problem. I have two female parrots, but they only know how to say one thing.”

“What do they say?” the priest inquired.

They say, “Hi, we’re hookers! Do you want to have some fun?”

“That’s obscene!” the priest exclaimed; then he thought for a moment.

“You know,” he said, “I may have a solution to your problem. I have two male talking parrots, which I have taught to pray and read the Bible.”

“Bring your two parrots over to my house, and we’ll put them in the cage with Frank and Jacob. My parrots can teach your parrots to pray and worship, and your parrots are sure to stop saying that phrase in no time.”

“Thank you,” the woman responded, “this may very well be the solution.”

The next day, she brought her female parrots to the priest’s house. As he ushered her in, she saw that his two male parrots were inside their cage, holding rosary beads and praying. Impressed, she walked over and placed her parrots in with them.

After a few minutes, the female parrots cried out in unison: “Hi, we’re hookers! Do you want to have some fun?”

There was stunned silence. Shocked, one male parrot looked over at the other male parrot and exclaimed,

“Put the beads away, Frank, our prayers have been answered!”

A LITTLE POLITICAL HUMOR
submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The party chairman was lecturing some new candidates on how to curry notes. He said that he always tips generously and advises the waiter, cab drivers, etc., to vote for the Republicans. Another political big wig overheard the advice and said he does the same thing but some what differently. He gives the person who provided the service nothing and tells them to vote Republican.

Father was lecturing his son on deportment. “Why, when I was your age I had a newspaper route” said the dad.
The son responded to the criticism. “Well, dad, look at Abraham Lincoln; at your age, he was president.”
LINCOLN CENTER

METROPOLITAN OPERA (TICKETS FROM $15.00)
Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30
La Fille Du Regiment May 2, 16
The Abduction from the Seraglio May 3 (matinee)
La Clemenza Di Tito May 3, 10 (matinee)
Macbeth May 9, 17
The First Emperor May 10, 17 (matinee)

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO — WQXR 96.3FM
Saturday, May 3 at 1:30pm.
The Abduction from the Seraglio (sung in German – by Mozart)

THE AMERICAN BALLET THEATER (TICKETS FROM $25.00)
For the next three months, the American Ballet Theater will occupy the Metropolitan Opera House for the next three months. Evening performances are at 8 p.m. There are two matinee performances each week—Wednesday and Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m.
The Corsaire May 20, 21 (matinee and evening), 22, 23, 24 (matinee and evening), 26
Swan Lake May 27, 28 (matinee and evening), 29, 30, 31 (matinee and evening), June 2

THE BRONX OPERA COMPANY www.BronxOpera.org
“The Impresario” by Mozart and “Pagliacci” by Leoncavallo
Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 at 8 p.m.
Lehman College at the Lovinger Theater on Bedford Park Boulevard
Friday (8 p.m.) and Saturday (2 p.m.) May 16 and 17.
Hofstra University at the Adams Playhouse on Hempstead Turnpike
on Long Island. Call 516-463-6644 for ticket prices.

THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
submitted by Katrina Dengler
The “Catholics in New York, 1808-1946” exhibit will open on May 16. The exhibition traces Catholics’ growth from a tiny religious minority to a powerful force in the city. It will concentrate on New York’s parishes, Catholic Institutions, and the rise of Catholics in NY politics. In addition to the exhibition, the Museum will present a number of evening public programs on topics related to Catholics in New York 1808-1946. The Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies at Fordham University, will also present the Bicentennial Lecture Series on New York Catholics.

If we are lucky, they might include the Kolping Society!

AT THE CHURCHES

TRINITY CHURCH Broadway and Church St.
Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Music by Lully, de la Lanande, Charpentier, Rameau. Les Grands Motets. French music from the time of Louis XIV to Louis XVI. Tickets sold at door.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS 53rd Street and Fifth Avenue
Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S
51st Street and Park Avenue
Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. No admission charge.
May 7  German Lieder by Mozart
May 14  Singers and instrumentalists from
17th Century English Baroque opera selections
May 21  Cantatas from the Viennese Court
from 1681 to 1732. Vocal selections with Baroque instruments

ZION ST. MARK'S 339 East 84th St. NYC
Saturday, May 3 from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

MAY DANCE. Dance and sing along to the music of Werner Goebel. He will play Oldies, Sing-alongs and all the party music you like to hear. Just give him a request!!! Light snacks and beverages are available. So, come and have fun! Contribution $10.
Info: 212-479-7808 / www.zionstmarks.org

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 Narney at 212-289-6030.

NYC alternate side of the street parking regulations suspended May 1 (Ascension Thursday). Legal holiday rules in effect on May 26 (Memorial Day).