May

**Mother’s Day**
May 12, 2019

Please join us at Kolping on Hudson for the annual Dinner and Mass in honor of all our Mothers.

Our Chefs are putting the finishing touches on a delicious dinner menu starting with Roast Beef made in our new oven! It will be followed by a delectable dessert and coffee or tea. (Plus, there’s a kids meal alternative for the little ones if that makes Mom’s life easier.)

We’ll have two seatings – the first at 12 noon sharp, the second at 2pm. Our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone will be celebrating Mass at 3:30pm up in Assmuth Hall.

After Mass, we will process to the upper shrine and crown the Blessed Mother with a fresh new floral wreath.

Dinner tickets are $20 per person and $10 for children. Non-members are $22 per person.

This is a very popular event so please make your reservations right away. Contact Heidi Umland to reserve.
(heidiumland@verizon.net or 914-736-0117)

**KOLPING ON HUDSON FOOD DRIVE**

Our annual Food Drive officially kicks off on Mothers Day and continues through the season. Our donations will go to local food pantries and soup kitchens like the Montrose VA, Graymoor and the Franciscan Sisters. Please bring your gift of nonperishable food items. Pasta, canned soup, canned veggies, tuna, chili, peanut butter and coffee and tea are good options. Thank you for your generosity to our hungry neighbors. As Father Kolping said, “The needs of the times will teach you what to do.”

**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.

We are saddened to announce the death of Rosemarie Bartzick. Rosemarie was active in many of our local German Societies and joined us at KOH whenever she could. Please keep Rosemarie and her family and friends in your prayers.

Please also keep in your prayers one of our favorite, friendly Kolping members who is facing health challenges. We ask that he may be comfortable and healthy and that his family may be blessed with patience and wisdom as they help him navigate this trying time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MAY:

SPECIAL MAY BIRTHDAYS:
Special Birthday wishes to Donald Connolly, Elizabeth Geoghegan, Scott Manner, Eileen Marx, and Stacey Retallick.

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.

DONATIONS
We thank the following Kolping Members for their generous donations to our Society: Jim Minarik, Ronald Seelbach and Reinhold Stehle.

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.

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.
**News & Notes**

**SUNDAY BRUNCH**
Come enjoy 2019’s Annual Sunday Brunch and celebrate Mass with us. On June 2nd, we’re offering the annual Sunday Brunch. Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann and Kathy Weinborg will be serving all of our favorite breakfast items. Mass will be celebrated in the early afternoon at Assmuth Hall and several new members will be inducted into the Society. Please join us. Reserve with Heidi.

**WURST NIGHT**
Come and sample different German Wursts at the German American Social Club of Peekskill 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.

**MAIFFEST!**
Join the Bavarian Club Edelweiss of Westchester on Sunday, May 5th, from 12-6pm. Live German music by “Gregory and the Brauhaus Band” with German Folk Dancing. Featuring the Malbaum 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.

**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 OKTOBERFEST PICNIC**
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.

**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 MAY 2019 INTENTION**

**THE CHURCH IN AFRICA, A SEED OF UNITY:**
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.
NEW KOH ENTRANCE RULES EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST - FOR NON-MEMBERS
To encourage membership and to support the upkeep of our beautiful Kolping-on-Hudson, KOH will be re-instituting an entrance fee for non-members. The fee for 2019 will be $10 per visit per guest (over 21). After 3 visits, guests should be encouraged to become members.

HELP KOLPING SERVE OUR COMMUNITY
Members, we are going to be expanding upon the great volunteering work that Kathy Weinborg and other Kolping members have already undertaken in Westchester by trying to arrange some volunteer opportunities in the city.

We plan to have a few opportunities each year for a group of members (whether large or small) to come together to volunteer in different ways in the city. If you can get involved, that would be great.

The first city volunteer event that we are coordinating is with Xavier Mission in Manhattan. Xavier organizes a large soup kitchen every Sunday and is always in need of volunteers. We are realistic and starting small with trying to get a group of about 10 Kolping members to volunteer at Xavier Mission one Sunday in the next month or so. Every Sunday, Xavier’s soup kitchen serves an average of 1,300 hot meals—amazing!

In the future, we will also plan on volunteering with Catholic Charities, St Joseph (Yorkville) and St Philip Neri (Grand Concourse). Initiatives will also continue in Westchester.

If you can volunteer in the city or would like more information, please contact Frank Weigand at fweigand@gmail.com or 718 908 3650.

CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY RAFFLE
4 Yankees vs. Mets Subway Series Tickets
Tuesday, July 2, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Seats behind third base Excelsior level
Proceeds for KOH Air Conditioner Fund
Donation: $10 / Each ticket valued at $125
To purchase raffle tickets, contact Lou Colletti: (LCookie1129@aol.com / 914-275-7481)

TROOP 36: EASTER EGG REPORT by Scout Alex Wong
On March 13th, Troop 36 scouts stuffed easter eggs for the 12th Annual Denet Family Easter Egg Hunt. The Scouts filled more than 500 eggs with donated candy and prizes. It was fun to see all the colorful eggs fill up. On April 13th, families were invited to Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School to hunt for more than 10,000 easter eggs and raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital. Troop 36 was proud to be part of this wonderful event.

Scout who participated were: AJ Occhipinti, Connor Leach, Andy McNamme, Shaun Murray, Alex Wong, Jonathon Wong, Aiden Wong, Liam Hagen, Ben Appleyard, Michael Tucci, Luca Tucci, and Manny Socorro.

(Pictured are AJ Occhipinti, Conner Leach, Andy McNamme)

Dear Troop 36,

WOW! Look at all of those eggs! We really appreciate your donation for the 12th Annual Denet Family Egg Hunt. You boys worked hard to stuff eggs for our egg hunt. Knowing that you not only took the time to purchase eggs and fillers, but then filled each one with care, means a lot to us.

Hopefully we will see you at our event on Saturday, April 13th at Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School.

Thanks again for helping us... as we help the children of St. Jude’s.

Sincerely,

Nicole Grieve & Elibana Denet
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!

**Saturday, May 4**
KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
Doors open at 4:00 PM; Race time approx. 6:30 PM
We will have an assortment of hot and cold appetizers/snacks and we welcome any $$, food, snack, or dessert donations.

**Sunday, May 12**
MOTHER’S DAY DINNER
1st Seating 12:00 PM / 2nd Seating is 2:00 PM
Roast Beef and Gravy, Potatoes, Chef’s Vegetables, Deutscher Salat, Dessert, and Coffee
Member: $20 per person if reservation made in advance / $22 if no reservation
Non-Member: $22 per person if reservation made in advance / $24 if no reservation
Kid’s Meal: $10

*Please make your reservations for Mother's Day Dinner by Tuesday, May 7th.*

**Saturday, May 25**
Menu to be announced
Dinner Served At 6:00 PM
$16 per person if reservation made in advance / $18 if no reservation / Kids Meal: $8

**Sunday, May 26**
Menu to be announced
Dinner Served At 2:00 PM
$16 per person if reservation made in advance / $18 if no reservation / Kids Meal: $8

*For Dinner on Saturday, May 25th and Sunday, May 26th, please make your reservations by 12 PM on Friday, May 24th.*

**Monday, May 27**
MEMORIAL DAY BBQ
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Ribs, Assorted Salads, Assorted Desserts, Coffee
12:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Member: $20 per person / Non-Member: $22 per person / Kids: $10

*Reservations: Please contact Heidi at 914-736-0117 or 917-699-6875 or heidiumland@verizon.net to make your reservation. Reservations are strongly recommended for all events. We cannot guarantee you a meal without a reservation.*

**Menu subject to change based on availability and number of reservations.**

**NOTE: The pool will be open weekends starting Memorial Day (May 27th) and the bar will be open on Friday nights and weekends.**
It all started when I broke my spine. I was in gymnastics practice. I remember that day vividly. I and my teammates were all on beam doing more advanced back skills and I finally got the courage to do a back Ariel on the high beam because I had been practicing it on the low beam for a while and I wanted to try it. Although my coach told me I wasn’t ready, everyone else was doing them and I was still on low beam. I decided to rebel against my coach and attempted it on the high beam when she wasn’t looking. I missed my feet on the beam, so I did not land properly. I fell down from a four-foot-tall beam and rotated too fast, so I landed hard on my back. Although I landed on a soft mat it still hurt like crazy. It was the most pain I ever felt in my whole life. The pain shot up my spine. Everyone that was around me crowded around, and I remember my coach dialing 911 and frantically asking for help by everyone around me. No one had a clue what to do. The last thing I remember is being wheeled into the ambulance. I just sat there, in bed thinking about the incident. Then reality hit me, I had to get ready for school.

"Audrey it’s time to get ready for the first day of your new school!” That is my mom. This was a phrase I hadn’t heard in a long time. I forced myself to wake up. I yelled to my mom down the stairs, “I’m getting up now!” She hurried onto my room excitedly, to help me get out of bed. She helped me get out of bed, and into my wheelchair. I am paralyzed from my upper back, down. This was a routine by now, but when I first got my wheelchair, this was so strange to me. I wasn’t used to needing help for everything, but that was a few months ago. Now, this is the norm.

When I got into the car, I felt the nerves building up one by one. I gave myself a pep-talk out loud when my mom was outside of the car putting my wheelchair in the back, so she wouldn’t hear me. I always wanted to appear strong, even when I wasn’t. Inside, I felt scared, and like everyone was going to judge me. Outside, I remained calm and put a brave face on. Once my mom came back in the car, we started to go to school. It was a long drive, about an hour.

After the long drive, which felt like forever, the school was finally in sight. I was nervous to go but also excited at the same time. I was nervous because I was afraid everyone was going to judge me and look at me funny. Although I experienced bullying in my old school before I moved I was still excited because I might meet new friends my age for once.

As we slowly drove towards the school in the heavy traffic, I saw kids my age smiling, walking to school together, and just having a good time. They all looked so happy, I was envious of them because I would never be able to do that. My mom pulled up to the school entrance and helped me out, and wished me luck, and gently hugged me goodbye. My mom was always so supportive of me and what decisions I made. She is my only friend, well for now at least.

I rolled up the ramp in my wheelchair and into one of the main hallways. I got strange looks from every direction. This is exactly the opposite of what I was hoping would happen, even though I expected this would probably happen because I’m always the misfit.

After circling around the school a few times, I finally found the main office and rolled inside. I could tell that the adults tried hard not to stare. They are much better than hiding their emotions than kids my age, well most of them at least. I went up to the principal and told her I was new to the school and she replied by saying, “Oh yay! You’re the girl in the wheelchair. Audrey right?” I just sat there, stunned at what she said to me and didn’t reply, I just slightly nodded my head. She gave me my schedule and my first class of the day was physical education.

I mumbled “Oh great” to myself. This was the class that I was most worried about. I dreaded going to this class. I easily found the gym and saw everyone in there lining up to go somewhere. I told the teacher my situation and he said to just follow everyone with a disgusted look on his face. Everyone I ran into had a negative attitude towards me, but I was used to it.

I asked someone in the class where they were all going and they said the pool. I knew I would have to sit out by myself, but when I saw another girl walk towards me, I was surprised. She didn’t look hurt or injured. She looked normal. She sat down next to me and we started to have a conversation and she seemed really nice. Then, we became friends, or so I thought...

As the days went by, we became much closer. We sat together at lunch, in class, walked together in the hallways, texted each other every day, and did things friends do. She became the reason why I finally enjoyed school. I finally had a friend!

One day, she invited me to her house after school to do homework and to study for an incoming test. I was so excited! I felt normal and that she treated me like she treated all of her other friends, which was comforting.

When I was at Amy’s house, she was getting changed in the bathroom while I was in her room doing homework. She left her phone on her dresser, and I heard her phone buzz, so I wondered who texted her. I looked over and saw a text from one of her good friends named Makenzie. The text message said, “I can’t believe she fell for it,” I was curious to see what this meant and who they were talking about. I scrolled up in her text messages on her iPhone to see their previous texts. I couldn’t believe my eyes. They were both talking bad about me behind my back. Amy told Makenzie she was only using me for homework answers and to cheat off me on tests. That explains why she always sat next to me in class when we had a test. I was in disbelief.

Holding back tears, I hurriedly put back her phone before Amy saw that I was snoping. By now, I was holding back tears, trying to not to cry like a baby.

She walked in the room, with a grin on her face. I abruptly told Amy I wasn’t feeling well and I should go home. She said, “Ok see you tomorrow. I hope you feel better. Make sure you send me pictures of the homework!” She said it with a grin on her face. I was devastated. My only friend betrayed me.

The next day, I tried to avoid her as much as possible because I was so upset. When we were at lunch, I was unsure where to sit. I didn’t have any other friends. I just remained there, in the doorway of the cafeteria, clinging my lunchbox wondering where to sit.

I was feeling desperate, so I went up to a girl named Sophie because she looked nice. I asked if I can sit next to her and she excitedly said yes! I was beyond thrilled.

As the days went on, I and Sophie became much closer. We even shared some interests such as baking, reading, and drawing. Our friendship felt much more real than me and Amy’s had been.

A week later, I saw a text pop up on my phone. It was from Amy asking if I can help her with a math problem sheet. I didn’t reply and blocked her number on my phone. I felt like a huge weight of blocks just came off my shoulders. I was so happy that I was someone’s real friend, instead of their tutor. I and Sophie spent so much time together, exchanged gifts to each other on special occasions, we had many inside jokes, had sleepovers, and so much more, but most importantly she liked me for me, not for my book smarts, but for me! I know to some people I will always be the girl in the wheelchair but when I was with Sophie, I felt confident and like I am worth something.
Deutsche Bank Joins Wall Street Exodus for View of Central Park
Submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Deutsche Bank AG is literally leaving Wall Street, moving its New York headquarters to midtown Manhattan as the German investment bank embarks on a broad shakeup of its U.S. operations.

The company will lease 1.1 million square feet of office space at Columbus Circle. The firm, which has been leasing offices at 60 Wall Street, will begin the move in the third quarter of 2021.

One mock-up of the bank’s new trading floor shows an expansive view of Central Park.

The combination of the thriving Upper West Side combined with the European feel of Central Park—near a river and cosmopolitan tempo—enthralled the Deutsch Bankers. Not too far a cry from early New York when the German Astor brothers became outstanding bankers here.

Stories of Interest

KOLPING INTERNATIONAL
Submitted by Lou Colletti

Dear Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers all over the world,

Distinguished members of the national boards,

In a few weeks time, people all over the world will celebrate May 1 as the “International Workers’ Day”. In 1955 Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of “Saint Joseph the Worker” on May 1. Saint Joseph, who happens to be the patron of our association, is of special importance for our dedicated work in our association: the conditions in which people work in this world continue to be a major concern for us in KOLPING. Indecent working conditions in his time prompted Blessed Father Adolph Kolping to take initiative and we carry on his tradition to make a difference.

This year, the International Labour Organization (ILO) will celebrate its 100th anniversary. In June the International Labour Conference in Geneva will not only be attended by many high-ranking politicians from all over the world but Pope Francis is expected to speak to the delegates of trade unions, employer associations and governments.

KOLPING INTERNATIONAL takes part in the International Labour Conference every year, contributing the values of Catholic social teaching to the international consultations. Please find attached a text that takes a critical look at the 100th anniversary of ILO and that was published by sef, the Development and Peace Foundation early this year.

We invite all Kolping associations to use May 1 or also the 100th anniversary of ILO in June as an opportunity to publish statements in their countries and to make our fight for decent working conditions known to the general public.

May Saint Joseph help us in our efforts to ensure a secure income with good working conditions for all people in this world.

Kind regards to all of you from the General Secretariat in Cologne

Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburg
General Praeses

Dr. Markus Demele
General Secretary

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Managing Director

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Mark your calendar for May 4-5, and May 11, our remaining scheduled weekend cleanup days at KOH (weather permitting)!