May

Mother’s Day
May 9, 2021

Please join us at Kolping on Hudson for the annual Dinner and Mass in honor of all our Mothers. Our annual celebration will be extra-special this year as we christen our refurbished dining room in honor of Willy Bittermann.

Under the guidance of Al Vogl and Mike Scheuermann, a team of Kolping volunteers has worked over the past 18 months to rebuild, renew and refinish our dining room. Marlene Bitttemann stepped forward with a lead gift in honor of her late husband, Willy, to make the work possible. Once again we thank all the workers and donors who made this vision become a reality.

There will be two seatings for dinner – at 12 noon and at 2:15pm. Our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone will lead us in the celebration of Mass at 4pm in Assmuth Hall. We will be inducting many new members into our Society—another cause for celebration! After Mass, we will process to the upper shrine and crown the Blessed Mother with a floral wreath.

Dinner tickets are $24 per person (only $22 for members who reserve in advance) and $12 for children. We expect to sell out, so please check with us at KOHMANAGER95@gmail.com to see if there are spots available.

Due to safety precautions, we cannot accommodate walk-ins. Everyone must have a reservation. Thank you for understanding.

KOLPING ON HUDSON FOOD DRIVE

Our Food Drive officially kicks off on Mothers Day and continues through the season. Our goal this month is to provide a spaghetti dinner to all the Veterans and their families served by the Montrose VA. Please be sure to bring your contribution of pasta and sauce (plastic container or can—no glass, please) so we can say thank you to those who have given so much.

NOTE: Fr. Bretone’s Barn Dance has been moved from May 8th to Sunday, September 12.

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.

Borhi László (1939-2021) - Rest in Peace
We share the sad news that Borhi “Laci” László, the father of Linda Szoldatits, has passed away. He was born in Szentpéterfa on February 19, 1939 in the Borhijovi house, the son of Ferenc Borhi and Rosia Temmel. Laci was an active member of the St. Peter and Paul Society of New York. We offer our deepest condolences to his family. Laci was always a cheerful fellow with a warm smile. He will be missed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Clare’s Church in the Bronx.

In Memoriam - Julia Winter - June 26, 1923 - April 24, 2021
Long time Catholic Kolping Society of New York member Julia Winter has passed away after a lengthy illness. Julia was a member of Kolping for decades, starting in the Kolping Ladies Auxiliary, before the Society admitted women. She was a fierce and determined advocate for causes she was involved with, especially with the church and the German Community. She worked tirelessly and among her other work hosted the Coffee Hour at St. Joseph’s after the German Mass and kept seeing old friends and meeting new arrivals to our NYC parish.

Julia’s niece from Chicago had organized the funeral mass to be at St. Joseph’s of Yorkville on Saturday, May 1, at 10:00 am. Burial followed at Gate of Heaven in Hawthorne. There was no wake, due to Covid restrictions. Julia’s niece would like to do a luncheon at a later date, as per Julia’s wishes.

Those who knew Julia will enjoy this piece from the NYTimes in 2008 where she was quoted as something of a spokesperson for German-American Catholics in New York City. And those who didn’t know her will enjoy learning more. [https://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/19/nyregion/19german.html]
Please keep Julia and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Please continue to keep Joan Sartorius in your thoughts and prayers as she battles health issues.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MAY:

SPECIAL MAY BIRTHDAYS:
Special birthday wishes to Eric Calhoun, Bob Coletti, Rick Hiltsley, Jorge Parra, Joshua Prokopiak, and Christine Weltner.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S MAY 2021 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL INTENTION: THE WORLD OF FINANCE
Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.
News & Notes

CRAFT FAIR/TAG SALE
In the tradition of great markets like the Stormville Flea, KOH is hosting a Craft Fair / Tag Sale on Saturday June 5. Reserve your spot for $25 (only $10 for active, dues-paid-up Members) by mailing your payment to KOH Committee, Lou Coletti, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548. Demonstrate your crafting talent, showcase your direct sales business or simply clean out the attic and garage. Turn your treasures into cash.

MONTROSE / BUCHANAN / VERPLANCK / CORTLANDT / CROTON KOLPING MEMBERS—YOUR HELP IS VITAL. Please make copies of the flyer on the back page and post one in your favorite deli, coffee spot, grocery store or anyplace you can. Check our Facebook page for a digital version that you can share with friends. The Craft Fair/Tag Sale will be great fun if we can get a great crowd. YOU can make this happen.

SPRING CLEANING?
Yes you are! Now is the time when we all go through our closets and find those unwanted coats and jackets hanging in the closet, so lonely and never to be worn again. How about donating them so the less fortunate can stay warm next winter? Don’t forget the gloves, scarves and hats!

Do you have worn out towels, blankets and sheets in your linen closet? Let the puppies and kittens of the ASPCA take them off your hands. They can be used for bedding in the shelters for these adorable animals.

Please bring all items to KOH on weekends from April through November where they will be collected and donated accordingly. Make a difference for another. Many thanks in advance!

VACATION ON A BUDGET IN NYC
Remember that the Kolping House on 88th Street is now open to people visiting NYC. Located on the beautiful upper East Side, dorm-style rooms are only $75 a night. Email us:  residence@kolpingny.org or call 212-369-6647. It’s a short walk to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Guggenheim, Central Park, Fifth Avenue, the East River and so much more.

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE
NY Kolping is on LinkedIn! As more and more people use this social network, it makes sense for Kolping to have a profile on LinkedIn. We invite all members to CONNECT. LinkedIn is a particularly good tool for job seekers. We strongly encourage all of our young members and anyone in the job market to create a profile and build your network. If you already have a presence on LinkedIn, please connect to Kolping today! Find us here: https://www.linkedin.com/company/kolpingnewyork

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!
Are you receiving a paper copy of the bulletin? Would you like to receive it via email instead? If so, 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.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER
If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org.
CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY ANNUAL SUBWAY SERIES RAFFLE 2021
Submitted by Lou Colletti on Behalf of the KOH House Committee

Once again our very generous member, Karen Staub has donated a Family 4 Pack Valued at $472.00 Subway Series Baseball Tickets. In the past the proceeds from the raffle have gone to KOH towards a project. However this year all the proceeds will go our Kolping House in New York City. Sometimes we lose sight of the fact that Kolping 88th Street is our main house and without Kolping 88th Street there would be no Kolping on the Hudson or Kolping on the Concourse in the Bronx. The Covid19 Pandemic has had a great financial impact on Kolping 88th Street. We have 88 rooms as of today only 14 are rented, leaving us with 74 rooms not occupied!! What hasn’t changed is our operational expenses. We are asking that every NY Catholic Kolping Member please purchase at least 1 raffle ticket per member. Even if you are not a baseball fan, you can pass it on to someone who is.

Raffle Information:
4 Yankee VS. Mets Subway Series Tickets
Date & Time: Saturday, September 11, 2021 @ 7:00 PM
Location of Seats: Behind 3rd. Base Excelsior Level
Donation: $20.00 per Raffle Ticket
The drawing will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at KOH Oktoberfest.
Tickets will sold starting on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 9, 2021 at KOH or by mail. Please contact Lou Colletti with any questions or raffle tickets by mail (email: LCookie1129@aol.com / cell: (914) 275-7481).

In The Spirit of Fr. Kolping,
Gerhard Schmitt, President & Kolping on Hudson House Committee

THANK YOU!
April showers bring May flowers. Thank you Julie DiLoreto for your generous donation to our floral fund!

Thank you to Frank Kurcz for sending a little something extra along with your dues. The generosity of our members is greatly appreciated.

LENTEN PROJECT—Thank you to all members who have participated in this year's small livestock/goat program. We thank Barbara Grimm for sending a gift via Kolping New York and all the other donors who will be noted in the upcoming National Banner.

KOLPING 88 FUND—Thank you to all who have donated to the K88 Fund. The pandemic has slowed down the inflow of visitors using our beautiful Kolping House on 88th Street. Society Members are asked if they can help us financially navigate these challenging times. We thank these members for their generous gifts: Gerald and Maureen Beyrer, Eric and Tracy Criscuolo, Katrina Dengler, Ernst and Wilma Endrich, Alfred and Linda Ferony, Keith and Ingrid Franz, Catherine Ferrero, Wolfgang Hahn, Michael and Victoria Longworth, Max Lorenz, John and June Noonan, Gary and Theresa Ostroff, Katherine Reslmaier, Valentine Sartorius, Reinhold and Ingrid Stehle, Al and Joan Sartorius, Elizabeth Tretter, Ferdinand Zipprich, Gerhard and Gertrude Zoeller.

Please take a moment to consider your circumstances and see if you can join these members in generously supporting our Catholic Kolping Society. Thank you for your consideration.

KOLPING DUES
Family: $130 Individual: $100 Student: $50
50-year members: paid up forever!

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
Attn: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary

You can include 2020 dues if you missed them too. 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. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.

10 SIGNS YOU’RE DOING WELL IN LIFE
Submitted by Katherine Weigand

1. You have a roof over your head.
2. You ate today.
3. You have a good heart.
4. You wish good for others.
5. You have clean water.
7. You strive to be better.
8. You have clean clothes.
9. You have a dream.
10. You’re breathing.

Be thankful for the little things for they are the most important.
Kolping on Hudson Clean-Up

THANK YOU TO MEMBERS MAKING OUR CLEAN UP HAPPEN!

Al Vogl, Tracie Trucellito, Lou and Nick Colletti, Mike and Jen Scheuermann, Mike and Kathy Weinborg, Gerhard and Alex Schmitt, Liz and Roy Sokol, Julie DiLoreto, Elizabeth Kogler, Lillian and Rick Hiltsley, Donna and Bob Boeschl, Donna, Jenna and Alexa Richardson, Lauri Bucci, Steve, Alina and Izzy Lovasz, Artie and Jan Kessler, Mia Steigerwald, Paul Steigerwald, Will Hernandez, Albert Buchholz, Lou Janny, Frank Kurcz, John Weigand, Janine DiStefano, Muriel Fullam, Ann and Bob Hemsing, Linda Ahrens, Carmen Sweeney, Heide Bruegger, Joe Szoldatits, Heidi Umland, Phyllis and Bob Coletti, Walter McDonald, Peter Carruthers, Mike O'Shaughnessy, Chuck Smith, Dorothy Glomann, Beth Heyd, Fred and Phyllis Froebrich, Al and Linda Ferony, Claire and Patrick Tandy, Janet and Dennis McGuire, Andy and Irina Marussich, Peggy and Dave Dougall, Helmut from Edelweiss and Ted, Joan and Teddy Dengler. (I’m sure I missed a few—please email kolpingny@gmail.com so we can thank you.)

Our beautifully relit storage room
thanks to Bob Hemsing
Kolping on Hudson Clean-Up (continued)
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Statement on the International Workers’ Day on 1 May 2021

Dear Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers all over the world,

On 1 May 2021, the International Workers’ Day will be marked by the COVID-19 pandemic for the second time. All over the world, governments are dealing with this crisis in very different ways. There is one phenomenon, however, they all have to face: People who do not have any reserve capital they can use in times of lockdowns, curfews and job restrictions see their own and their family’s livelihoods threatened. Meanwhile, many of them have used up their reserves, others worry about how long their resources will last.

This crisis has made people around the world aware of the fact that they cannot meet basic needs if they are not able to work. Campaigning for good working conditions and for the creation of jobs has always been part of our association’s core traditions. In the past few months many people did not have a chance to do their job, and with good reason. The risk of becoming infected with the virus at work was too high. That means that all those who sacrificed their work for the benefit of the community must be strengthened by the solidarity of the community and receive sufficient benefits to make a living. This is what we want to campaign for in all countries to be heard as a voice of civil society.

And there is another aspect that comes to mind. When John Paul II writes in his encyclical Laborem exercens (No. 9) that through work man becomes “more a human being” he means that for many people work is not only a burden but it also helps them to achieve self-fulfillment. Through work we can make a substantial contribution to shaping the world and ultimately to shaping our own life. This has not been possible for everyone in the past few months, many people were no longer able to work together and to exchange ideas and creativity and some of them may have developed symptoms of sadness and loneliness. Let us take advantage of digital technologies, let us be alert and aware when people need someone to talk to. In these times when many people are spending less times socializing with their colleagues at work, we must remain vigilant to identify those who are at risk of experiencing loneliness.

Let us pray and hope together – not least through the intercession of Saint Joseph - that the world of labor will soon be open again to all people, that all women and men will be able again to secure their livelihoods in decent working conditions and with the strength of their hands, their heart and mind. And it is our sincere wish that young people will soon be able again to continue their training and studies that will help them find a fulfilling career which makes them feel “that they have been assigned to the place where God needs them” (according to Adolph Kolping).

Kind regards and have a blessed and healthy May Day

Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburg
General Praeses

Dr. Markus Demele
General Secretary

Karin Wollgarten
Managing Director
CRAFT FAIR/ VENDOR MARKET

WHERE  Kolping-on-Hudson
        95 Montrose Point Rd,
        Montrose, NY, 10548

WHEN   Saturday, June 5th
        10:00am – 2:00pm

VENDORS $25.00 for a spot on the field
         $10.00 for Kolping Members

CONTACT (914) 432-2535 for more information

Food and Drink available for purchase

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FREE PARKING