November

1 All Saints' Day
All of the saints are honored, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day

3 Communion Brunch
Kolping-on-Concourse

11 Veterans Day
Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States

14 December Bulletin
Last day to submit material

26 Full Board Meeting
Kolping 88th Street

28 Thanksgiving
Give thanks for your blessings

30 First Sunday of Advent
Time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas

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8 Mass & Christmas Party/
St. Nikolaus Day
Kolping-88th Street

25 Christmas
Commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY:
The German holiday season is a time for introspection, celebration, and family and friends; it is less consumption-oriented than in the United States.

Kolping-on-Concourse
COMMUNION LUNCHEON
Sunday, November 3, 2013

Please join us for the yearly event. Our Kolping On Concourse Communion Luncheon will be held to honor the memory of our deceased Kolping members—Monica Buckel, Bert Bruegger, Barbara Henry, Robert Reinisch, Richard Seidl and Christine Endrich Vogl.

Mass begins at 12 noon at St. Philip Neri Church located at 3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468 (718-733-3200).

Luncheon follows immediately after at Kolping On Concourse. Menu is: Chicken Cutlet, baked potato, asparagus, salad, coffee, tea, wine & dessert. The recommended donation is $12 per adult and $6 per child.

For reservations call Muriel Fullam at 914-582-8379.

Kolping 88th Street
Christmas Party &
St. Nikolaus Day Celebration
Sunday, December 8, 2013

Please look inside for more details!

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 Muriel Fullam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFullam@msn.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 NOVEMBER:

SPECIAL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
Dennis Noll is 60! Happy Birthday!!

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 Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.

THE BIRTHDAY GIRLS
Two of our favorite Kolping ladies had a birthday on September 27th. They are twins—Wilma Endrich and Herta Koenig. Here are two photos of Wilma Endrich celebrating the day at KOH with her many friends. At least we think it is Wilma. They are identical!

OUR HOLY FATHER’S NOVEMBER 2013 INTENTIONS
Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

SUFFERING PRIESTS. That priests who experience difficulties may find comfort in their suffering, support in their doubts, and confirmation in their fidelity.

LATIN AMERICAN CHURCHES. That as fruit of the continental mission, Latin American Churches may send missionaries to other Churches.
**Classified Ads**

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Reslmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

Kolping NY Member, Kristine Grossmann is an Avon Lady. Call her to purchase your favorite Avon products or to find out about the special sales: 914-414-5815

Disney Condo For Rent.
Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney’s Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Visit our web site at www.bestdisneycondo.com or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.

**News & Notes**

**NATIONAL KOLPING RAFFLE**

Please remember to send in your chances for the National Kolping Raffle. Patricia Farkas, from the National office will be attending our Christmas Party on December 8th and picking the winner.

**KOLPING-ON-HUDSON RAFFLE**


**BAZAAR/BOOK SALE FOR TWO DAYS**

Zion St. Mark’s Church is holding a bazaar/book sale on Friday November 8 and Saturday November 9 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. You will find what you need/want! Books (German, English, and other languages), records, CDs and cassettes, clothing, accessories, jewelry, children’s clothing and toys, household items, Bric-A-Brac and curios. Browse and shop! Your friends will enjoy it too! SEE YOU AT THE BAZAAR! Zion St. Mark’s Church, 339 East 84th St. (between 2nd and 1st Aves.), Manhattan. www.zionstmarks.org 212-288-0600 / 212-479-7808.

**BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS CHRISTKINDLMARKT**

The Bavarian Club Edelweiss is having a Christkindlmarkt – German Christmas Market on Saturday, November 9th, 2013. Free Admission, free parking. Cash raffle prizes: 1st prize $500, 2nd prize $300, 3rd prize $200, Traditional German food, Live entertainment, many vendors, St. Nicholas and homemade desserts. The event is being held at ML. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive (off Columbus Ave), Valhalla, NY. For more info call Gloria Mayer McCweeney at 845-240-3227 or www.bavarianclubedelweiss.org

**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).

**Did You Know? submitted by Marge Cinnetone**

No word in the English language rhymes with mouth, orange, silver or purple. There are only four words in the English language which end in “dous”—tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube & a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies’ room during a dance. Women blink nearly twice as much as men. (Now you know!)
Craft Fair & Flea Market submitted by Muriel Fullam

We were so busy chatting and selling this year that we forgot to take some photos of our vendors and shoppers. We had approximately 35 vendors (many of them members) selling everything from jewelry, greeting cards, ladies handbags, dishes, cup and saucers, toothbrushes, baseball cards, blankets, antiques, jellies and jams, kids clothing and toys, makeup and nail polish. We thank all of the vendors who came and setup all their wares for us to see and select from. It is a lot of work to get it all packed up and setup and then pack up again what you did not sell and take it home. We appreciate your effort. It was a beautiful weather day and the view from KOH could not be beat. There are so many people to thank. Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann for her cooking skills and the potato pancakes that she donated; Kathy Weinborn for her cooking skills and enthusiasm; Al Ahrens for his help in the kitchen and on the grill; Nick Colletti, Mike Scheuermann, Erich Roessler, Gerry Ladenhausen for their work at the grill. These guys are always there and we love them! Thank you to Kolping worker Joseph and to Jerry Fullam for helping the vendors pick their spot and then moving the heavy picnic tables to the spot they chose—and then again for cleaning up after the event was all over. Thank you so much to Linda Ahrens and Beverly Cantu for collecting $440 in the 50/50!—they are, without a doubt, the best team you can get to beg for money. The winner of the 50/50 ($220) was our own Wilma Endrich! All of the ladies that donated cakes, cookies, brownies etc.—Some of the names are Helmi Pinner, Margaret Young, Lou Colletti, and Doris Petsche—but I know there were others and I am sorry but I did not get the names—but thank you to all of you. Thanks to Bob Henss—-he ranks #1 at begging for money and gifts for Kolping to auction off. He got the store listed below to donate the gifts for our silent auction. And lastly, thank you to KOH manager, Heidi Umland for overseeing the whole event and working wherever help was needed. And thank you to all of YOU who came and browsed, purchased, ate or just had fun there that day.

Thank you to the following stores that donated gift certificates and merchandise to us for our Silent Auction at the Craft Fair:

- Coles Market, 2147 Albany Post Road, Montrose, NY 10548
- HBA Automotive, 1013 Lower South Street, Peekskill, NY 10566 914-739-2163
- Creative Images & Awards, 38 N. Division Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Scott’s Camera & Studio, 12 S. Division Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Web’s Fire Protection, 128 N. James Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Rich’s Quality Lawnmower SVC, 3711 Crompond Rd., Cortland Manor, NY 10567

Here’s How to Return to Going to Confession submitted by Jack McGee

WASHINGTON (CNS)—After “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned”—even if they get that far—there are millions of Catholics who don’t exactly know what to say next. This is especially true for Catholics who have not gone to confession in years, or even decades.

Despite parishes and dioceses inviting inactive Catholics to return to church at Lent, with the sacrament of reconciliation as an incentive, it is likely Catholics are afraid, bewildered or even intimidated at the prospect of returning to the confessional after such a long period away from it. A rude recitation of sins doesn’t seem quite right. Laundry lists, as some priests call them, are out. In fact, one advises, even devising a game plan before returning to the confessional is out.

“Just come. Don’t prepare. We’ll do it in there. I’ll help you with this. At the end of it, you’re going to think about things we didn’t cover. You can come again,” said Msgr. Richard Lavalley, pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish in Winooski, Vt. “The more complicated it becomes, the worse it becomes. They (penitents) don’t know what to make of it, and they become ashamed.”

The motivations for wanting to go back to confession can be many, said Jesuit Father Jake Empeere, a priest since 1965 and a parochial vicar at St. Matthew parish in San Antonio.

“It could be because of health issues. It could be because their conscience moves them to finally be able to participate in the church and the liturgy and Communion and things like that,” he said. “Some have married. Sometime it’s someone’s first Communion, sometimes it’s a wedding, it’s all sorts of different reasons.”

And what they have on their mind—and want to get off their chest—can vary as well. Father Empeere told Catholic News Service. A few things stand out, he said. “Being in an irregular marriage, they gave up believing in God when they were in their early 20s, and now they’re thinking about that. Each case is really, truly different,” he said, adding he tells penitents to focus on what they came to say” because it “gives me further questioning on what I need to do (as a priest): whether or not they’re married, personal relationships, issues in their life; whatever it might be.”

“They don’t talk about a lot of non-sins; small things and so forth,” Father Empeere continued. “They have a couple of major things, relating to marriage—they got married outside the church, they had a bad experience with a priest, or so forth. Sometimes they’ll talk about taking drugs, adultery, perhaps, or sleeping around. Things like that might come up in the course of a (confession)—not the grocery list for things that happen more frequently.”

Msgr. Lavalley said he tells penitents, “If you’re holding back because you’re afraid or you’re frightened or you don’t know what to do or how to say it, say ‘Our Lady sent me.’ I can’t tell you how many times that’s worked.”

He recalled the time one man came into the reconciliation room telling him, “I’m supposed to tell you somebody sent me, but I can’t remember who it was.” He added he told the man it was Our Lady, and that “she sent me, too.”

Msgr. Lavalley said he’s told penitents, “I don’t bite, I don’t kick, I don’t yell and I don’t faint. So let’s start. Can I help you by going through the Commandments? Is it easier for you to say yes or no with me?” And in doing that, he added, “I get what I need.”

Father Empeere said he asks penitents whether they pray. “Usually they’ll say something like their evening prayers before they go to bed, or they pray before meals. Usually they have not been going to Mass: ‘I say the rosary’ or things like that.

“You then can talk about participation in the Eucharist. So you have to kind of instruct them, helping them along,” he explained. “Encourage them. ‘Are you going to be more involved in the church? Are you going to go to Mass? Are you going to go to confession once a while?’

“What’s prominent? What most outstanding in their mind? … They have something on their minds. That’s why they’re coming in the first place. Usually I find my questions have to do with their relationships or to talk about their spiritual life a little bit. After all, that’s the purpose of all this. I can’t say I’ve had two identical confessions.”

Msgr. Lavalley remembers himself as a grade schooler making comparisons among the priests in his parish about which ones handed out stern or lighter penances.

But he recalled one experience with a priest that “made me the confessor that I am. He was so kind and so wonderful, and I never forgot the penance he gave me. He said, ‘Can you say the name of Jesus once? I’ll say it for you.’ And he did it without sarcasm.

“That changed my life.”
On Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the Executive Board Meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed Adriel Gutierrez, Graduate Support Director from St. Ignatius School and Nativity Mission Center as well as the following exceptional students to dine with them at Kolping House on 88th Street.

The Board of the Directors of the Catholic Kolping Society of NY gave each of the kids a check for $250 to be used towards their High School education. Ivan Paulino and Crystal Tavarez could not make it to 88th Street due to other planned school activities. The kids talked about their school, their hopes for the future and they each expressed their gratitude to Kolping for the dinner and the check. We wish them all the best of luck with their studies.

Joe Sartorius Scholarship Fund

We are ready to award $250 to a member’s child or grandchild (the award will be presented at our Christmas Party on December 8, 2013). All you have to do is send Muriel Fullam a letter about the child. He or she should be in grade school and committed to doing good deeds in school, at home, or in the community. We give this award in memory of Joe Sartorius who was dedicated to working with children and always made sure they had fun things to do when they came to Kolping. Please send your letter to Muriel Fullam, Kolping On Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

From:

Nativity Mission Center
José Hernandez             Cardinal Hayes High School
Ivan Paulino               Cardinal Hayes High School
Chris Pimental             LaSalle Academy

From St. Ignatius School
Crystal Tavarez             St. Catherine's
Carlos Hernandez            All Hallows High School
Eduardo Gómez              Xavier High School
Anny Perez                 Cristo Rey
Marianny Perez             Aquinas High School
Anthony Pimental           All Hallows
While slavery has been called the “darkest stain on America’s soul,” her treatment of the Native Americans is not spotless, by any means. Immigrants came to North America as “uninvited guests,” and, by their own policy of “eminent domain” dispossessed the red man of their homes. This debauchery came to a climax on the plains of south-central Montana, in 1876, when a German-American cavalry officer, along with his complement of over 650 troops, perished at the hands of the red avengers. The officer’s name was Colonel George Armstrong Custer.

His grandfather was Hans Kuester an officer in the Hessian Mercenary force (12,000) hired by Great Britain to suppress the American colonists in their bid for independence. His mission lost and 3,500 miles from home, Kuester decided to become an American and settled in Maryland.

In 1837, George Armstrong (now) Custer was born; and, he yearned for a military career. No sooner was he graduated from West Point, than the Civil War erupted (1861). Assigned to a field command, Custer fought bravely throughout the conflict. The chief-of-staff, General Grant, commended him highly; and, gave the desk on which he had used to write the terms of surrender to Mrs. Custer as a trophy.

The comradeship, unfortunately, would not endure. Returning to civilian life, General Grant ran for; and, was elected President. His military experience, however, did not fit his new role; and, his tenure was marked by corruption.

One pocket of deceit was in the War Department, where the wife (Amanda) of the Secretary of War, William Belknap, used her clout to siphon off funds intended for the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians for her personal expenses. This scandal became known; and, a Congressional investigation was launched. They subpoenaed Custer because he was stationed in that territory. His testimony embarrassed President Grant because it exposed the abuse of authority in tribal welfare.

To add to the turmoil, white prospectors seeking gold deposits invaded the Black Hills, which was sacred Indian Territory. That was the last straw as far as the Indians were concerned. They convoked a pow-wow or council of war to consider their options.

Meanwhile, the War Department directed Col. Custer and two other commanders to respond to the Indian encampment with sufficient troops to head off an uprising. The embittered Indians, however, anticipated this move against them and “went on the warpath.” They annihilated Col. Custer and his 655 troops of the 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876. They died for the transgressions of other white men.
Stories of Interest

A Little Catholic Humour submitted by Edward Specht

After getting all of Pope Benedict’s luggage loaded into the limo, (and he doesn’t travel light), the driver notices the Pope is still standing on the curb.

“Excuse me, Your Holiness,” says the driver, “Would you please take your seat so we can leave?”

“Well, to tell you the truth,” says the Pope, “they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I’d really like to drive today.”

“I’m sorry, Your Holiness, but I cannot let you do that. I’d lose my job! What if something should happen?” protests the driver, wishing he’d never gone to work that morning.

“Who’s going to tell?” says the Pope with a smile.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel. The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 205 kph. (Remember, the Pope is German.)

“Please slow down, Your Holiness” pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

“Oh, dear God, I’m going to lose my license—and my job!” moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

“I need to talk to the Chief,” he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he’s stopped a limo going 205 kph.

“So bust him,” says the Chief.

“I don’t think we want to do that, he’s really important,” said the cop.

The Chief exclaimed, “All the more reason!”

“No, I mean really important,” said the cop with a bit of persistence.

The Chief then asked, “Who do you have there, the mayor?”

Cop: “Bigger.”

Chief: “A senator?”

Cop: “Bigger.”

Chief: “The Prime Minister?”

Cop: “Bigger.”

“Well,” said the Chief, “who is it?”

Cop: “I think it’s God!”

The Chief is even more puzzled and curious,

“What makes you think it’s God?”

Cop: “His chauffeur is the Pope!”

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Give me a sense of humour, Lord,
Give me the grace to see a joke,
To get some humour out of life,
And pass it on to other folk.

THANKSGIVING HUMOR
submitted by Marge Cricineone

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the supermarket but she couldn’t find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, “Do these turkeys get any bigger?” The stock boy replied, “no ma’am, they’re dead.”

GREAT RECIPE FOR LIFE
Submitted by Jack McGee

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.

2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life.

3. When you wake up in the morning, complete the following statement,
“My Purpose is to ______ today. I am thankful for _______.

4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.

5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan salmon, broccoli, almonds and walnuts.

6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.

7. Don’t waste your precious energy on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.

8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a College kid with a maxed out charge card.

9. Life isn’t fair, but it’s still good.

10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.

11. Don’t take yourself so seriously. No one else does.

12. You are not so important that you have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.

13. Make peace with your past so it won’t spoil the present.
Kolping Christmas/ St. Nikolaus Day Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

We will start the day with Mass at 10:30AM celebrated by our Praeses, Fr. Richard Bretone at the Kolping House at 165 East 88th Street. We will welcome in some new members during the Mass. Our usual Christmas Party Chef, Wolfgang Hahn, is undergoing hip surgery in November. His protégé and Kolping House’s all around man Giovanni Alberto will be making this year’s meal. The cost is $16 per adult and $8 per child under 12.

The menu: Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Applesauce and Mixed Vegetables and of course, dessert and coffee.

At approximately 1:00 we will honor our 50 year member Karl Buckel and Robert Zoeller and our 25 year members Heidi Bruegger, Robert & Carol Dowgiallo, Wilma Endrich, Kathleen Fuchek, Martin & Violet Kelly, Erna Koebl, Herta Koenig, June Noonan, Theresa Ostreff, Ingrid Reshmaier and Wilfriede Roessler.

For those of you that attended last year you will remember Anna Dengler and her friends who lead us in Christmas Carols. It was a lot of fun and we are happy to report, they will be back again this year. And finally good old St. Nick will appear with gifts for the children. Start your Christmas shopping with German baked goods, German candy and Kolping Sweatshirts and hats which we will have for sale. This is the perfect way to start the holiday season. We hope that you can come. Please call or send an email to Muriel Fullam and make your reservation: 914-582-8379 or Murielfullam@msn.com

Please also let me know if you are bringing children age 10 or under—those children will receive gifts from St. Nikolaus.
World Famous

Kolping Ski Trip

Fri-Sun, March 7-9, 2014

Mount Snow, Vermont
Mountaineer Lodge

THREE THINGS TO DO RIGHT NOW:
1. Mark your calendar – March 7-9
2. Tell a friend (or two!)
3. Make your reservation by phone or email

Save $25 per room with payment by December 31
Single: $210 ($185 early bird)
Double: $300 ($275 early bird)
Triple: $400 ($375 early bird)
Children 2-12: $70

Includes two breakfasts, wine & cheese reception, Saturday dinner.

Lift ticket pricing will be posted in next bulletin and on Kolping Facebook page.
For more info or to reserve:
Email: joanandted@gmail.com or call Joan Dengler at 212 727 4102.
50 Year Members: Paid up forever!
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An additional $5 for the late charge.

After April 1, your dues are considered late, and we ask that you add...

Please Pay Your 2013 Dues If You Haven't Done So Yet!