December

2 Mass & Christmas Party  
K-88th Street

2 First Sunday of Advent  
The faithful must prepare for  
the coming of the Savior on  
Christmas. The four Sundays  
before Christmas are marked  
by special church services.

21 Last Day to Submit Materials  
for January Bulletin

25 Christmas  
A centuries-old custom, the first  
Christmas tree was set up in  
Germany in the 17th century.

January

1 New Year's Day

8 Full Board Meeting  
K-88th Street

21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February

2 Groundhog Day

6 Ash Wednesday

14 Valentine's Day

18 President's Day

I’d like to extend my heartfelt thanks to  
all those who contribute to the Bulletin  
each month, especially Jack McGee, Ann  
Horan, Martin Kelly, and Anita Buchholz.  
May you all have a blessed Christmas and  
all good things for the New Year! —Ingrid

December

Sunday December 2, 2007  
Kolping Christmas Party

We cordially invite all of you to our final event for 2007—our annual  
family Christmas party at the Kolping House on 88th Street.

The day will start with a 10:30 am Memorial Mass, celebrated by Father  
Richard Brecone at the Kolping House. A delicious dinner will follow at  
a cost of $16 for adults and $8 for children 12 years and under.

After dinner, the agenda will include honoring all our 50- and 25-year  
members for their loyal service to Kolping. Our anniversary celebrants  
are: 50 YEARS—Rita Berge, Catherine  
Ferraro, Bob Reinisch, Jerry Reslmaier,  
and Valentine Sartorius. 25 YEARS—  
Karen Byrnes, Marg Cirincione, Helmi  
Pinner, and Marjorie Ritzer. We will then  
give our Person of the Year awards. Last,  
but not least, Santa will make his annual  
visit. The approximate time schedule  
is: 10:30am Mass; 12:00 noon Dinner;  
1:00pm celebration of 50- and 25-year  
members and Person of the Year awards;  
1:30pm Santa’s visit.

We look forward to seeing you at our  
family Christmas Party!

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 keep Norbert Dengler in your prayers—he is having surgery this month. Also, Valentine Sartorius had hernia surgery in November, and I am happy to report he is feeling great and his recovery has been a speedy one.

Happy Birthday to those born in December:

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 Ann Horan at annth@optonline.net.

Birth Announcements

Chris and Bernie Preisser are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Jackson Louis Preisser. Jackson was born on October 11th, to Joseph and Allison Preisser. Wouldn’t Great grand-father Joe be excited?

Heide and Bert Bruegger are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Eric Wilhelm Weltner. Eric was born on November 19th to Christine and Casey Weltner. He joins big sister Julia.

Thanks for your continued generosity by returning your chances for the Joe Sartorius Fund and the Endowment Fund. To date we have collected $1,095.00. Those who put in “something extra” are Maria Reuber, Heide Bruegger, William Grimm, Bernie Preisser, Margarete Kiec, Muriel Fullam, Mary McKeon, Albert Sartorius, Theobald Dengler.

Thanks to Alfonse Preisser for his donation to the Minorite Church in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew.

Thanks to Bob & Gen Hemsing for their donations to Kolping on Hudson in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew and Joseph D’Angelo.

Thanks to John Noonan for his donation to the Society in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew.

Thanks to William Grimm for the donation of his share account and interest check to the Society.

Thanks to Dengler, Dengler, Dengler for their donation to the Joseph Sartorius Fund.
2007 DUES
Final notice for 2007 dues. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Individual: $85
Family: $100
Student: $40

Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 and mark "Dues" in the left-hand corner.

World Youth Day
If you or anyone you know is interested in going to World Youth Day in Sydney Australia, please let us know by December 1! Kolping is trying to organize a spot for the Kolping Youth to stay. For more information, please contact Katrina Dengler: kdengler67@hotmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS
Two bedroom Condo in Lauderdale by the Sea, FL. Just steps to the beach, this newly furnished two-bedroom, two-bath condominium awaits you in this great little beach community. Ground-floor unit in garden-style building. Reserved parking on property. Master bedroom has a king-size bed with a private bathroom. Second bedroom has two twin beds. A comfortable, queen-size sleeper sofa is available in the living room. Walking distance to supermarket, shops, cafes, new playground, and the center of town. And of course, the beach! Winter 2007-2008 is still available. We rent by the month. Contact Meg for more details or pictures: Meg Jandrasits • Phone: 914-471-3851 • Email: jm@jandrasits.net

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
Advent Project
This year the Board of Directors has chosen the Mercy Center in the Bronx as the recipient of our Advent donation. The Mercy center is committed to offering the principles of welcome, community, and non-violence for all, particularly for women and children. They offer opportunities for skills training, personal development, and economic empowerment to the women and their children. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please send your check, made out to the Catholic Kolping Society and send it to Kolping, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. We will then send one check from all of us to the Mercy Center.

Kolping Ski Trip 2008
SAVE THIS DATE: March 14th -16th
Place: Mount Snow. Details to follow in January Bulletin.

Donations Needed
We are getting ready to upgrade our Mass furniture at Kolping on Hudson. We have taken good care of the buildings and grounds but we should not forget our spiritual mission. It is just as important to spend time and money on making each one of our Masses look as nice as possible.
The prices are: Lectern—$500
Altar Table—$600
Priest's Chair—$459
Fixing up the Blessed Virgin Grotto—$750
Address plaque to be placed at the front gate—$750

If you and your family would like to donate one of these four items, it would be most appreciated. If you donate them in memory of a loved one, we could put their name on a plaque. Please let Ann Horan know if you are interested in this project (914-737-2026).

International News
Pope Benedict XVI will be coming to the U.S. for a visit. His trip is planned for April 15th to the 20th. On his arrival in New York, he will address the members of the United Nations Assembly. His visit will include a trip to view "Ground Zero." His religious participation will be with the New York Archdiocese of New York, now celebrating its bicentennial—200 years of the founding of the Catholic Church in New York. We are also celebrating a personal jubilee. Cardinal Egan will be honored, announcing the Fiftieth Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. One of the high points of the Pope's personal visit to New York will be Mass at the Yankee Stadium. After his arrival in New York, he will visit the White House, as well as the National Catholic Cathedral.

Events from the Catholic Calendar
December 3 St. Frances Xavier. The Jesuit who spent 12 years in India preaching Christ crucified.
December 6 St. Nicholas. In Latin his name was Santa Nicholas from where we get Santa Claus. On Dec. 6th Santa brings the children of Amsterdam and throughout Holland their Christmas presents.
December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of Mexico. There will be big celebrations in all of the Mexican communities throughout New York.
December 26 The Feast Day of St. Stephen.
December 28 The Feast of the Holy Innocents, King Herod killed all Jewish boys aged 2 and under, when he heard of the birth of Christ, the Messiah.
K-O-C Communion Luncheon  photos by Ann Horan
Stories of Interest

HEINE’S MONUMENT IN THE BRONX

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

A statue dedicated to the famous German poet, Heinrich Heine, stands in the Bronx. It shows the pagan goddess Lorelei, subject of Heine’s best-known poem, astride on outcropping of rock, singing, as it were, her bewitching tune. The enchantress, legend has it, lured seamen, plying the Rhine, to watery graves. How the sculpture found its resting spot in South Bronx is a story that ought to be told.

Heinrich Heine was born in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1797, the child of Jewish parents. Anti-Semitism was ripe and blocked his career ambitions in law or government service. The ruling sector was greatly influenced by Prussia and was reactionary. Even Heine’s conversion to Lutheranism did not improve his status.

He was a prolific writer and journalist. He always championed social justice and became associated with leading progressives or reformers of his day. However, the overseers in Germany blacklisted his works, and he fled to Paris in 1831 where he enjoyed comparative literary freedom of expression.

Heine’s works attracted a wide audience and were translated in many languages. One of his greatest admirers was Empress Elizabeth of Austria. His works, of which “Lorelei” is the best known, reflect sentimentalism versus reality and need for social reform.

When the Revolution of 1848 failed to bring change, many German liberals fled to America where they worked for liberal ideals including the abolition of slavery. Heine became bed ridden with a spinal ailment in 1848 and could not flee with the other reformers. He died in 1856.

As a memorial to Heine’s genius, his friends commissioned the sculpture Ernst Herter (1846-1917) to create this magnificent statue. They intended to have it erected in Dusseldorf, the town of his birth, but the city council declined the honor on political grounds. The logical location to place it then was in New York City where many of his colleagues had found a haven. In 1899, the fountain was dedicated in Joyce Kilmer Park, at Grand Concourse and 161st Street, in the Bronx.

(based on article, same title, by G. Niets German Life, July 2007)

A LITTLE HUMOR

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Hans was taking a course in conversational English. The teacher thought he had progressed enough to engage in some conversational situations, like asking for directions. Hans asked, “Where is the Post Office located at?” The teacher corrects him saying in English you don’t end a sentence with a preposition. Hans then asked, “Where is the Post Office located at, Mister?”

In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

LINCOLN CENTER

METROPOLITAN OPERA

TICKETS FROM $15.00
Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30
Iphigenie En Tauride Dec. 1st and 8th (M) - 14th - 22nd
The Marriage of Figaro Dec. 1st
Norma Dec. 7th
Romeo and Juliet Dec. 8th 15th(M)
War and Peace Dec. 13th – 22nd(M) – 27th
Un Ballo in Maschera Dec. 21st – 29th
Hansel and Gretel Dec. 29th(M)

NEW YORK CITY BALLET

TICKETS FROM $20.00
Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm;
Saturday matinees at 2:00pm;
Sunday matinees at 1:00pm
The Nutcracker

AVERY FISHER HALL

TICKETS $20.00 thru $90.00
December 3rd at 7:30pm
A concert version of Rossini’s opera: The Italian Girl in Algiers

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO - WQXR 96.3FM

Saturdays at 1:30
Dec. 8th - Iphigenie En Tauride
Dec. 15th - Romeo and Juliet
Dec. 22nd - War and Peace
Dec. 29th - Hansel and Gretel
Confirm on Internet for time and station: www.operainfo.org

VIVIAN BEAUMONT THEATER

TICKETS FROM $65
Shakespeare's CYMBELINE

THE BIG APPLE CIRCUS

TICKETS FROM $28
At Lincoln Center through January 13th
212-721-6500, bigapplecircus.org

Metropolitan Museum of Art at 62nd St. and 5th Ave. – Admission
Don’t miss “The Age of Rembrandt” as well as an exhibit of all of their Dutch masterpieces (Vermeer, etc.), through Jan. 6th. Also make sure to visit the new Greek and Roman Galleries as well as the Tapestry in the Baroque.

Christmas in New York City

Here are some places to visit and things to do during the holiday season
St. Patrick's Cathedral (50th St. and 5th Ave.)
Rockefeller Center (50th St. and 5th Ave.)
Toys R Us (44th-45th and Broadway)
Lord and Taylor's Windows (39th St. and 5th Ave.)
Creche at St. Thomas Church (53rd St. and 5th Ave.)
The Christmas Show at Radio City
The Top of the Empire State Building
The Staten Island Ferry
The Statue of Liberty
The Bronx Zoo
The Flower exhibit at Bronx Botanical Gardens
The Aquarium at Coney Island

Helpful Information

NEW YORK CITY PARKING On major legal holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted, except when specifically prohibited. Exceptions for December are listed:
Alternate Side Parking regulations suspended:
Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception
Dec. 19th-21st Idul-Adha
Dec. 25th Christmas Day (Major Legal Holiday Rules in effect)
At the Churches

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 St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville 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 Narrey at 212-289-6030.

ZION ST. MARK'S  339 East 84th Street, Manhattan (between 2nd and 1st Avenues)
Come to Zion St. Mark's Church for their annual German Christkindlmarkt. It is on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. You'll have a choice of Lebkuchen, cookies, Christmas Stollen, books, and much, much more. And, of course, there will be Gluehwein as well. Visit our website: zionstmarks.org or phone: 212-288-0600.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH  53rd Street and 5th Avenue
Tuesday, Dec. 11th and Thursday, Dec. 13th
Handel's 'Messiah,' Men's and Boy's Choir, Soloists, Organ and Orchestra, at 7:30pm - Tickets $85,65, 35,25 (Seniors & Students $20)

Dec. 20th, Thursday at 5:30 Ceremony of Carols
By: Benjamin Britten - Free - Open seating ...... Followed by ....
LaNativite du Seigneur - by: Oliver Massiaen at 6:15 - Open seating - Free organ recital

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  65th Street and Central Park West
Every Sunday during November at 5pm there will be a concert of Bach Cantatas and compositions for the organ. Offering.

ST. BATHOLOMEW'S CHURCH  51st Street and Park Avenue
Free Seasonal Concerts – every Wednesday at 1:15pm. December 5th – 12th – 19th and 26th. Special Baroque Christmas Pastorales Concert.
Dec. 29th, Saturday evening at 8:00pm  Tickets $40 and $20, with special Senior Citizen tickets at $30 and $10

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  10th Street and Fifth Avenue
Thursday, Dec. 13th at 8:00pm - Christmas Candlelight Concert. Tickets $55- 45 -35 -25 -10

German-Affiliated Happenings and Events

German-American Social Club of Peekskill • Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM
CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY
11 Kramers Pond Road P.O. Box 395 Putnam Valley, NY 10579, 845-528-5800. For reservations, directions or information on club events call: 914-603-3373 or 845-628-9283. Visit us at www.gac1936.com

German-American Social Club of Peekskill • Saturday, December 15
MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY
At Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant. Featuring Bud Gramer & The Melodies. For reservations, directions or information on club events call: 914-603-3373 or 845-628-9283. Visit us at www.gac1936.com

December Releases from Hollywood

Alvin/Chipmunks – Rap music
Atonement – Wartime lovers
Billy the Kid – Disturbed teenager
The Bond’s Visit – Stranded in the desert
Cassandra’s Dream – Director Woody Allen is back from London
Charlie Wilson’s War – Afghans –vs- Soviet Russia
Grace Is Gone – Killed in Iraq
The Golden Compass – Avoid it
I Am Legend – Will Smith
Juno – Another teenage pregnancy
Kite Runner – Boys in Afghanistan
Man In the Chair – Wants to be movie director
Nanking – Chinese murdered by Japanese
The Orphanage – Horror film from Mexico
Perfect Holiday – Abandoned
Revolver – Revenge
Sweeney Todd – Johnny Depp/Barber
Undoing – A repentant gangster
The Violin – Revolution music
The Walker – Murder?
2008 Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

The Catholic Kolping Society of America awards one $1,000 scholarship to further the education or training of one Kolping Student who submits the essay most worthy of the scholarship that year in accord with the rules.

2008 Krewitt Scholarship Theme
“What is the one major obstacle to peace in the world, and how can it be overcome?”

Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:
1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
   Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

*Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at www.Kolping.org. Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name: _______________ _______________ _______________ Initial

Mailing Address:

Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: _______ / _______ / _______

Month Date Year Phone: _______ - _______ Area Code Number

Name of School

Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Major/Minor Progress of Study

Year (Check One): _____ Freshman _____ Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____ 2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly) Relationship to Student Name of Kolping Family (Branch)

Signature of Applicant Date

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by February 28, 2008 to:
Catholic Kolping Society of America, c/o PATRICIA FARKAS, 1223 Van Houten Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013