December

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

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

8 The Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
The feast focuses on the
concept that the Virgin Mary
was conceived without sin.

11 January Bulletin
Last day to submit material
Note: An early date this month

25 Christmas
Commemorates the birth of
Jesus Christ.

January

1 The Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God
On this holy day of obligation,
we are reminded of the role
that the Blessed Virgin played
in the plan of our salvation.
Christ's birth was made possible
by Mary's fiat: "Be it done unto me according to
Thy word."

6 The Feast of the Epiphany
Epiphany, the 12th day after
Christmas, celebrates the visit
of the three wise men to the
Christ Child.

Annual Kolping
Christmas Party &
St. Nikolaus Day Celebration
Sunday, December 2, 2012
Please join us at the Kolping House at 165 East 88th Street,
NYC for Christmas Mass at 10:30am, celebrated by Fr. Richard
Breton. Mass will be said for Bert Bruegger, Mary Minarik,
Richard Seidl and Christine Endrich Vogl.

We will be welcoming four new families to our membership after the Mass: The Turner
Family from Montrose; The Tompkins Family from Montrose; The Baum Family from
Cordandi Manor; and The Jackson Family from Croton.

Christmas Dinner will be served at noon. Our chef Wolfgang Hahn will prepare a menu
including Roast Pork, Potatoes, Red Cabbage plus Dessert and Coffee. The cost is $16 per
adult/$8 per child under 12.

Meet & applaud our Distinguished Service Members—Ingrid Reslmaier & John Noonan.
We will honor our 50 year member—Jack McGee, and our 25 year members—Richard
& Gudrun Brunhuber, Wolfgang Hahn, Rudolf Koeller, Dennis & Carol Noll, Renate
Oechlering and Barbara Weber. We will also award the Joe Sartorius $250 scholarship
winner—Michael Codahi. Joan Dengler and Jozsef Szoldais will receive the 2012
Kolping Members Of The Year awards.

Sing Carols, Buy German Cakes, Cookies & Candy. Take a photo of the kids with St. Nick.
Start the Christmas Season with your Kolping family. Please call or email me and let me
know you are coming: Muriel 914-582-8379 or MurielFullam@msn.com

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas
and a Very Happy & Healthy New Year!

— Ingrid Reslmaier, Muriel Fullam,
and the Kolping Bulletin staff and contributors.

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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.

Please pray for Patricia Lawston, sister of member Jerry Fullam, as she battles some health issues.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:
Special Birthday wishes to Jenny Rea.
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 or at editor@kolphingny.org or Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.

JOE SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Congratulations to Michael Cudahy! Michael will be presented with the $250 scholarship award at our Christmas Party on December 2nd. Michael is an 8th grader at Blue Mountain School in Cortlandt Manor. He is an altar server at Holy Name of Mary Church in Croton and a Boy Scout with Troop 36 in Montrose, NY. Michael is presently a Star Scout and is determined to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout in the next two years. He is also striving to achieve straight As in all his courses. His mom, Patty and his father Tim are very proud of him. So are we!

2012 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR
Congratulations to Joan Dengler and Jozsef Szoldattis!
Joan Dengler has been a member since 1995. You do not have to ask Joan to volunteer at one of our Kolping events, she is always there to pitch in and do her part to make the event successful. Joan, we so much appreciate your help, your ideas and your hard work.

Jozsef Szoldattis and his family have been members since 2006. Joe and his sons are often seen in the woods at Kolping On Hudson. They are cutting down dead trees and helping to keep our KDH property in good order. This behind the scenes hard work does not go unnoticed. We are very grateful to Joe and his boys.

NATIONAL KOLPING RAFFLE
Please remember to send in your chances for the National Kolping Raffle. Patricia Farkas, Kolping’s National Secretary will be attending our Christmas Party on December 2nd and picking the winner.

OUR HOLY FATHER’S DECEMBER 2012 INTENTIONS
Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.
For Migrants That migrants throughout the world may be welcomed with generosity and authentic love, especially by Christian communities.
Christ, light for all humanity. That Christ may reveal himself to all humanity with the light that shines forth from Bethlehem and is reflected in the face of his Church.
**News & Notes**

**DANIEL CUNNINGHAM—11 YEAR-OLD HERO!**
Member Mike & Anne Marie Cunningham sent this article from Westchester’s LoHud News. It is about their son Daniel. Congratulations Daniel!!! We are all so proud of you.

10/19/12 Written by Robert Marchant

Quick-thinking Blue Mountain pupil, 11, saves his choking friend with Heimlich

CORTLANDT — When he saw his good friend in big trouble, Daniel Cunningham, 11, came to the rescue.

It was just after lunch hour at the Blue Mountain Middle School when the sixth-graders were headed out for recess on Thursday. One student, Emerson Alcock, ate his cheeseburger a little too fast, according to school authorities, and started to choke in a school stairway.

His friend Daniel knew something was wrong.

"I was scared — I didn’t know if he was choking, or if he was going to throw up," Daniel recalled Friday. "I went over and did the — what’s it called again? — the maneuver." Daniel also asked another classmate, Donte White, to run to the nurse’s office for help.

Out came a big chunk of meat, and Daniel earned praise for his quick thinking. Blue Mountain Middle School Principal John Owens said it was always rewarding to see students helping each other, and he made sure the school heard about the incident during afternoon announcements Friday. "I called him the Heimlich hero," said Owens, "We promote ‘allied behavior’ here, trying to get kids to help out, to take those steps to do something positive. This was an extremely good example."

Daniel’s mother, Anne Marie Cunningham, said, “I’m extremely proud. Daniel’s a good kid, he’s a friend to everybody.” She said he learned to perform the Heimlich maneuver — squeezing the lower abdomen near the sternum from behind — practicing it with his older brother, Nicholas.

Emerson said a lesson had been learned. “Don’t put too much in your mouth, don’t run while you’re eating, and eat with a friend,” he said.

Daniel said he was happy to help a buddy, though he was a little weary of all the notoriety. “I felt good about what I did, though I can live without all the attention,” he said.

The reward for a hero: his favorite chicken wings for dinner.
KOLPING NY ADVENT PROJECT  submitted by Bob Hemsing
This year’s Advent Project will go towards supporting Sister Flora Marinelli’s work. Sister Flora Marinelli, CSJ is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Brentwood Long Island, New York. Sister Flora has been involved in education as an elementary school teacher; a high school teacher and a principal of Our Lady of Lourdes in West Islip. Sister Flora was also the Vocation Director for the Sisters of Saint Joseph from 1970 to 1972; she served as a Regional Superior for her Congregation in South Brooklyn from 1978 to 1981. Sister Flora has been a Director of Religious Education as well as a Pastoral Associate at Saint Patrick in Long Island City since 1983. Sister Flora is expected to attend our Christmas party on December 2nd at Kolping 88th Street. Please make check payable to: The Catholic Kolping Society and mail to The Catholic Kolping Society, Attention: Muriel Fullam, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 and mark “Advent Project” in the left-hand corner.

SUPERSTORM SANDY  submitted by Ann Horan Hemsing
We hope you are all well and that you made it safely through Hurricane Sandy. Our thoughts and prayers go to those who were affected by this storm and its aftermath. Kolping-On-Hudson fared well. A couple of trees down and water in the soccer field is the only apparent damage. Although Kolping on Hudson made out pretty well after Sandy blew through, Blessed Mother’s house came tumbling down all around her! The really cool thing is she stood right up to Mother Nature and even kept her flowers with her. This is the statue that is down on the field. I think Father Kolping was watching over her. What do you think?

While we are on the subject of KOH, I cannot let the season go by without giving a huge thanks to our new and much improved secretary, Muriel Fullam! She did an outstanding job of keeping us posted each week about the going ons at KOH for the weekend. We have never been so well informed. She really kept us going with our Friday night Happy Hour, which I for one was sorry to see end. We are really lucky to have such a sweetie as our secretary!

GAELS BASEBALL CAMP REGISTRATION DUE NOV. 30
The Kennedy Catholic baseball program will be running a Baseball Camp on Saturday nights in January and February of 2013 from 7 – 9 p.m. This Camp is for children 7-to-13 years old, with all proceeds going directly to the Athletic Department. Please download the registration form at http://kennedycatholic.org/2012/10/gaels-baseball-camp-jan-5-feb-23/, or call the following for more information: Coach Bob Fletcher, (845) 264-9474; Kennedy Catholic High School, (914) 232-5061. All registration forms must be returned by Friday, Nov. 30, 2012.

GERMAN CHRISTKINDLMARKT DEC. 1
Do you like German Christmas Specialties? On Saturday, December 01, 2012 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Zion St. Mark’s Church will hold its annual German Christkindlmarkt. There will be German Lebkuchen, Cookies, Christstollen, Christmas ornaments, and much, much more. Enjoy German Gluehwein, coffee, Christstollen, and Christmas spirit at our church. See you and your friends on December 1st! Zion St. Mark’s Church is located at 339 East 84 St. (between 2nd and 1st Aves.) in Manhattan. Phone: 212-288-0600 /212-479-7808. Website: www.zionstmarks.org

THE CORTLANDT CHAMBER ORCHESTRA JAN. 1
On Tuesday, January 1st, 2013 at 3:00p.m., the Cortlandt Chamber Orchestra, with guest conductor Hillarie Moore, will present its traditional New Year’s Day Gala Concert. The program will include music by the waltz king, Johann Strauss, Jr., as well as American Favorites. The FREE concert will be at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, 110 Grand St, Croton-on-Hudson. More information at (845) 838-1077 or www.CortlandtMusic.org
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Save $25 per room with payment by December 31
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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.
Stories of Interest

"THE REPENTANT TRAITORESS" submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Mildred Gillars, infamously known as "Axis Sally", was born in Ohio, U.S.A. in 1900. Her early life was unremarkable "rolling with the punches" during the First World War, prohibition, the "roaring twenties", and the "great depression" like her fellow countrymen.

Mildred "reached for the stars" and hoping to be an actress, arrived in New York City friendless. She enrolled at Hunter College and came under the influence of a pro-German professor. Lonely in a huge city, she made acquaintances of some Germans and found herself traveling to what was by now "Das Reich" and was promised a job in the American desk of a German newspaper.

War clouds were gathering, and Mildred was an American citizen, but choose to remain in one of the belligerent nations. For some unknown reason she accepted a job in the Ministry of Information (Propaganda). Perhaps it was because of the death of a friend and her baby in an air raid, who knows?

December 7, 1941 America entered the war; but, Mildred stayed at her post and accepted a more destructive position. Goebbels was looking for a female with a faultless American accent "who could get under the skin" of American servicemen and demoralize them.

Calling herself "Midge at the Mike" she served a program of hatred, jealousy, and self pity. Ironically some of her data originated from British Secret Service. They had a double-agent working for them, code name "Garbo". To build the German's confidence in Garbo, the English supplied him with tidbits of true information. The English plan was to make Garbo completely trustworthy; then, to the $64,000 question. Where would the D-Day Landings be? A false location would be supplied. Midge put the data she got via "Garbo" to use vexing U.S. servicemen's morale.

Germany surrendered and Mildred was arrested and tried for sedition. Ironically if she had remained in her broadcast studio, the two witnesses needed to the same act for the conviction under this law would be harder to find. She however, visited P.O.W. camps to record interviews with internees for broadcast back home. Sufficient witnesses were found, and she was convicted of giving "aid and comfort to the enemy."

Confined to a federal penitentiary she repented and "remade herself". Embracing the Roman Catholic faith, she became a model prisoner. Possibly in an act of self punishment, she did not apply for parole as early as allowed but stayed two additional years in confinement. On release, she returned to college for a teaching degree; and taught at a religious-run high school; French, German, and music, and led a staid life. In 1988, she passed on and is interred in an unmarked grave in Ohio.

NEWS FROM PHILADELPHIA KOLPING
submitted by Jack McGee

The year 2013 will have great significance for Catholics worldwide. Pope Benedict XVI has called for a special "Year of Faith" to be celebrated from October 2012 to December 2013. During this Year of Faith we are called upon to spend extra time in prayer and study to increase our own "faith" as well as getting involved in activities to spread the faith through the New Evangelization. At the same time, 2013 marks the 200th birthday of Blessed Adolph Kolping (born Dec. 8, 1813). The International Kolping Committee is asking all Kolping Families around the world to start planning events during 2013 to highlight Father Kolping and all the good work his Society continues to do. In that spirit, as mentioned in the May-June issue of our newsletter, we encourage all our members to help form projects and donate service time to make Kolping truly committed to the ongoing mission of Fr. Kolping.

Kolping Philadelphia members who have about 20 years or more or membership in the Kolping Family can remember the many weekends we could meet at the Kolping Park on Rising Sun Avenue and have picnics and BBQ's. It was a fun time for all and helped our members and their families grow together as the Kolping Family. Now that we meet on the grounds of Cannstatter WV, we have been able to schedule several events and BBQ's for this summer, and we hope for years to come. Help make these fun gatherings a time to spend with your own family and the extended Kolping brothers and sisters.

It's no fairy tale—angels are for real
submitted by Jack McGee

"I don't believe in angels," said the 9-year-old. And so Grandma, at one time a religious educator, began helping him with the truths of the faith, in preparation for his First Holy Communion. She thanked him for trusting her enough to be honest—a virtue he already had in common with Jesus, she told him. "My dear," she then added, "I assure you angels are for real." As a matter of fact, Jimmy had his own Guardian Angel—as so other children and indeed, she emphasized, every one of us. Sitting at the dining room table where the whole family often celebrated holiday and holy day meals, she helped Jimmy find the Gospel passage where Jesus taught people about angels and their work. And especially so with children whom God (and family members) see as precious gifts. "I assure you," Jesus, surrounded by children, told the disciples, "their angels in heaven constantly behold my heavenly Father's face" (Mt 18:10). This is a way of saying that angels are God's messengers, given the job of guiding us throughout our lifetime. She sang a line from a hymn, picking up a teaching from the psalms the Jewish people sang over thousands of years. A psalm that speaks to the work and power of those pure spirits we call angels. "For God commands the angels to guard you in all of your ways." (Psalm 91:1). The Gospels remind us that Angels sang in the night sky over Bethlehem, announcing the Birth of the long-awaited Savior; and that it was angels who comforted the Lord—when even the Apostles slept through his Agony in the Garden. The Church has long encouraged us to keep in touch with our angels, something we do, Jimmy's Grandma emphasized, in prayer. The most popular Prayer to our Guardian Angel is easy to remember, because it is a short poem with rhyme: Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the paths of life direct me. Amen.
Events found on germanyinnychicago.org

November 16, 2012 - December 10, 2012
Mozart: La Clemenza di Tito @ Metropolitan Opera I The virtuosic Elina Garanca sings Sesto in Mozart’s drama set in ancient Rome. Giuseppe Filianoti is the noble Tito and Barbara Frittoli is Vitellia, in this handsome revival of one of the composer’s final masterpieces. Harry Bicket conducts.

November 28, 2012 - December 20, 2012
Mozart: Don Giovanni @ Metropolitan Opera I Michael Grandage’s elegant production returns with the charismatic Ildar Abdrazakov as the world’s most famous lover.

December 6, 2012, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Composer Portrait: Olga Neuwirth @ Miller Theatre at Columbia University I ICE stages two of the Austrian composer’s spectacular works for chamber ensemble: her acclaimed piano concerto and a U.S. premiere; with Cory Smythe (piano); Jayce Ogren (conductor).

December 10, 2012, 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM
Stephie Hacker Band @ Austrian Cultural Forum I This new project by young Viennese pianist, singer, and composer Stephanie Hacker melds personal feelings with unaffected words and transparent music into a compilation of touching songs.

December 11, 2012 - December 22, 2012
Soldier @ HERE Arts Center I Soldier tells the story of a German officer, Heinrich Weiss, who is trapped on the banks of the River Styr. Desperately searching for coins so that he and his men can secure passage across the waters, Heinrich will reveal his own personal history.

December 12, 2012 - December 16, 2012
Faust: A Love Story @ BAM Harvey Theater I A spectacle of slapstick, horror, and aerial circus daredevility for an inventive reimagining of Goethe’s Faust. Music by longtime collaborators Nick Cave and Warren Ellis is harnessed to Vesture’s trademark acrobatics.

December 18, 2012 - December 22, 2012
Handel’s Messiah @ Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts I The greatest of all holiday traditions returns this year with French maestro Emmanuelle Haïm, “a dazzling … powerhouse interpreter” (The New York Times).

January 1, 2013, 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Salute to Vienna @ Avery Fisher Hall I A brilliant cast of more than 75 musicians, European singers and dancers!

February 15, 2013 - March 8, 2013
Wagner: Parsifal @ Metropolitan Opera I German star Jonas Kaufmann stars in the title role of the innocent who finds wisdom.

Visit germanyinnychicago.org for more information on these events and more!

DECEMBER ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR
Dec 1: Blessed Virgin Mary (Optional Memorial)
Dec 3: Saint Francis Xavier, priest (Memorial)
Dec 4: Saint John Damascene, priest and doctor (Optional Memorial)
Dec 6: Saint Nicholas, bishop (Optional Memorial)
Dec 7: Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor (Memorial)
Dec 8: Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 11: Saint Damascus I, pope (Optional Memorial)
Dec 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast)
Dec 13: Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr (Memorial)
Dec 14: Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor (Memorial)
Dec 21: Saint Peter Canisius, priest and doctor (Optional Memorial)
Dec 25: Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)
Dec 26: Saint Stephen, first martyr (Feast)
Dec 27: Saint John, apostle and evangelist (Feast)
Dec 28: The Holy Innocents, martyrs (Feast)
Dec 29: Saint Thomas Becket, bishop and martyr (Optional Memorial)
Dec 30: The Holy Family (Feast)
Dec 31: Saint Sylvester I, pope (Optional Memorial)

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
Monday through Friday performances at 7:30 pm. Saturday matinees at 1:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Tickets from $20. 212-362-6000
La Clemenza di Tito
Dec. 1 (matinee), 6 (8:00pm), 10 (8:00pm)
Don Giovanni
Dec. 1 (8:00pm), 5, 8 (8:30pm), 11, 15 (8:30pm), 20
Aida
Dec. 3, 7 (8:00pm), 12, 15 (matinee), 19, 22 (8:00pm), 28
Un Ballo in Maschera
Dec. 4, 8 (matinee), 14
Les Troyens
Dec. 13 (6:00pm), 17 (6:00pm), 21 (6:00pm), 26 (6:30pm), 29 (11:00am)
The Barber of Seville
Dec. 18, 22 (matinee), 26 (11:00am), 27, 29
Maria Stuarda
Dec. 31 (6:30pm)

The Metropolitan Opera on Radio (WQXR Radio)
Saturday afternoons at 1 p.m. on 105.9 FM.
Dec. 8 Un Ballo Maschera
Dec. 15 Aida
Dec. 22 The Barber of Seville
Dec. 29 The Tempest (archival broadcast)
50 Year members: Paid up forever!
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Individual: $90
Student: $45

Last call to send in your dues for 2012.

2012 DUES