Kolping 88th Street

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

We will start the day with Mass at 10:30AM celebrated by our Praesae, Fr. Richard Breton 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.

50 year members Karl Buckel and Gerhard Zoeller and our 25 year members Heidi Bruegger, Robert & Carol Dowgiallo, Wilma Endrich, Martin & Violet Kelly, Erna Koehr, Herta Koenig, June Noonan, Theresa Ostroff, Ingrid Reslmaier and Wilfriede Reesler will be honored at approximately 1:00pm

Anna Dengler and her friends will lead us in Christmas Carols once 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 Sweats-shirts and hats which we will have for sale. We hope that you can come. Please contact 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.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy & Healthy New Year!
— Ingrid Reslmaier, Muriel Fullam, and the Kolping Bulletin staff and contributors.

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 Fuliam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFuliam@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.

Our prayers, Fr. Richard Breton, lost his mother, Angelina, on October 25, 2013. Fr. Richard says “She was 90 years old but her death came suddenly. My family and I thank God that she did not suffer or linger here, but rather went to the arms of Mary and Jesus quickly”. Please pray for Fr. Richard and his family as they go through this difficult time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:
We forgot to wish Nick Colletti, our favorite Barbequer, a Happy 60th Birthday in November.
Happy Birthday to Mike Weinberg, who will be celebrating his 50th on December 15th!
Special December Birthday Wishes to Ernst Endrich, Wilfreda Roessler & John Unger.

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 Fuliam at MurielFuliam@msn.com.

THE NEW KOLPING SECRETARY
I am so pleased to accept the position of Secretary of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York. Over the next few weeks I will be working closely with Muriel Fuliam to make the transition at the beginning of the year as smooth as possible.

My husband, Art Kessler, and I have been members for a very long time and have always enjoyed attending the many Kolping events during the year. My work experience has been in real estate/relocation jobs assisting transferring employees with coordinating all aspects of their move including selling their existing home and moving their household goods to the new location. The customer service aspects of my employment has always been extremely rewarding and I look forward to performing all the new tasks that come along with this position.

I love animals and nature and most recently have been volunteering at animal shelters which I find very enjoyable and rewarding. This past year I have learned to play mah jong with a group of other Kolping Members and welcome anyone who might be interested to join us. We couldn’t ask for a more relaxing place to enjoy the game on the KOH patio on a beautiful sunny day.

I look forward to all the wonderful upcoming 2014 Kolping events and introducing myself to all those that I have not met.

Wishing all of the Kolping Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Jan Kessler
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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 Resmlmaier, 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.

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718-994-6681

KOLPING IS ON FACEBOOK
Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

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.

ADVENT PROJECT
After much searching, the Board of Directors has chosen ‘STEPS’ to End Family Violence, part of the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families:
www.egsfc.org/services/steps/

It is a non-profit organization founded by Sr. Mary Nerney that provides services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including abuse prevention services, counseling, crisis intervention, and legal services, addressing the needs of the whole family. Since domestic violence tears apart the fabric of the family, and a repercussion is that the grown up children struggle to create stable families themselves, this organization helps stabilize families at risk. Kolping ideals are based on religion, family and education/work. This program which supports the family fits right in with our ideals. Their mission statement states “...to reach directly the needy children of the present generation and contribute to their health, physical, and educational development until they can be returned to a proper home environment or can be self-supporting...”

Won't you help us support this very worthy cause? Send your check, no matter how big or small to Kolping-On-Hudson, Attn. Muriel Fulliam, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Kolping Society.
Sr. Mary, the founder, was recently diagnosed with cancer. Please also pray for the Holy Spirit to give her strength and comfort through this difficult time.

DECEMBER EVENTS AT ZION ST. MARK'S CHURCH
December 7, from 11am to 4pm: German Christkindlmarkt
If you like German Christmas Specialties, you will be in for a treat! There will be German Lebkuchen, Cookies, Christstollen, Christmas ornaments, and much more. Enjoy German Glühwein, coffee, Christstollen, and Christmas spirit at our church.

December 15, from 1pm to 3pm: ADVENT and CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Enjoy our beautifully decorated parish hall, colorful Christmas Platners with the traditional Stollen, fruit, nuts and other Christmas goodies, coffee/tea. A fun raffle awaits the lucky winners. We will play Christmas music and sing familiar German and American Christmas songs. Contribution $10.

Zion St. Mark's Church, 339 East 84th St. (between 2nd and 1st Aves.), Manhattan. www.zionsmarks.org 212-288-0600 / 212-479-7808.

BROOKLYN KOLPING FAMILY MASS & CHRISTMAS PARTY
Saturday, December 7: As has become our tradition, our holiday gathering begins spiritually with 5PM Mass at the Kolping Center. After Mass it is party time! We will feature a full dinner, and you can be assured of special Christmas touches. If we are all good boys and girls, their just might be a visit from a certain older bearded fat guy in a red flannel suit! The donation is $15 per person.

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 DECEMBER 2013 INTENTIONS
Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

VICTIMIZED CHILDREN. That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.

PREPARE THE SAVIOR’S COMING. That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Savior’s coming.
Fall Days at Kolping-on-Hudson submitted by Munet Fullam

These fall days have been beautiful at KOH. On Saturday, November 2nd we sent out an email and asked members to come and help us with the close up of KOH—that is to put picnic tables and plants away for the winter. Unfortunately, not too many members showed up, but those that did—did the work of twenty. Thank you so much to Maria Blessing, Mike Flannery, James Hawkins, Ted Dengler, Teddy Dengler, Chuck Smith and Bob Hemsing.

You will all be surprised on your next visit to KOH by the beautiful pagoda (gazebo) that has been constructed by our member Albert Buchholz. It is up the hill right behind the Japanese Maple tree. It will be the perfect spot for wedding, communion and confirmation photos. In the photos included in this bulletin—it is still being worked upon. I know Albert would want to thank Bobby Coletti, Richie Povilionis and Joseph for their help with this project. It is truly beautiful.

Did you know that the Japanese Maple tree that you see at KOH is over 100 years old. It was given to the Seward Family in the late 1800s by the Ambassador from Japan. William H. Seward was the Secretary of State under President Lincoln.
On the night of October 19th, we had our first ever Halloween Party at Kolping-On-Hudson. Thanks to Jennifer Ahrens-Scheuermann and Kathy Weinborg we had a delicious buffet in the main house. Jennifer & Kathy were assisted by Al Ahrens, Richie Povilonis, and Mike Scheuermann. We had a great variety of delicious foods—Goulash, Dumplings, Sausage & Peppers, Ziti with Meat Sauce, Vegetables, Chicken Tenders, French Fries, Rice, and Hot Dogs, as well as a dessert table with Cupcakes, Baklava, Butter crumb cake, and chocolate pudding with gummy worms!

Jenna Richardson and Brianna Tuma help serve the food and cleaned up after us. Elfie Orłowski and Lou Colletti as well as others donated the desserts. Thank you so much to all. Everything was delicious!!!

The party goers then made their way up to Fr Assmuth Hall where they joined another party given by members Rino & Leslie Lupetin. I wish I could tell you who attended the party but the costumes were so good I didn’t know who was who. It was a fun party with a best costume contest, great music by DJ Matt Kern, and great drinks by Christine Kern & Danielle Kern. Thank you to all of you who attended. It was a great party.

The raffle winners for the KOH raffle are: Rosemarie Lambot won the 1 night stay at the Doral Arrowwood Resort; Jim & Maria Stang won the power drill; Jan Kessler won the $75 gift card to Weeks Jewelry; Eana Colon Clark (friend of the Siagris family) won the basket of cheer. An additional prize of a $100 gift certificate to Scotts Camera donated by Nick & Lou Colletti was won by Danielle Kern.
November 3rd was a really nice day at Kolping-on-Concourse in the Bronx. We started with noon Mass at St. Philip Neri Church. The beautiful Mass was said for Angelina Bretono, Bert Bruegger, Monica Buckel, Barbara Henry, Robert Reinsich, Richard Seidl and Christine Endrich Vogel. We had a nice turnout of about 50 people to the Mass and luncheon. Lunch was served by Chef Carlos and his wonderful staff. We had lentil soup, lemon chicken, baked potatoes, asparagus, salad and carrot cake for dessert. All of this for only $12 per person!

Some of those who attended are—George & Eleanor Mullins, Gerard & Hannelore Farley, John & Ada Brauwiler, Bob & Ann Hemsing, Phyllis Coletti, Muriel Fullam, Katrina Dengler, Elfrieda Orlowski, Erna Dengler, Barbara Grimm, Stephanie Richter, Norbert & Marilyn Dengler, Heidi Bruegger, Christine Weltner, Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Herta Koenig, Martin Kelly, Karen Staub, Ann Urban, Gerda Steinke, Marlene & Willi Bitterman, Franziska Schmidt, Jack McGee, John & Elizabeth Reitt, Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Herta Koenig, Al Sartorius, Valentine Sartorius, Elfie Orlowski, Martin Dengler and children, Emily Dengler and Family, Bernie & Bonnie Dengler. Everyone was so pleased that former Kolping Secretary Rosemary Lambot was able to join us.

Thank you to Katrina Dengler for reading the names of our deceased members at Mass. It was a very solemn moment for all of us. Thank you to KOC Manager Tony Aguiluz and Ernst Endrich for making this nice day possible.
Stories of Interest

THE HEEL OF THE BOOT submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Many questions about World War II remain unanswered. One mystery is why the Christian citizenry did not rise up against the abuses of the Nazi regime. The fact is they would have; had the leadership not been ruthlessly stamped out. Furthermore, German law provides “guilty association” (stehenhaft) so the security forces could arrest the accused relatives on the presumption that they were accomplices in the crime.

One of the early martyrs was Father Jakob Gapp, a Marianist father who served in the Austrian Imperial Army in World War I. After being decorated for bravery, he spent 10 months in an Italian prisoner of war camp. In his confinement, he decided to become a priest.

In the 1930’s, Europe was an arena of contesting political ideologies. The reigning Pontif, Pius XI condemned the “master race” theory of Nazism because, taken to its ultimate degree, it implied the other races were inferior and disposable. (encycl. “Mit Bredend Sorgen”).

Father Gapp saw his responsibility to alert the faithful of this serious anti-Catholic tenet; so, he published a newspaper critical of the Nazis. They promptly sought his arrest; but, he fled to comparably neutral Spain to carry on his work. Not deterred, the Gestapo sent two agents to lure him on to occupied French soil. They pretended they were Jews seeking conversion; and, when the priest responded, they arrested him. Tried by the special court for treason, he was condemned and beheaded. To insure that his grave did not become the rallying point for protestors, his body was given for science and he remains destroyed.

Revolts did come, by the military, on July 20, 1944 when the ill-fated Operation Valkyrie was sprung. The assassination of Hitler failed; and, quick response, by the security forces resulted in the arrest of the leaders including Count Claus Von Stauffenberg. They were tried and shot. The pace of guilt, however, extended to their families and Countess Von Staufnener, and others narrowly escaped punishment.

FATHER SIMON SAENDERL submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Everyone has occasionally made a mistake in their travel plans. The biggest error, probably, was Christopher Columbus; when, in 1492, he thought he could reach India by sailing due West from Spain.

Little did he realize that the continents of North and South America blocked his passage. This mistake in navigation had a beneficial result, “a bonanza”, for explorers, settlers, and missionaries.

The French, Spanish, and Portuguese, predominately Catholic countries, were first on the scene to convert the Indians (so many because of Columbus error) into the Christian faith. The effort to Christianize them, however, was not exclusively theirs. Central Europe contributed many stalwart sons of the church to spread the gospel.

Typical of the German missionaries was Father Simon Saenderl who was born on September 30, 1800 at Malgersdorf, lower Bavaria. He entered the Redemptorist Order and was ordained in 1825.

He yearned to work among the Native Americans and wean them from their nature-worship to the full glory of God. Heading a team of two priests and three lay brothers, he arrived in Cincinnati, Ohio. From this base, they struck out for the Wisconsin, Toronto region and served the French pioneers and the Menominee Indians. They met with substantial success in establishing missions and making converts. Father Saenderl, even, compiled a dictionary of Menominee words (lingo).

Alas, waves of immigrants from Europe and elsewhere contributed to the rise of urban cities and the need of clergymen to serve in the new parishes. Torn between his ardor to do missionary work among the Native Americans and his vow of obedience to serve where the need was felt to be, Father trudged off to parish work in Rochester, New York; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and., Monroe, Michigan.

A victim of what would later be recognized as “burn-out”, he returned to the mother house in Vienna. After a journey to the Holy Land, he regained his stamina and re-dedicated himself.

He transferred to the ascetic Trappist Order and they appointed him master of German novices, in 1845. His final assignment was as chaplain in the Trappist convent in Gethsemane, Kentucky.

His biographers describe him as a quiet, simple man of personal Christly character. His memory is enshrined in the Mission of St. Alphonsus Plus in Toronto, Canada, which he founded; and, he remains a patron to the 680,000 Native Americans who are Catholics.
What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

If you are an opera fan and live for Saturday afternoon at the Metropolitan, we have listed the presentations for the 2013-2014 Season.

The Metropolitan Opera on radio. Saturday matinees at 1 pm unless otherwise indicated.

Rigoletto Dec. 7 (12:30pm)
Falstaff Dec. 14
A Midsummer Night's Dream Dec. 21
Tosca Dec. 28 (12:30pm)
The Magic Flute Jan. 4
Die Fledermaus Jan. 11
Eugene Onegin Jan. 18
L'Elisir d'Amore Jan. 25
Madama Butterfly Feb. 1
Rusalka Feb. 8
Die Frau ohne Schatten Feb. 15
Der Rosenkavalier Feb. 22
Prince Igor Mar. 1 (12 noon)
The Enchanted Island Mar. 8 (12 noon)
Werther Mar. 15
Wozzeck Mar. 22
La Sonnambula Mar. 29
La Bohème April 5
Andrea Chénier April 12
Arabella April 19
Così fan tutte April 26
I Puritani May 3
La Cenerentola May 10

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Philadelphia Kolping: Father Michel

What have you done for the Year of Faith? Hopefully all of our members have heard of “THE YEAR OF FAITH”. Pope Benedict XVI first announced it in 2011. It officially began over a year ago, and is scheduled to end on the Sunday before the First Sunday of Advent this year, 2013. The Year of Faith is a call from the Pope, first Benedict XVI and now from Francis to spend these months in demonstrating our love for God, by living out our Faith in Him. Throughout the past year, we have been asked by our Pope, our Bishops and our Parish Priests to bravely live out our Faith; to speak up for what we believe is a very secular world that urges us to be silent.

To announce the Year of Faith, the Pope, Benedict XVI, wrote an Apostolic Letter known by its opening words in Latin—“Porta Fidei” (Door of Faith). When we use the word “faith”, we must remember that it is not just holding certain ideas as true, more importantly faith is a relationship, a commitment, to the Lord. That is the call made to us by the “Year of Faith”.

Blessed Adolph Kolping wasn’t part of a “Year of Faith”, but he was motivated by his faith in God. He didn’t just say, “I believe in a loving God; I believe in Forgiveness”, he acted on it. Members of his society, even 150 years later, are still called to bring to our world an awareness of God’s values. As believers, we can’t be blind to the changes that the world today wants us to accept—“Do what makes your life easy, earth-centered, do not be challenged by the high values of God the Creator!” Father Kolping spoke out for treating fellow human beings as true brothers and sisters, and the need to reach out and help them. There were more and more business people who saw fellow human beings only as things to be used, to bring themselves the easy life. It is a little more complicated in our time, but the Pope is reminding us that it is better to strengthen our faith now rather than let ourselves sink into the waters of secularism.

We are easily tempted to just enjoy God’s gifts to us in this materialistic world. Just enjoy the worldly things, the good life you have in the world! But as Father Kolping saw the need to urge people to help others by sharing God’s gifts and blessings, so the “Year of Faith” urges us to think of things we can do to grow in faith, that is, to grow in the desire to share, to spread God’s gifts to make a better world. It means we have to open the door of our faith (Porta Fidei), that is to say, to open our hearts so that God’s love, blessings, and welcome are accessible to all. So, in this “Year of Faith” pray that God will open wider the door in your heart and in the hearts of those in our world.

WORDS WORTH NOTING

Have patience with all things but chiefly have patience with yourself. —St. Francis de Sales

On the human chessboard, all moves are possible. —Miriam Schiff

The Lord’s Prayer may be committed to memory quickly, but it is slowly learned by heart. —Frederick Maurice

Friendship is a single soul dwelling in two bodies. —Aristotle

Goodness is the only investment that never fails. —Henry David Thoreau

To be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it. —Conjunctus

Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted. —Aldous Huxley

It is our responsibility to pass on what, by God’s grace, we ourselves have received. —Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Good people are good because they have come to wisdom through failure. —William Saroyan

Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there. —Will Rogers
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
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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:
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KOLPING BULLETIN

PLEASE PAY YOUR 2013 DUES IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET!

After April 1, your dues are considered late, and we ask that you add an additional $5 for the late charge.

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