

## note the date

### december

- 2 Mass & Christmas Party/  
St. Nikolaus Day**  
Kolping-88th Street
- 2 First Sunday of Advent**  
Time to prepare for the coming  
of Christ at Christmas
- 20 January Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material
- 25 Christmas**  
Celebrate the birth of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

### january 2019

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary**  
On this holy day of obligation,  
we are reminded of the role  
that the Blessed Virgin played  
in the plan of our salvation.
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany**  
The Epiphany celebrates the  
visit of the three wise men to  
the Christ Child.



May you all  
enjoy a blessed  
Christmas and a  
healthy & happy  
New Year!  
— The Kolping  
Bulletin staff

# December



## Kolping Christmas/ St. Nikolaus Day Party

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2018**

The day begins with the celebration of Mass at 10am at St. Joseph's on 87th Street. It's the first Sunday of the month, so Mass will be in German, a unique and interesting experience. Because of Father Bretone's injury, he is not able to come celebrate Mass at our Kolping House this year.

During the course of the day we will be honoring all those that have reached their NY Catholic Kolping Society membership milestones: Phyllis and Bob Coletti, Kuni and Sabour Raouf, Charlie Ruppmann, Jimmy Stang, Paula Vogl and John Weigand will be honored for their 25 year membership. We hope they will all be able to join us to celebrate this great honor.

The Ballroom will be beautifully decorated for the Yuletide season—it can be a great place to take that last minute Christmas Family Photo. Wolfgang Hahn and Giovanni Ramirez will prepare a delicious feast for us—the menu is Sauerbraten or Chicken, Red Cabbage, Spaetzle, Mixed Vegetables. We will enjoy holiday cookies and cake for dessert, along with coffee and tea. The cost is \$16 per adult and \$8.00 per child under 12.

Plan a great holiday family event at the Kolping House and visit with your old friends, make new friends and enjoy Christmas carols. St. Nick will be there with gifts for children under 10. Traditional German holiday specialties including stollen, cookies and brandy beans will be available for purchase.

**Please call or email your reservation to Joan Dengler at 914.432.2535 or [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com).** Be sure to let us know how many children age 10 and under will be attending. Please include full names and ages so St. Nick can be sure to have a special gift for each one.



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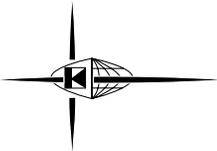
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# Milestones & Passages



*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.*



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

Daniel Allen, Maycon Bates, Sara Baum, Barbara Beirne, Laura Beyrer, Stacy Connolly, Michelle Crisci, Tracy Criscuolo, Sean Crowley, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Ernst Endrich, Kathleen Feron, Michael Flannery, Kathleen Fuchek, Gail Gleason, Greta Grossmann, Bridget Horan, Jennifer Horan, Michael Horan,

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## SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Celebrating special birthdays this month are **Ernst Endrich, Peter Mersits, Ed Monks, Wilfriede Roessler** and **John Unger**. We wish them all the best!

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 Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

## UPDATE ON PRAESES FATHER RICHARD BRETONE

Hello Fr. Richard's friends,

I spoke to Fr. Richard recently. He is in good spirits, which is great. His road to recovery may take a while. The bones are starting to heal, along with the 9 screws now holding the ankle in place (he has a picture!). The doctors hope that next week they can put a boot on his broken ankle and after that, start putting some weight on it. Of course, his bad ankle (vs his broken ankle) is taking a lot of the weight for now, so it will be a true balancing act throughout recovery.

### ***When a door shuts, God opens a window.***

Fr. Richard is taking this time to go through a manuscript he had written a few years ago. He is typing it up and updating it. Maybe through a few contacts, he will be able to publish it. We look forward to reading it!

Buddy is being looked after by Fr. Richard's friend. She and her son were grieving for their dog, which they had just lost a week before. So both people and dog have found comfort and a place with each other. Unfortunately, Buddy is going through his own medical issues. While Buddy went in for his regular treatment for Addison's disease, his vet took his blood pressure, which most vets don't even have that equipment. Buddy had dangerously high blood pressure which tore his retina. While the vet was able to help Buddy, he could not save Buddy's sight in one eye. Thanks to the vet, it was not worse.

Fr. Richard hopes to be back to his active, although possibly limited, ministry at Pratt for the spring semester. We send him our prayers for his continued healing of body, and for continued good spirits. Prayers to Blessed Adolph Kolping for Fr. Richard and to St. Francis for Buddy.

While we give thanks to our Lord for our blessings this Thanksgiving, let's remember that our blessings aren't necessarily only the good things we have received. We grow through the challenges we face. May our challenges not be too much for us to bear and to remember we have the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit we can turn to. We can ask Him our questions...and listen very hard and quietly for His reply.

Treu Kolping,  
Katrina

# 2018 DUES

**LAST CALL!** Mail your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128

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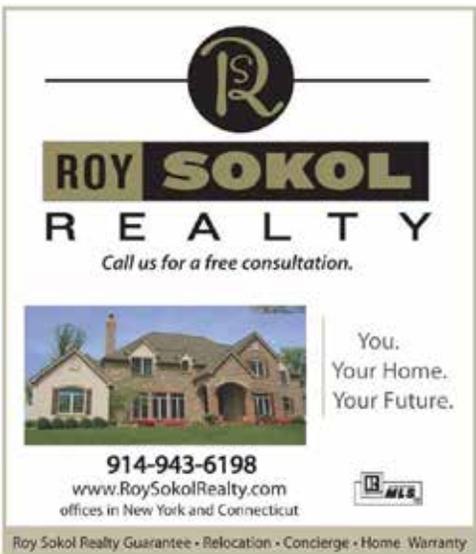
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## News & Notes

### ADVENT PROJECT

Each year our Society selects a worthy charity to be the beneficiary of our Advent Project. We ask our Kolping Family Members to include this group in their Christmas gift list. Our charity for this year is Good Counsel Homes. Co-founded by Franciscan Father Benedict Groeschel and Chris Bell, Good Counsel offers an open door to homeless expectant and new mothers. Their mission is to assist these Moms and little ones in building a nurturing, safe family environment as they grow to independence.

Like Father Kolping, the team that runs Good Counsel realizes that providing Catholic social services to those in need is even more effective in the context of a family. Good Counsel Homes are located in Westchester, the Bronx, Staten Island, New Jersey and elsewhere. Please pray for the families at Good Counsel and consider making a gift via our Advent Project.

### NATIONAL KOLPING RAFFLE

Would you like to win? Enter the national raffle! Send your tickets to Pat Farkas, or bring them to the St Nikolaus celebration on December 2. The drawing will be held at our luncheon. Will you be the winner?

### BROOKLYN KOLPING FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 8—starting at 5 p.m. in the Kolping Center, 6504 Myrtle Avenue, Glendale, NY 11385-6250. You can always expect a nice dinner and some sweet desserts, a program featuring our children and including a sing-along, some entertainment for the children. We may get a visit from jolly old St. Nicholas, if he can fit us into his busy December schedule! (Note: there will be a donation for this party).

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### BILINGUAL SERVICE

The service is usually from 11am till 12 noon (in German and English). Jeder is willkommen / All are welcome! Communion will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Coffee hour in the Parish Hall after each Service.

### WEIHNACHTSFEIER / CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1–3pm. Contribution is \$10.

### 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.



### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

### 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 2018 INTENTION

#### EVANGELIZATION – IN THE SERVICE OF THE TRANSMISSION OF FAITH:

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

# Communion Luncheon at Kolping-on-Concourse

We gathered together on Sunday November 4th to celebrate together the feast of All Souls. Fr. Serrano celebrated Mass in the magnificently restored Church of St. Philip Neri. The large, engaged group of parishoners inspired the three dozen Kolping members present. Our Kolping family came together to celebrate the lives of our members and friends who passed away in the past year: Rosemarie Lambot, Rita Fister, Ludwig Manz, Josef Sedlmair, Jean St. Germain, Joan McNamara, Maria Reuber, Linda Losonsky, Irene Sudano, Agatha Frassman, Fernando Alban, and Carlos Alvarez.

Meanwhile, back at our beautiful Kolping on Concourse residence, Tony Aguiluz and his team set up a bountiful meal for us. Starting with platters of cheese and sliced meats and crackers as well as bowls of fresh fruit we nibbled and noshed. Elizabeth prepared a lovely sangria to accompany the white wine and orange juice. Daisy, Hector, Hector and Alban comprise the balance of the kitchen staff and they provided a multi-course meal. We were offered a salad of mixed greens with berries and pecans and choice of dressings. Yummy, warming Lentil Soup came up next. The entree was a paillard of chicken in a delicate lemon sauce with mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and bread and butter.

After lots of good conversation and congenial visiting we wrapped it up with an ice cream treat wrapped in chocolate. All present enjoyed the event tremendously and we encourage all Kolping members to take the chance to come visit our home on the Grand Concourse.



# *Kolping News*

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## **Troop 36 Kolping Report** *Submitted by Bob Hemsing*

### **Restoring The Kolping's Shed by Manny Socorro, Eagle Scout candidate**

From June through October, Troop 36 and I were involved in rebuilding an old shed at the Kolping-on-Hudson in Montrose as part of my Eagle Scout Project. The shed is primarily used for storing their firewood and had been taken down for zoning reasons,

My project was to restore the shed and with the help of the scouts we expanded the project to build out an additional 1/3rd storage area. The new storage was used for all the firewood that was chopped from trees that fell down on the property over the summer and fall.

Through hard work and determination, Michael Tucci, Anthony Ciampi, Tony Mills, Thomas Barry, Peter Barry, Aidan Wong, Tristan Wong, Jonathan Wong, Alex Wong, James Mickelson, Kyle Grant, Billy McCoy, Nick Cyran, Liam Hagen, Joe Mallozzi, Sean Rafaela, Thomas Gatto, Ben Appleyard, Colin Manthey, Peter Manthey and I prevailed, slicing as well as stacking several trees worth of wood into the shed that I hope will help heat the Kolping for winters to come.

I would like to include a special thanks to Richie, who constantly went out of his way whenever I needed help with something. He was there to guide me through the whole process and was one of the reasons we were able to get so much done.



[shed project which is now completed]



Proud Kolping Grandmother Norma Curtin, sent in this picture of her grandson Sean Martin, who is a senior in Croton Harmon high school. He has been honored and awarded Eagle Scout—the highest rank in boy scouting—from Troop 28 Croton-On-Hudson.

**Congratulations to Sean!**

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## **F.A.O. Schwarz: You are with us again**

Submitted by Martin A. Kelly

FAO Schwarz was founded in 1862 under the name “Toy Bazaar” by German immigrant Frederick August Otto Schwarz, in Baltimore, where he and his brothers retailed toys from a fancy-goods store.

In 1870, Schwarz opened a New York City location known as the “Schwarz Toy Bazaar” at 765 Broadway. After changing the name to F.A.O. Schwarz and relocating a number of times, the New York City location moved to 745 Fifth Avenue in 1931 where it operated for 55 years.

Unfortunately the tribulations of the economy forced its closure in 2015.

Alas, all is not lost since it reopened at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, ready to make your Christmas Merrier.

Merry Christmas All from Martin A. Kelly.



# Kolping News

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## Miss Burgenland – NY 2019 *Submitted by Linda Szoldatits*

Kristen Szoldatits, KOH server and daughter of members Linda and Jozsef Szoldatits, was crowned Miss Burgenland – NY 2019 on Sunday, November 11, 2018, at the Annual Katharina Fest hosted by the First Burgenlander Austria SC Society of New York. The dinner was held at the Inn at New Hyde Park, and several Kolping members were in attendance to show their support.

Kristen was escorted by her brothers, Joe and Steven. She is 16 years old and a junior at St. Vincent Ferrer High School in Manhattan. In addition to waitressing at KOH during the summer months, Kristen works in the rectory at her parish of St. Clare of Assisi in the Bronx where she is responsible for the altar server program, During the week she also works in the office at her school. In her free time Kristen enjoys exploring the city, visiting museums, and fishing with her brothers.

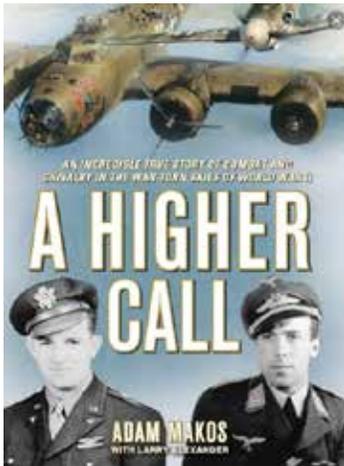
This is an amazing honor for Kristen, and a very bittersweet moment, because she has been attending the Katharina Fest with her family for as long as she can remember, and dancing with Omi in the kitchen with the hope that she could one day be a part of this annual tradition, and now her dream has come true! Her family instilled her with a great sense of pride in her culture and heritage. She has been to Burgenland many times to visit family in Harmisch, but looks forward to this new adventure and making new memories. This opportunity will allow her to travel the beautiful landscape and expand her knowledge of the unique culture and hospitable people. She can't wait to visit the wine gardens, castles, and music festivals. She is especially excited to visit Gasthaus Csencsits in Harmisch and cousin Sepp's Buschenschank so that she can have a Presswurstsalat mit Kernöl!

**Congratulations Kristen!**

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## Story of Interest

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## A Higher Call by Adam Makos *Submitted by Martin A. Kelly*

From the horrors of the most savage war in history emerged the beautiful story of brotherhood between enemies. It was December 20, 1943 and a flight of American four-engined B17 Bombers raided Garmisch, Germany. four interceptor Focke Wulf fighter planes pounced on the helpless American heavy-weight and left it a shambles with wounded crew men and wrecked equipment. The pursuit planes rallied to another target before the riddled B17 could be knocked down. Somehow the pilot, 20-year-old Lt Charlie Brown, still clung to the controls—and the last vestiges of hope.

Shortly afterwards, another German fighter emerged from another sector. It was Captain Franz Stigler in a Messerschmitt 109. Stigler, aged 28 and a veteran airman who had been flying since the start of the war, had been refuelling and reloading his guns on the ground when the lone B-17 had lumbered slowly overhead. Within minutes, he was fast-taxiing to the runway and up in the air to give chase. He took mercy on the crippled American Bomber and instead of finishing off the four-motored wreck, compassion overtook him and, using hand signals, he gave the survivors directions to neutral Sweden where more plentiful and generous aid would be afforded them.

Stigler had to buzz off but another stroke of luck was about to befall “Ye Olde Pub” as the crippled B17 had been nicknamed. A couple of American 47s which had provided fighter escort to the B17s came upon the hobbled B17 and gave them new directions to a home base in England, which by throwing out equipment, the “Old Pub” negotiated.

For more than 40 years, Brown kept the secret but he never forgot Stigler’s humanity. He wrote his story in a newsletter of an association of German fighter pilots and waited for the remotest possibility of a response. In Vancouver, where he had lived for 37 years, Franz Stigler opened his regular association newsletter, and could not believe his eyes. Here, out of the blue, was the missing piece in the jigsaw of his life. The two old men spoke on the phone, then met up in an emotional reunion. They wept as they hugged each other and recounted their versions of what had happened in that magical ten minutes back in 1943. For the first time, it all made sense. From then on until their deaths — Stigler in March 2008 and Brown eight months later — the two men travelled together to take their unique story to veterans’ clubs and air museums. ‘This was their last act of service to build a better world,’ writes author Adam Makos. ‘Their message was simple: enemies are better off as friends.’

# *Story of Interest*

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## **Isidor & Ida Straus, Co-Owners Of Macy's, Remembered For Their Last Moments On The Titanic**

*Submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand*

Isidor Straus, born on February 6, 1845, was an American Jewish businessman, politician, and co-owner of Macy's department store. Isidor was born into a Jewish family who lived in Otterberg, Germany. He and his family immigrated to the United States when he was almost 10 years old in 1854. They migrated to Columbus, Georgia and then moved to Talbotton, Georgia where his father ran a general store.

During the civil war, Isidor was sent to Europe to purchase blockade running ships that would be used to bring goods to the south through the Union blockade. This plan was dropped, leaving Isidor alone in London, England with only \$1,200. He worked on the London stock exchange and turned his \$1,200 into \$12,000. Isidor returned home and started a merchant firm importing English crockery with his father, they called it L. Straus and Son. Their firm grew and in 1874 they made a deal with Macy's. In 1896, Isidor and his brother, Nathan, became Macy's partners, which led to them taking over the company, becoming the sole owners. The two brothers grew Macy's into a nationwide chain and into one of the largest department stores in the world.

Isidor, along with his wife, Rosalie Ida Blun (who goes by Ida), are most known for their heroic and loving act on the Titanic. Isidor and Ida boarded the Titanic as a way back from their trip to England. On April 14, 1912, the Titanic hit an iceberg. It became clear that the Titanic was sinking and it was either leaving on the lifeboats or not leaving at all. Isidor and Ida were offered a seat on the lifeboat but seeing all of the children and mothers left on the boat, Isidor refused to take a seat and Ida refused to leave her husband. Some of the survivors reported that Ida said "We have been together for years. Where you go, I go." Instead, Ida insisted her maid, Ellen Bird, to take her seat and wrapped Ellen in her fur coat to protect her from the cold. It is said that Ellen gave that fur coat to Isidor and Ida's children. Eyewitnesses of this scene described it as the "most remarkable exhibition of love and devotion."

Isidor's body was recovered and he was first buried in the Straus-Kohns Mausoleum at the Beth-El Cemetery in Brooklyn. His body was later moved to the Straus Mausoleum in the Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. Sadly, Ida's body was never found, but the family collected water from the place where the ship went down in an urn and placed it at the mausoleum. A cenotaph was placed outside of the mausoleum to memorialize Isidor and Ida's life and love with a quote from the Song of Solomon (8:7): "Many waters cannot quench love- neither can the floods drown it."

Isidor and Ida's love for each other can never be broken. Let us honor their memory for their heroic act of love.

*From the Midville Monthly, June 2018 / Middle Village Adult Center / Contributor: Lauren Shain*



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