



## note the date

### december

- 1 Mass & Christmas Party/  
St. Nikolaus Day**  
Kolping-88th Street
- 1 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 2020

- 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.

# December

## Kolping Christmas/ St. Nikolaus Day Party

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019**

The day begins with the celebration of Mass at 10:30 at our Kolping House on 88th Street in NYC.

During the course of the day we will be honoring all those that have reached their NY Catholic Kolping Society membership milestones: Walter Weigand will be honored for his 50 year membership! Irene Leili, Agatha Specht, and Brian & Regina Flood will be honored for their 25 year membership. We hope they will all be able to join us to celebrate his great honor. We applaud their dedication to the ideals of Kolping.

The Ballroom will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and we will enjoy a delicious feast of Sauerbraten or Chicken, Red Cabbage, Spaetzle, Mixed Vegetables.

There will be 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).**



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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.

Please keep our good friend **Klaus Wolters** in your thoughts and prayers. Due to some health issues, Klaus is not able to attend the Society events where he was a loyal participant for so many years. We wish Klaus robust, good health.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:**

Sara Baum, Barbara Beirne, Laura Beyrer, Karen Cleveland, Stacy Connolly, Michelle Crisci, Tracy Criscuolo, Sean Crowley, Father Pier Giorgio 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:**

Special birthday wishes to **Hertha Stang, Michael Flannery, Stacy Connolly** and **Karen Cleveland**.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

## COMMUNION LUNCHEON AT KOLPING-ON-CONCOURSE

We gathered together on Sunday November 3rd to celebrate the feast of All Souls at St. Philip Neri Church. We were there to celebrate the lives of our members and friends who passed away in the past year.

- Carol Sartorius
- John Allen
- Rosemarie Bartzick
- John McGreevy
- Sam Giordano
- William Grimm
- Helmut and Hilde Augart

Meanwhile, back at our beautiful Kolping on Concourse residence, Tony Aguiluz and his team were putting together a lovely spread for us. Starting with platters of cheese and sliced meats and crackers as well as bowls of fresh fruit we nibbled and noshed. We enjoyed a salad of mixed greens with berries and pecans and choice of dressings. Yummy, warming lentil soup and a paillard of chicken mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and bread and butter rounded out our luncheon.

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 beautiful home on the Grand Concourse.

# 2019 DUES

If you haven't paid your 2019 dues, please send them in right away!

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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 the Dwelling Place. Their mission is to help women as they transition from homelessness to a more secure life. Located in midtown Manhattan, the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany have been providing shelter, sustenance and support to thousands of women since 1977. Would you like to make a positive difference in someone's life? Here's an easy way to do just that. Please make your gift via our 2019 Advent Project.

## NATIONAL 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 1. The drawing will be held at our luncheon. Maybe you will be the winner!

## ATTENTION PHOTO TAKERS

We are always looking for pictures of our members and friends participating in Kolping events. If you have any photos that you think would be nice for the Bulletin, email them to Ingrid at [ingrid22@optonline.net](mailto:ingrid22@optonline.net). Please include the date and name of the event.

## ZION-ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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.

## FILM PROGRAM—DER ZIGEUNERBARON

Saturday, December 7 at 1 p.m. Film is in German – no subtitles – Programs subject to change. Contribution \$ 10.00 - includes Entrance fee / Coffee / Tea and cake. Doors open at 12 noon for coffee hour.

## WEIHNACHTSFEIER / CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 15 from 1–3pm. Contribution is \$10.

## GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

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## 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 2019 INTENTION**

### **THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG:**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

# More News & Notes

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 36 ALPINE SCOUT CAMP TRIP *Submitted by Bob Hemsing*

On September 14-15, the Scouts from Troop 36 set off for another adventure—a 2-day camping and hiking trip at Alpine Scout Camp. The Alpine Scout Camp has been serving Scouting since 1941. Situated along the scenic Palisades, Alpine Scout Camp has lots to offer. Scouts hiked along the Hudson River to Giant's Stairs, where they scrambled over huge boulders that have tumbled from the Palisades. Along the way they saw a castle, a speedboat race and ate their lunches on the banks of the river. When they returned to camp the Scouts played at the camp's very own pirate ship and fort. Then they cooked their dinner in a free standing chimney. This was an adventure the Scouts will remember for a lifetime.

Do you know of any youth ages 11-18 interested in Scouting? Have them contact us about coming for a visit. Email us at [troop36.montrose.ny@gmail.com](mailto:troop36.montrose.ny@gmail.com).



# Winter Coat Drive Update Submitted by Kathy Weinborg

Now that the hazy, lazy days of summer are behind us, we begin to prepare for winter and the chill it can put in our bones. There is not a better way to stay warm when outside than with a heavy duty winter coat, scarf, hat and mittens! Thanks to the many Kolping members and friends who donated these items over our season, we delivered to the Midnight Run of Westchester:

- 75 men's and womens' coats
- 11 sweaters
- 7 vests
- 9 hats
- 26 scarves
- 7 pairs of gloves

How generous is that! Such giving people we Kolping members are and continue to be. Thank you so much! Next spring we will again begin our annual collection of winter wear so if you have any donation please bring them to Montrose when we start the clean up weekends. Stay warm!



# SPCA, Animal Shelter of Westchester Submitted by Kathy Weinborg

Regards from Zena, Alice and Knight our new found friends at the SPCA!

These cuties cannot thank you enough for the donations of linens made by Kolping Members, family and friends from April through October. The last donations were collected at the closeout dinner in Montrose and delivered to the shelter soon after. We collected 7 large bags of towels, blankets and sheets. These are quickly used to make the foster animals more comfortable during their stay. No kitty pictures for fear adoption would be inevitable but there were so many feline friends also. Here is also a list of items you can donate besides linens and collection will start again in April at KOH. Thank you for your generosity and please remember—second chances! What you may not need somebody else might be able to use. Help keep the puppies and kittens warm and comfy!



# *Kolping Volunteers at Xavier Mission* Submitted by Frank Weigand

On October 27, five Kolping members (Kathy Weinborg, Lou Colletti, Debra Weigand, Jim Cappell and myself) came together to volunteer at a soup kitchen in Manhattan that is run as part of the charitable organization known as Xavier Mission. The soup kitchen takes place every Sunday and amazingly provides over 1,500 free meals to the poor. We were assigned to food prep so arrived at 8:30am to chop and dice. With the exception of the bread, everything is made from scratch for the meals. All agreed that this was a rewarding and worthwhile experience, and we hope to have more volunteer opportunities in the future, both in Westchester and in the five boroughs. If you have ideas in NYC, let Frank know (fweigand@gmail.com) and if you have ideas in Westchester, let Lou know (lcookie1129@aol.com).



# *The Advent Wreath* Submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets,

especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is rose-colored and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Popular in modern day adaptations, the Advent wreath can include a white candle, placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.



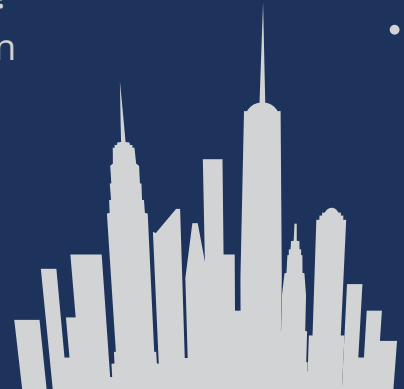
# HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SATURDAY  
**DEC. 7, 2019**  
12 pm - 5 pm

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