

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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note the date

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.

6 The Feast of the Epiphany
Celebrates the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and also remembers his baptism.

10 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

25 February Bulletin
Last day to submit material

february

7 Executive Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

march

1 Ash Wednesday
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

5 Annual Elections & General Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

10-12 Kolping Ski Trip
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!

21 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

JANUARY

Join Us At Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of **March 10-12**, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening. For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin.



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.

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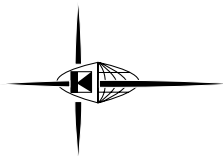
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Milestones & Passages



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 Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.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.



It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the passing of **Doris Petsche** on December 6. Doris will be greatly missed and will always be remembered for her kindness. Sunday mornings and the kitchen at KOH will never be the same. If you would like to contribute, Donations towards a stained glass window in her memory should be made payable to "Kolping on Hudson" and mailed directly to Kolping on Hudson at 95 Montrose Point Road Montrose, NY 10548

James McHale, Sr. passed away on December 12. All of our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Gilda and all his family and friends. Jim and his family resided in Montrose NY and he was well known in our community as a business owner of McHale Exterminating Company.

It is with great sadness that we let you know that James Rohrbacher's former wife, **Carol Rohrbacher**, passed away on Dec 8, after a long illness.

Please continue to pray for **Violet Nelida Kelly** who is still in rehab.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Maura Bellet, Pierre Bellett, Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Matthew Buckel, Timothy Carey, Patricia Cudahy, Julie Davis, Samara Davis, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, Paula Harney, Robert Hersam, Maryellen Horan, Gail Imbimbo, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert

Jandrasits, Emerich Janny, Danielle Kern, Karen Kidd, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Rino Lupetin, Dan Malone, Irena Marussich, Jack Maxson, Kevin McCusker, Martin McGreevy, Kelly McKinley, Barbara Mignano, Bill Minnich, Amy Nania, Shawn O'Mara, Jr., Theresa Ostroff, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Richard Pivilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Mary Murray Saetta, Jean St. Germain, Jennifer Schmidt, Ronald Seelbach, Gerda Steinke, Joey Szoldatits, Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Larry Buck, Tim Carey, and Paula Harney.**

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 Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

THANK YOU

Thanks for your generous donations to the Kolping Advent Project—**Katrina Dengler, Mary McKeon, Ferdinand Zipprich, Katherine & Ingrid Reslmaier, Phyllis & Bob Coletti, and Barbara Grimm.**

November 12, 2016

Dear Mr. Hemsing and Catholic Kolping Society,

Thank you so much for the great honor of receiving the 2016 Kolping Scholarship for a Fordham Prep student. I am very appreciative and thrilled to be chosen.

As a Freshman, I am adjusting to high school and enjoying my time at Fordham Prep. I will continue to work hard and do my best to live up to the standards of the Catholic Kolping Society.

Sincerely,

David Cojocaru

We received a note of thanks for our support of David from Jose R. Gonzalez, Vice-President of Engagement, Development & Communications at Fordham Prep.

"Gifts such as yours that add to our endowment help us to continue to foster the Ignatian ideals of ensuring that a Prep education is available to all—regardless of means."

2017 DUES

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Jan Kessler. She will be updating the files and will include your email address on her email account. She will be sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.

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News & Notes

THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB

The spring semester will run from January 24 through May 23. But everyone may join during the semester on a pro-rated basis. It will run Tuesdays for 15 weeks (30 hours) honoring holiday dates. Classes are held at the Kolping house located at 165 East 88th Street.

Kids' classes will follow the Board of Ed school schedule, and are for toddler's to teens. Kid's classes meet 3:45-4:45 and 5PM to 6PM depending on the age. Adult sessions take place 6:30-8:30 are for Intermediate (those who have some knowledge and experience with German) which caters to specific needs in grammar, and conversation. Advanced class is for those who like to keep up their knowledge and improve upon it, with grammar review.

We offer a relaxed and pressureless atmosphere with no exams, etc. All classes cater only to the needs of its participants and offer outside help when one cannot attend every session. See our website for further information: www.germanlearn.com

RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!

Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or jkessny@aol.com if you would like to receive your copy by email. You can also visit our website **www.kolpingny.org** and find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

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).



Beautiful KOH photo courtesy of JOHN ALLEN

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2017 INTENTIONS

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

Catholic High School Award submitted by Bob & Ann Hemsing

The Kolping Scholarship Committee is happy to announce the decision of the first annual Catholic High School Award. The recipient of the award is **KRISTEN CURLEY**. Kristen is the granddaughter of longtime Kolping members Wilfreda and Erik (deceased) Roessler. She is attending Sacred Heart Academy. Below is her "bio" of all the wonderful things she has done and continues to do for her church, school, community and family. We wish her and the other applicants good luck and success in the future. We trust that choosing a Catholic high school will help to make your education goals a reality.

Bob Hemsing
Scholarship Committee Chairman

November 7, 2016

Dear Scholarship Committee:

My name is Kristen Curley, and I am currently a Freshman at Sacred Heart Academy, an all girls' high school in Hempstead, Long Island. Although I have attended only public schools prior to this year, I am happy with my choice to spend the next four years at a Catholic school, which emphasizes not only academics, but the development of character, compassion and leadership. In fact, the motto of Sacred Heart Academy is "Lead with Heart".

I have ben blessed by God with many things, not the least of which is my singing voice. For five years, I was a Soprano with my church's Girls' Choir. Although warming up our voices in the Church basement at 7:00 am (before Sunday's 8am Masses) was sometimes a struggle, the early morning services at which our Choir sang were always the best attended. I feel participating in the Choir was a way I gave thanks to God for giving me my vocal talents.

Before starting high school this past September, I auditioned and was accepted into Sacred Heart Academy's Chamber Choir. Practice is twice a week after school, and we are currently preparing a holiday concert. In December, we will perform this program for retired nuns, nursing home residents, disabled veterans and others in need of holiday cheer. From my previous Choir experiences, I know how such a small thing such as singing can delight the performer as well as the audience. Seeing the listeners' smiling faces, and hearing some sing along, is heart-warming, and all the gratification I need.

Outside of school and church, I have been active with the Girl Scouts for many years, and am now preparing for my Gold Award. The Scout activities involving community service have always been the most rewarding for me. Annually our troop: sends Christmas stockings filled with goodies to soldiers overseas, sings carols to nursing home residents during the Advents season, as well as makes and distributes Easter baskets to underprivileged children during Lent.

This year my Girl Scout troop received the Silver Award. This group award is an acknowledgement for the development and completion of a service that benefits the local community. My troop chose to make "Surgi-dolls", which were later donated to hospitals in Nassau and Queens Counties. These handmade, Initially faceless stuffed dolls, are used by child life specialists to educate pediatric patients as to what will happen to their bodies while they are asleep in the Operating Room. These dolls are not only meant to aide in the the understanding of medical procedures, but also act to comfort and distract children during a very anxious time (pre-operatively). After each patient selects a gift doll, the child is given markers and encouraged to draw and color their doll's own unique facial features. Then the doll is used by a hospital staff member to briefly describe what the youngster can expect the surgeon to do to make them better again, as well as answer any questions the child may have.

To make the dolls, each eighth grade girl learned how to: use sewing scissors to cut material, stitch the material together, and stuff them via a small remaining opening in the sewn material. After the stuffing was added and the hole stitched closed, the "Surgi-dolls" were ready for delivery. In the end, our troop donated hundreds of dolls to the Pediatric Surgery division of two Medical Centers. Looking back, I feel this experience taught me how even small (individual) steps, when combined as a group, can be used to accomplish a larger goal. By each Scout making a small number of dolls each month for a year, the troop succeeded in filling a great need in local hospitals.

My Catholic education has been an extremely formative experience for me thus far, and I am excited to continue along this academic journey. I thank you for the opportunity to be considered for your scholarsip.

Sincerely,



Kristen Curley



Blessed Adolph Kolping (December 8, 1813 – December 4, 1865)

Saint of the Day for December 10

<https://wp.franciscanmedia.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/SODDec10.mp3>

Blessed Adolph Kolping's Story

The rise of the factory system in 19th-century Germany brought many single men into cities where they faced new challenges to their faith. Father Adolph Kolping began a ministry to them, hoping that they would not be lost to the Catholic faith, as was happening to workers elsewhere in industrialized Europe.

Born in the village of Kerpen, Adolph became a shoemaker at an early age because of his family's economic situation. Ordained in 1845, he ministered to young workers in Cologne, establishing a choir, which by 1849 had grown into the Young Workmen's Society. A branch of this began in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856. Nine years later there were over 400 *Gesellenvereine* (workman's societies) around the world. Today this group has over 450,000 members in 54 countries across the globe.

More commonly called the Kolping Society, it emphasizes the sanctification of family life and the dignity of labor. Father Kolping worked to improve conditions for workers and greatly assisted those in need. He and St. John Bosco in Turin had similar interests in working with young men in big cities. He told his followers, "The needs of the times will teach you what to do." Father Kolping once said, "The first thing that a person finds in life and the last to which he holds out his hand, and the most precious that he possesses, even if he does not realize it, is family life."

He and Blessed John Duns Scotus are buried in Cologne's Minoritenkirche, originally served by the Conventual Franciscans. The Kolping Society's international headquarters are across from this church.

Kolping members journeyed to Rome from Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Oceania for Father Kolping's beatification in 1991, the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's revolutionary encyclical "*Rerum Novarum*" ("On the Social Order"). Father Kolping's personal witness and apostolate helped prepare for that encyclical.

Reflection

Some people thought that Father Kolping was wasting his time and talents on young working men in industrialized cities. In some countries, the Catholic Church was seen by many workers as the ally of owners and the enemy of workers. Men like Adolph Kolping showed that was not true.

Kolping Christmas/St. Nikolaus Party

submitted by Jan Kessler ~~~ photos submitted by Jan Kessler, Ingrid Reslmaier, and John Noonan

Our Holiday season starts off each year at the Kolping House St. Nick party in early December. We thank all our members who attend and all the volunteers that help to make it an enjoyable festive day.

Fr. Bretone always takes time out of his busy schedule to celebrate a beautiful mass and Don Simons provides music during mass and holiday music during the party and we thank them both.

Geovanni, Wolfgang, Angel, Maximo, Ray and Ken set up all the holiday decorations and help to cook a delicious brunch for the Kolping members and guests. There was a lot of food to choose from: pork, chicken, melody of vegetables, red cabbage and spaetzle. And after all that there was an assortment of desserts.

We appreciate all the following volunteers who help organize the days events. Donna Richardson, Lou Colletti, Gerald Ladenhauf, Ted & Joan Dengler, Teddy Dengler, Jennifer Scheuermann and Bob & Ann Hemsing. The members that arrive early offer a helping hand and we thank Ernst Endrich, Klaus Wolters and Karl Fister. Al Sartorius and John Noonan always are available to help collect the money for the meal tickets and John also takes great photos for the bulletin.

Our board President Katrina Dengler and Vice President Gerhard Schmitt were there to enjoy the festivities but also welcomed new members, award pins and certificates to those members that have reached membership milestones and announce the person of the year awards.

Patricia Farkas, Kolping National Administrator, announced the following National raffle winners and congratulations to the following winners Norma Curtain & Katrina Dengler from NY Kolping and Marilee Uhlhorn from Cincinnati Kolping Society.

All the children in attendance, John & James Dengler, Marie & Audrey Reyes, Therese, Gerard, Joseph and Catherine Portilla, were very happy and excited when St. Nick arrived with a present for each one of them.

It was a great day and we thank all those who participated.

Welcome New Members

We welcome the following families into our Kolping Family: John & Mary Buono, Michael Murphy, Peter & Roseann Schuyler and Alexander & Isabelle Schuyler. We look forward to seeing them at all of our upcoming events.

Person of the Year Awards: Katrina Dengler, Pat Farkas & Phyllis Coletti

Every year one or more persons are selected to receive an award based on their extra special efforts in helping with the many events and projects that are done each year. The recipients have volunteered many hours of their time and we want them to know that we greatly appreciate them.

Katrina Dengler, President of the Board of Directors handles so many issues all year long and if that were not enough, she also spent countless hours over the past year planning all the events that made our National Convention such a success. This was a huge undertaking and we wanted her to know how much we appreciated all that she does.

This year a well deserved award was given to **Phyllis Coletti** who has been a member for many years and always offers her assistance at many of our events. Phyllis has spent many summers at Kolping on Hudson and you could not begin to list all the jobs she has undertaken to keep all the events running smoothly.

Pat Farkas also was given the special award this year for all the extra work she did in coordinating so many of the NY Convention activities. Pat is the National Administrator for the Catholic Kolping Society which we know keeps her extremely busy but she still went over and above to work on many of the extra projects that came along with NY hosting the convention this year.

25 and 50 year Milestone Membership

This year we congratulate James Minarik and Alphonse Preisser for reaching their 50 year milestone membership. The members reaching their 25 year anniversary were Anne Hemsing, Matthew and Deborah Funnell, John Reitter, Jr., Marion Povilonis and Jackie Maas.

We were so pleased that Bernie Dengler, Bob Hemsing, Valentine Sartorius, Al Sartorius, John Noonan and James Minarik all of whom are 50 year members were able to join in the celebration at the St. Nick Party.







Stories of Interest

“The Flying Dutchman”

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

One of our greatest baseball players was, indirectly, honored when his picture card was recently auctioned off for nearly 5 million dollars.

Honus Wagner played 21 seasons (1897-1917) almost entirely for the Pittsburgh Pirates. The “Sweet Caporal Cigarette Company” featured, with their smokes, a picture of one of the most popular baseball players”. Wagner, however, was a non-smoker and did not want to promote the “habit” among the public and requested his photo be withdrawn from this advertisement. In total, only 50 photo cards went into circulation and they are extremely rare. Wagner was named the “Flying Dutchman” because of his fleet footedness rounding the bases. Actually, the name war originally referred to a phantom sea captain from Holland, who menaced mariners in the 1700s around the Cape of Good Hope. The pirate was caught but the term lingered on. In the 1800s the number of German immigrants in America soared. They were mistaken for Dutch because of its close sounding to Deutsch, the German word for Germans. Hence Honus Wagner—a German-American—was designated “The Flying Dutchman”.

Once again we the KOH Committee wants to thank the **DeVeagh Family** for decorating so nice for Christmas.

—Lou Colletti



NEW YORK POST

‘Holy Grail’ of baseball cards up for auction

By Abigail Gepner and Natalie O'Neill

September 24, 2016 | 1:31am



The T206 Honus Wagner 1910 tobacco card.

The world's most expensive baseball card has hit the auction block, and sports fans in Manhattan scored a peek at it Friday.

The extremely rare 1909 Honus Wagner — which experts have called the “Holy Grail” of sports memorabilia — is expected to fetch up to \$5 million in an online auction ending Oct 1, said Ken Goldin, founder of Goldin Auctions.

“In the world of sports, it is the single most well-known, iconic symbol in the industry. He was the greatest shortstop of all time,” said Goldin, who put the card on display at the Yankees-themed restaurant NYY Steak in Midtown on Friday.

Only about 50 copies of the uniquely shaped and textured card featuring the Pittsburgh Pirates player were ever printed, Goldin and other experts have said.

In 1911, Wagner demanded that production of the card be halted because it was printed by the American Tobacco Company and sold in cigarette packs, which Wagner thought was bad for kids, Goldin said.

“On the back of the card was a big ad that said ‘tobacco.’ He didn’t want to promote tobacco,” Goldin said.

Few of the cards, which feature a white border and an orange background, are in good condition now, said Doug Drotman, a Goldin spokesman.

“Now 47 of the 50 cards look like a dog chewed them up. This is the second-highest-graded one, in terms of condition,” Drotman said.

A smaller version of the card was once owned by NHL hockey legend Wayne Gretzky and Arizona Diamondbacks owner Ken Kendrick.

The type of card now on the block, known as the “Jumbo Wagner,” last sold for \$2.1 million in 2013, Drotman said. The highest bid on the card Friday was \$1.8 million.

“It’s a really great time to invest in baseball cards. Values have been escalating rapidly,” he said.

Wagner played 21 seasons in Major League Baseball from 1897 to 1917, almost entirely for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The speedster was erroneously nicknamed “The Flying Dutchman.” He was German, not Dutch.



Honus Wagner

KOLPING SKI TRIP

Friday-Sunday, March 10-12, 2017

Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, Vermont

LODGING

	Triple	Double	Single
Early Bird	\$399	\$300	\$205
After 12/31	\$424	\$325	\$230

Children 12 and under are \$55 in room with adult. They do not count towards the adult count, so the child under 12 and one adult is the single price plus child. **Children 13 or older must pay adult rates.**

SKIING

	Adult	Jr/Sr (6-18 or 65+)
1 day Sat	\$67	\$56
1 day Sun	\$57	\$53
2 day	\$117	\$91
3 day	\$169	\$121
4 day	\$213	\$154

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