

## 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**

The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.

**15 Full Board Meeting**

Kolping House 88th Street

**24 February Bulletin**

Last day to submit material

### february

**5 Executive Board Meeting**

Kolping House 88th Street

### march

**3 Annual Elections & General Meeting**

Kolping House 88th Street

**6 Ash Wednesday**

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

**8- Kolping Ski Trip**

**10** Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!

**19 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 8-10**, 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 hearty country 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.



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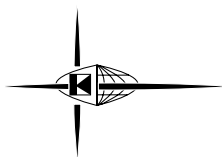
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## Milestones & Passages



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.

We're saddened to announce that **Carol Sartorius** passed away on Christmas Day 2018. Her daughters Annalisa Johnston and Susanne Sartorius-Grunwald have asked in lieu of flowers that gifts be made to the Kolping Society Joseph Sartorius Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Sartorius Memorial Fund was set up to recognize the great contribution of Joe Sartorius to our Society over his lifetime. Each year, scholarships are awarded to children or grandchildren of Kolping members as well as students from St. Ignatius / Nativity School in New York. If you'd like to make a gift please mail it to: Sartorius Memorial Fund, Catholic Kolping Society of New York, c/o Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562 Please keep Annalisa and Susanne and their families in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

**Franz Schroeder** passed away on December 14, 2018 at the age of 89. He leaves behind his sons Manfred, Norbert and Jürgen and their families, and his brother Adolf with families. Our prayers are with the Schroeder family at this difficult time.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Matthew Buckel, Abbie Capobianco, Timothy Carey, Carlos Chacha, Erica Criscuolo, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, Robert Hersam, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert

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### SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Celebrating special birthdays this month are **Johanna Brandt, Carlos Chacha, Robert Hersam, Emerich Janny** and **Gerda Steinke**. 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.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to Gerhard and Gertrude Zoeller for their very generous gift to Kolping on Hudson in honor of deceased members.

### UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE!!!

#### SAVE THE DATE

Join us for Fr. Bretone's

#### BARN DANCE

Saturday, April 27, 2019

6:30pm at St. Patrick's Academy School Auditorium, 9511 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209 (convenient parking, close to mass transit).

By the grace of God, I am up walking on my mended ankle with the help of a walker. By the time of the Barn Dance I wish to be dancing with you! Wow! Praise God!!

Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries:  
"Helping Hope Spring Eternal!"<sup>sm</sup>

Christmas 2018

Dear Katrina and all,

Your generous gift to St. Joseph's Church has come at the right moment, as we contemplate the repair of our bell tower and other expenses in the future. I speak for the whole parish in saying how grateful I am not only for your contribution but also for the longstanding relationship between the Kolping Society and St. Joseph's Church.

With best wishes for a blessed Christmas and new year -

Your gratefully,

Fr. Beniface Ramsey

# 2019 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 Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128  
**Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, 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, Joan Smyth Dengler. 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



## UPDATE FROM FATHER BRETONE:

Dear Catholic Kolping Members,  
Thank you for the citrus fruit and prayers. God Bless.

On October 6, I fell and broke my ankle in three places. The fall may have been from exhaustion and dehydration. As many of you know, I have been working way too hard, for way too long! This "break" is certainly in God's plan.

During this Christmas Season, as we count our blessings bestowed upon us by God, we can choose to extend those blessings to others. For Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries in our mission to create a

beautiful, one-of-a-kind place of prayer along with our recent call to give hope to the hopeless, you can help us by:

- Keeping me and all this work in your prayers
- Volunteering some time to help in our many diverse activities
- Making a tax deductible donation to continue this amazing mission
- Donate in memory of another with these Memorials:
  1. Outdoor lamppost for a donation of \$975
  2. Tile image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for Shrine donation \$1,000
  3. Outdoor candle stand (117 votives) for O.L.G. Shrine \$950
  4. Outdoor bench for a donation of \$195
  5. Picnic table with benches for a donation of \$395
  6. Steel campfire pit for a donation of \$375
  7. Volleyball equipment (high quality) for a donation of \$395

For memorials include: Name of person, brief saying, type of memorial, your name, contact info and donation check made to: Eternal Flame of Hope.

Buddy Santo (my big poodle) didn't want me to suffer alone. His blood pressure went "through the roof" during our separation. He lost sight in one eye, but we caught it before it destroyed the other eye. Even with all of these challenges, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and praying for a much happier and healthier New Year!

## ADVENT PROJECT

Gifts to the Advent Project have been coming throughout the holy season of preparation. This year our Society decided to make Good Counsel Homes the recipient of our Advent gifts. 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. There's still time to participate. Please send your gift to our Secretary, Joan Dengler, at 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562 or send it to the Kolping House on 88th Street. Be sure to make a note that it is for the Advent project. We'll be forwarding the funds to Good Counsel by the end of January. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 JANUARY 2019 INTENTION

**EVANGELIZATION:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



# Kolping Christmas/St. Nikolaus Party



Our St. Nikolaus celebration was a little different this year since our Praeses was unable to join us in person to celebrate Mass at the Kolping House. Though, he did make a technology-supported appearance for the New Member Induction ceremony. Kolping friends met at St. Joseph's Church for the 10 am German Mass. The parishioners extended a warm welcome to our group. We headed to the Kolping House for coffee and cake.

Wolfgang Hahn and Geovanny Ramirez made sure that the House was decorated beautifully for the Christmas season.

Our Society is fortunate to have many members with us for 25 years, 50 years and more. Reinhold Stehle has been a member for 64 years! He and his lovely wife Ingrid joined us for the luncheon and shared some stories of Kolping traditions from years past.

Members newly reaching the milestones were recognized. Phyllis Colletti accepted the 25-year certificate for herself and husband Bob who was under the weather and unable to attend. We also applauded Kuni and Sabour Raouf, Charlie Ruppmann, Jimmy Stang, Paula Vogl and John Weigand for achieving the 25 year membership milestone. There were no new 50-year members this year but we took a moment to celebrate the 50+ members. Bernie Dengler, John Noonan, Albert Sartorius, Valentine Sartorius, and Reinhold Stehle were with us in person. We are inspired by their example.

It was great fun to announce and cheer the 2018 Person of the Year. Peter Bruegger is part of a Kolping family - his father Bert was a member for over 50 years. Peter's mother Heide has been involved with our Society for many years as well. Presently, Peter and his family - Natasha and sons Thomas and Kevin - are very active at our Summer Home in Montrose. All four of them pitch in whenever a helping hand is needed. With Peter's business, Alliance Art Glass, right next door to the Kolping House on 88th Street, it's great to know that we can reach out to him easily. His smiling face and array of talents have served our Society in myriad ways. Please congratulate Peter when you see him next.

Once the awards were concluded, we sat down to enjoy the delicious meal prepared by Wolfgang and Geovanny. Together with the House staff they made our lunch a wonderful experience. Donna Richardson and her daughter Alexa led the serving team. Bernie and Bonnie's grandchildren collected tickets and helped with the serving. Alex Schmitt greeted our members at the door. Don Simons and Larry Kunz serenaded us with Christmas music. Teddy Dengler played some holiday favorites on the piano.

Finally, it was time for the big event. St. Nick arrived to distribute gifts to the young children. The excitement was palpable and everyone enjoyed the show.

Thank you to all who made the day possible and to all who attended!









# Kolping News

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## NEW MEMBERS

Two distinguished individuals were inducted at our St Nikolaus celebration. Geovanny Ramirez is the manager of our Kolping House on 88th Street. He worked closely with Ernst Endrich for many years and when Ernst decided to retire, Geovanny took on the role of manager. We are delighted that he too has now become a member of our Society. Sister Genevieve has recently relocated to the U.S. after serving as the national Coordinator of the Kolping Society of Nigeria. She will add greatly to our understanding of the broad scope of our Society. Following please Sr. Genevieve's letter of introduction and good wishes to all:

*Dear Kolping Brothers & Sisters,*

*I am very happy to send these words of appreciation to the Catholic Kolping Society of New York for my induction as member of the above mentioned society, on Sunday, December 2, 2018, during the Christmas party & St. Nicolaus day celebration, at the Kolping house, 165 east 88th street, New York. I thank Fr. Richard for conducting the ceremony of induction. I thank Katrina Dengler, President and the Board, for making the occasion possible.*

*Sequel to my retirement on July 1st 2018 as National Coordinator of Kolping Society of Nigeria, and subsequent relocation to my Convent in New York, the International Kolping Society (IKS), Cologne, recommended that I join a nearby Kolping Family. Since my acquaintance with the Kolping New York office in July 2018, I have always received tremendous cooperation, in the spirit of Father Kolping, through the President, Katrina Dengler, the Catholic Kolping Book keeper, Gail Gleason and the entire 2018 Board of Directors. I greatly appreciate the unique privilege and honor of joining the Catholic Kolping Society of New York.*

*While wishing all the members grace-filled Advent and Christmas celebrations, I pray for God's continued blessings on the life and work of this noble Organization.*

*Once again, thank you!*

*Sincerely yours in Christ and in the spirit of Adolph Kolping,  
Sr. Mary Genevieve Okoro*



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## Troop 36: OPEN DOOR SERVICE PROJECT

*submitted by Bob Hemsing*

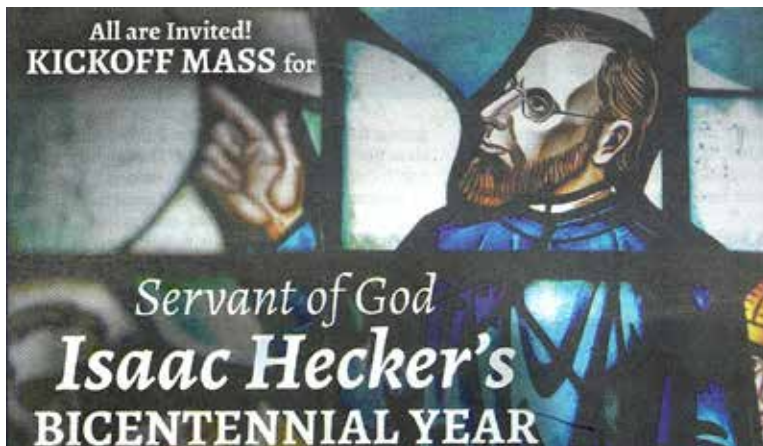
Following is a report, written by our Tenderfoot Scout Alex Wong, about the Open Door Service Project

### OPEN DOOR HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

On December 8th from 2pm to 4pm in the basement of the Baptist Church in Ossining, Aiden Wong, Jonathon Wong, Alex Wong, Michael Tucci, Liam Hagen, Billy McCoy, Joe Mallozzi, Andrew McNamee, James Mickelson, A.J. Occhipinti, and Manny Socorro helped the Open Door Family Medical Center sort and wrap gifts for children. These wrapped gifts are to be given out to children on Open Door's Annual Holiday Toy Drive "Santa Days" where a volunteer dresses up as Santa and distributes the gifts that many people helped wrap.



# Stories of Interest



## Isaac Hecker's Bicentennial Year

*Submitted by Martin A. Kelly*

December 18, 1819 was the birth date of Father Hecker who went on to found the Paulist Fathers whose mother church is located on West 60th Street at Columbus Ave.

He strove to make religion a living experience and for many of the faithful the "boys choir" was just that. No lesser personality than Jackie Gleason was a regular attendee at these 11am, Sunday expressions of faith.

Times have changed and new followers have started a program to make the 100th Anniversary a glorious occasion...one in which makes Father Hecker worthy of his title "Servant of God".

## Christmas Eve marks 200th anniversary of beloved carol 'Silent Night'

*Submitted by Gail Gleason*

On Dec. 24, 1818—in a little church in what is now Austria—the world heard for the first time a poem set to music that eventually would be hailed as one of the most popular and beloved Christmas carols of all time.

"Silent Night" was sung for the first time that Christmas Eve at a midnight Mass at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, a village in the Austrian Empire. The lyrics were written by a young Catholic priest, Father Joseph Mohr, and the music was composed by Francis Xavier Gruber, an organist and schoolmaster.

Father Mohr wrote the poem "Stille Nacht" in 1816 in the Austrian town of Mariapfarr, near Salzburg. Two years later, while serving at St. Nicholas Parish in Oberndorf, the priest asked Gruber to compose a melody for the words. It is not known why Father Mohr wanted to set his poem to music. Gruber composed the music and "Silent Night" did indeed premiere at the Christmas Eve Mass.

The carol eventually spread to other parts of the Austrian Empire and eventually to the rest of the world.

Father Mohr's poem, "Stille Nacht," was written "in the wake of tumultuous activity," said Sara Pecknold, professor of practice in the history of sacred music at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

"The Napoleonic Wars were still fresh in everyone's mind, so to write a poem

about stillness and peace certainly makes sense. And it speaks about the universal peace that Christ brings to all people."

The carol's English version begins with:

"Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace"

The carol's fame—and popularity—in the United States is due in a large part to the Rainer Family Singers, a popular early 19th-century group of traveling singers from Austria who performed the song as part of their repertoire. It is believed the group brought the song to this country during their 1839 tour here.

"Stille Nacht" was translated into the English "Silent Night" by an Episcopal priest, the Rev. John Freeman Young.

"The English translation could be a little better," Ms. Pecknold conceded. The original "Stille Nacht" has six verses. The English translation has only three—the first, second and sixth verses of the original.

The carol is believed to have caused a somewhat miraculous and well-documented Christmas truce during World War I.

On Christmas Eve 1914, British and French troops were encamped in trenches in a faceoff against German troops in Ypres in



ALL IS CALM, ALL IS BRIGHT—The Silent Night Chapel, in the town of Oberndorf in the Austrian state of Salzburg, is a monument to the Christmas carol "Silent Night." The chapel stands on the site of the former St. Nicholas Church, where on Christmas Eve in 1818 the carol was performed for the first time.

Flanders, Belgium. The two sides began singing Christmas carols to each other, and "Silent Night" was the only song all the combatants knew.

Singing the song together broke the ice and led to a temporary cease-fire with soldiers from both sides meeting in the middle "No Man's Land" to trade tobacco and candy, play soccer and sing carols.

As it marks its 200th anniversary, "Silent Night" remains as popular as ever. Bing Crosby's 1935 recording of the carol is the third biggest-selling single record in history; his 1942 recording of "White Christmas" holds the No. 1 spot.

"We sing songs like 'Silent Night' because there is something about Christ's infancy that takes us deeper into the mystery of the Incarnation," Ms. Pecknold said. "We sing because there is something about the human voice in song that expresses something very intimate about ourselves and our joy."

*By Richard Szczepanowski  
Catholic New York, December 20, 2018*



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