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- 12 Executive Board Meeting Kolping House 88th Street
- 21 March Bulletin
 Last day to submit material

march

- 3 Annual Elections & General Meeting Kolping House 88th Street
- **6 Ash Wednesday**The first day of Lent.
- 8- Kolping Ski Trip
- Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- **19 Full Board Meeting**Kolping House 88th Street

april

- 6- KOH Cleanup
- **7** Kolping-on-Hudson
- 13- KOH Cleanup
- **14** Kolping-on-Hudson
- **16** Full Board Meeting Kolping-on-Concourse
- **21 Easter Sunday**Celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.
- 27- KOH Cleanup28 Kolping-on-Hudson

February

Please Join Us!

Mass, Communion Brunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

All members are requested to join together on Sunday March 3, 2019.

German Mass at 10:00 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC **Brunch 12 noon:** Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

We hope you will be able to join us for this very important day. A delicious lunch will be provided by Wolfgang and Geovanny that will consist of a very excellent sauerbraten, red cabbage, and spaetzli, followed by dessert, coffee and tea. The cost of brunch is \$15.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under 12 years. We will be electing new members to our Board of Directors. Want to know more about the Catholic Kolping Society of New York? Want to help make decisions to ensure the Society's continued success? Then consider joining Kolping's Board of Directors. There are both Senior and Junior board seats open. To be a board member the requirements are: Senior Board—you must be a member of the Society in good standing for a period of at least 10 years. Junior Board—you must be a member of the Society in good standing for a period of at least 1 year. Board members must attend at least 6 board meetings per year.

Please make your reservations for the brunch by contacting Joan Smyth Dengler at 914-432-2535 or kolpingny@gmail.com. We would appreciate your response by February 23, 2019.



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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<u> Milestones & Passages</u>



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 FEBRUARY:

David Allen, Michael Beldotti, Betty Boecklen, Carol Guarino Bongiovanni, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Bernie Dengler, Michael Doyle, Breanne Finnegan, Jerry Fullam, Sarah Gale, Melanie Gilbert, Elizabeth Giordano, Eric Gorski, Bud Gramer, Mario Guarino, John Halvey, Anne Hemsing, Dan Hoek, Anna Keller, Brad Kelly, Violet Kelly,

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SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Celebrating special birthdays this month are **Betty Boecklen**, **Melanie Gilbert**, **Elizabeth Giordano**, **Walter McDonald**, **George McNamara** and **Carl Pollack**. 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 **Ferdinand Zipprich** for your generous gift to Kolping-on-Hudson. Our beautiful home on the Hudson River requires time, talent and treasure to remain the beautiful refuge that gives all of us members a chance to relax and re-energize. We're grateful to Ferdinand for once again making such a gift.

Thank you to all who participated in the 2018 Advent Project. Our project focused on Good Counsel Homes who offer 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. Thank you Gail & Mattie Gleason, Albert Sartorius, Barbara Grimm, Walter & Kathy Weigand, Ann & Bob Hemsing, Peggy & David Dougall, Ferdinand Zipprich, Frank Weigand, Nick & Lou Colletti, John & Betty Reitter, Katrina Dengler, Phyllis & Bob Coletti, Joan & Ted Dengler, and Al Sartorius.

Kolping members were saddened by the death of Carol Sartorius in December. We thank all those who donated to our Joseph Sartorius Memorial Scholarship Fund in her memory: Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Ann & Bob Hemsing, Valentine Sartorius, Al Sartorius, Katherine Reslmaier, Kathy & Walter Weigand, and Norbert & Marilyn Dengler.

Troop 36: KLONDIKE DERBY

submitted by Bob Hemsing

The Scouts of Troop 36 recently competed in the Northern Districts Klondike Derby. The Klondike derby is an annual event held during the winter months where the Scouts must test their scout craft skills and leadership abilities. The Scouts of Troop 36 did an amazing job representing our community. Below is the report, written by Scout Conner Leach and a few pictures to share.

The scouts attended the Klondike Derby on January 19th. The scouts in attendance were: Conner Leach, Andy McNammee, Liam Hagen, James Mickelsen and Joe Malozzi. Our first task was a mine rescue, using ropes to rescue a victim. Then we had to perform an ice rescue by tying a bowline in a rope and pulling a scout to safety. Our next activity was a race where we put on homemade snowshoes and went on a timed course. Next, we went to a cooking station where we made very crispy bacon. We then went to an area where we learned how to tie a Swiss seat rappel harness and use this method to pull ourselves across a rope line. After that, we went to a fire station, where we had to build a fire big enough to burn rope. The last station was tomahawk throwing.





2019 DUES

83 members have already paid their 2019 dues! Thank you to all who've taken care of this in the first month of the new year. If you haven't already, please take a moment now to send in your dues payment. 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 sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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News & Notes

KOLPING SKI TRIP: LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Rooms filling up fast! Reserve your spot now and join the famous Kolping Family Ski Weekend this year. Filled with Gemutlichkeit, delicious food, downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, tubing, snowmobiling, hot tubbing, music and conversation, this trip is unique. The March 8-10 getaway will get you over your winter blahs or continue your amazing snow season. With something for everyone (families, couples, singles) you'll be glad you joined us. Contact Joan Dengler at joanandted@gmail.com to reserve your room today.

LENTEN PROJECT 2019

Do You Want to Make a Difference in the World? Can you find \$1 to share with a Kolping brother or sister? Kolping's Lenten Project this year is designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency by providing them with goats and the training to care for the animals and use them to help feed their family and provide a small income. If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, we could provide two families with goats. If each of us gives \$10, we'd be helping 20 families take a step forward. And if we could each give \$1 for every day in Lent, or \$40 each, that would impact 80 families! Kolping International is coordinating this project with Kolping in Kenya. Please send your gift today in care of our Society Secretary, Joan Dengler, to NY Kolping, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. We'll put it together with the gifts from all our members and see how big of a difference we can make when we come together. Treu Kolping!

FR. BRETONE'S ANNUAL BARN DANCE

Please join us at 6:30pm on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at St. Patrick's Academy School Auditorium, 9511 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209 (convenient parking, close to mass transit).

GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

This non-profit social services organization provides assistance with German pension applications and support, Proof-of-Life documentation, referrals to professionals (attorneys, translators and others), probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues), tenant/landlord advice and support, liaison with facilities including nursing homes and hospital social work departments, the German Consulate and German government agencies. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 10am to 4pm. Please call for information, or if you'd like an appointment (212) 360-6022.

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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 FEBRUARY 2019 INTENTION

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Stories of Interest

UNSERE BESTEN [edited from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia] submitted by Frank Weigand

Unsere Besten ("Our Best") was a television series shown in German public television (ZDF) in November 2003. The intention initially was to find out "Who are the greatest Germans?" (Wer sind die größten Deutschen?), with more rankings to follow later. The German public was allowed to vote (via postcard, SMS or Internet) for the most important Germans—historical or contemporary—from a list of more than 300 people, plus additional suggestions.

The top 11 final list appeared as shown below (in descending order).



1. Konrad Adenauer

Chancellor, admired for making post-war Germany a democratic nation again and a political and economical power.



2. Martin Luther

Priest, theologian and activist. Founder of Protestantism.



3. Karl Mark

Writer, economist and philosopher. Founder of scientific socialism.



4. Sophie and Hans Scholl

Activists, members of the White Rose movement, an anti-Nazi resistance group during World War II.



5. Willy Brandt

Chancellor, implemented the Ostpolitik and admired for his pacifist policies and official public apologies for Germany's war past. Received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1971.



6. Johann Sebastian Bach

Composer. Creator of Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565, Matthaus Passion, Johannes Passion and Brandenburg Concertos. His works are still performed and beloved all over the world.



7. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Poet, novelist and playwright, author of The Sorrows of Young Werther and Faust; widely admired as the most important and influential German-language author of all time.



8. Johannes Gutenberg

Printer. Inventor of movable type printing in Europe.



9. Otto von Bismarck

General and chancellor, admired for the unification of the German state.



10. Albert Einstein

Theoretical physicist, discovered the general theory of relativity and the law of the photoelectric effect. Hailed for his pacifist stance. Received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1921.



11. Adolph Kolping

Priest and humanitarian activist. Provided social support for young workers. Beatified in 1991.

Reflection from Father Richard Bretone



The Liberalization of Abortion: Our Last Beachhead

150 years from now the population of the United States and, indeed, the world, will look upon the last 46 years of Roe vs. Wade as we look upon the custom of slavery today!

Slavery is immoral today as it was when it was practiced. Now, however, we see it! Now we see it as the dehumanization of a whole race, and we rightly sigh with a collective: "Mea culpa."

We know abortion is the taking of a human life, and instead of trying to minimize this tragedy, Governor Cuomo and the New York State Democratic Legislature is seeking to maximize this grotesque practice allowing its procedure to the very last day of a woman's pregnancy for any reason or no reason at all!

What nation in the history of the civilized world has ever allowed this?

Look at what we are doing to ourselves statistically:

60 million aborted babies over 46 years, that averages to just over 1.3 million killed babies each year. Project this number 150 years into the future, and America would have encouraged 195 million abortions! Add this number to the 60 million previous abortions, and America would have killed 255 million citizens, potential taxpayers—people who would have productively contributed to society—taking care, by the way, of our aging population (a situation that almost plagues us now). What economic insanity this is to kill so many people!

These very same people who seek the liberalization of abortion grieve so much over the environment and climate change. They want every bud to bloom and every seed to sprout! They want every acorn to become a mighty oak; then, if they have any moral decency or intellectual honesty, they must want every fetus to become a beautiful baby—a healthy human being born in the image and likeness of God.

We can't let this "Monster-in-Chief" at our state's capital continue to desecrate human life. Where is our collective outrage? Where is our leadership?

Aren't we afraid, or at least mildly uncomfortable (after all, we have made God into a "warm-fuzzy," after our own wants and desires); aren't we afraid to stand before God, and as religious believers, having had done nothing to stop this scourge on humanity—the very image of God!

My friends, storm the legislature! Call out this evil for what it is! Do it now! Do it loudly!

Do it courageously—knowing we are all together and God is on our side!

If we do not staunch this hemorrhage, if we do not repair this moral perversion now, mark my words, it is only a matter of time before coercive euthanasia will be practiced upon the born—upon those least in God's Kingdom: the elderly, the deformed, the imperfect!

This is the beachhead! We must stop this invasion overwhelming our moral sensibilities! If we allow this to go unchecked, give Grandma and Grandpa a kiss Goodbye...if not now...soon...very soon!

Stories of Interest

Lord & Taylor and The Mad Dog Killers

Submitted by Martin A. Kelly



It's the end of an era for a historic Manhattan department store, as Lord and Taylor officially closed its doors for the last time. The 104-year-old Fifth Avenue store shuttered for good, now that the holidays are over. The store occupied several locations before 1914, when it moved into the building that fills a whole Manhattan block on Fifth Avenue at 38th Street.

Little remembered is the hold-up that captured the headlines in January 1941 in the vicinity of that department store. On Jan. 14, 1941, Anthony and William Esposito held up office manager Alfred Klausman for the \$649 payroll he was

carrying, shooting and killing him in the elevator of an office building in Manhattan. What followed was a spectacular midday gun chase along Fifth Avenue, with the pair running and shooting in and out of department stores and taxis -- William, shot in the leg, fell to the ground, and while pretending to be dead surprised, shot and killed the policeman who chased him. Fifth Avenue shoppers and pedestrians overtook William, beating him unconscious, and police arrested Anthony in a convenience store nearby. It was the New York police commissioner who would nickname brothers Anthony and William Esposito 'the mad dog killers,' a description that would catch on in the press.

During their trial, the brothers made an effort to convince the court they were insane; they barked, howled and made other animal noises, drooled and banged their heads on the table. But the barking and drooling wasn't compelling evidence to the jury, and the brothers were both found guilty of first-degree murder. The two continued their behaviors, including speaking in gibberish and undertaking a hunger strike, while incarcerated at Sing Sing until both were put to death by electrocution in 1942.

Random Thoughts Submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

Old age is coming at a real bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a gronwup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what her dreawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied, "they will in a minute!"



KOLPING SKI TRIP

Friday-Sunday, March 8-10, 2019

Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, Vermont

LODGING

Triple: \$435 **Double:** \$340 **Single:** \$240

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.**

LIFT TICKETS AND RENTALS

	Lift Tickets		Rental Packages	
	Adult	Youth (7-18)	Adult	Youth (7-18)
ı day:	\$67	\$57	\$37	\$27
2 day:	\$115	\$93	\$62	\$42

Intro Package, age 13+, 2 hour lesson, equipment rental, lower mountain lift ticket: \$65

Group discounts are available on rentals and lessons. Contact Joan Dengler at **joanandted@gmail.com** for specific configurations.

Mail checks payable to Kolping to Joan Dengler at 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562

Your reservation at the Mountaineer will include two hearty country breakfasts, wine, cider and cheese reception, Saturday evening gourmet dinner, tax and gratuity.

Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application 2019

◆ TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000 ◆

THEME: How do you put St. Ignatius Prayer for Generosity into practice in your life?

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Scholarship Applicants must:

- 1. Be a member or the child or grandchild of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York.
- 2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
- 3. Submit an essay of no more than 1,000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
- 4. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
- 5. Not be a previous winner.

Signature of Applicant

- 6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
- 7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019**. Please email materials electronically to **bob42@optonline.net** or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

Please contact the Bob Hemsing at 914-231-5601 with any questions. I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility. Name:____ First Initial Mailing Address:_ Street/City/State/Zip Date of Birth: __ Phone: _ Name of School: Mailing Address:_ Street/City/State/Zip Major/Minor Program of Study:_____/ Year (Check One): _____ Freshman _____Sophomore _____Junior _____Senior ____2-year program Name of Kolping Member (*Print Clearly*): Relationship to Student: ____

Date