# KOLPING BULLETIN

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- 6 Annual Elections & General Meeting Kolping House 88th Street
- 11- Kolping Ski Trip13 Mount Snow, Vermont
- **15 Full Board Meeting** Kolping House 88th Street
- **19** St. Joseph's Feast Day Patron Saint of Kolping
- 23 April Bulletin Last day to submit material
- 27 Easter Sunday Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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- 2 Easter Egg Hunt Kolping-on-Hudson
- 9- KOH Cleanup 10 Kolping-on-Hudson
- 16- KOH Cleanup17 Kolping-on-Hudson
- **19 Full Board Meeting** Kolping-on-Concourse
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- **30** KOH Cleanup Kolping-on-Hudson
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7 KOH Cleanup Kolping-on-Hudson



# Spring Cleanup at Kolping-on-Hudson we need your help!

It is almost that time of year again—spring is just around the corner. It is really hard to believe all of this snow and ice will be thawing soon. So mark your calendars for our first scheduled weekend cleanup at KOH!

Weather permitting the first day of cleanup is scheduled for April 9th. We are calling for all helping hands—projects for everyone big and small. The dates for KOH cleanup are as follows: April 9-10, April 16-17, April 23-24, April 30, and May 7th. Lunch will be served for the volunteers. Please let Heidi Umland know what days you can help with the spring cleanup. There are always many chores to be done and we appreciate all those volunteers that come out. Stop by when you have free time to lend a hand. Thanking everyone in advance for all your help!

Heidi Umland can be reached at heidiumland @Verizon.net, 718-805-0552 weekdays, and 914-736-0117 weekends.

#### KOH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us Saturday, April 2nd at noon for our 6th Annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** on the lower field to search! Families with children 10 and younger are invited to join in an Easter Egg Hunt on the soccer field to search for Easter eggs filled with Easter surprises. Egg Races and Egg Toss for older children and adults! Bring your own baskets, please. Please contact Cecilia Portilla by March 25th by phone, text or email. Let her know the participants names and ages.

Cecilia Portilla: email cgdportilla@gmail.com; phone 516-761-8801.



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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.



#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Hildegard Augart, Christian Aviles, Charles Aviles, Jr., Tina Bagen, Gabrielle Barbara, Leigh Barbelet, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Eileen Bingay, Laura Burke, Margaret Capossela, Gabrielle Caruso, Robert Feeney, Manfred Gallwitz, Liam Geoghegan, Matt Geoghegan, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley,

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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.

#### **DONATIONS**

Thank you to **Wilma and Ernst Endrich** for their donation to the Scholarship Fund. Thanks to **Ronald Seelbach** for his generous donation to Kolping-on-Hudson. We thank the following members for their generous donation to the Lenten Project: **Jerry & Muriel Fullam** and **Jan & Arty Kessler.** 

#### An Ever-living Flow of Faith—Mary's Reflection for 2016 by Father Richard Bretone

Relax my children. Relax! If any one thing described 2015 as a year it was "heightened anxiety." Everyone was so anxious with regard to so many issues: the environment, security, terrorism, finances and politics. The world was and continues to be so scared, so frightened, at every level! But you, my children, have to set the tone—the tone that the "Children of Mary" must have is a tone of trust. Trust...Trust and more Trust! There is no other answer for this world of high anxiety. Trust in my motherly protection. Trust in this always! I will never let anything happen to any of my children immersed in my love! Trust me totally and fully! My Son loves you so very much and each of you have a big part to play in this New World of Trust! You see, as events become more muddled and there is less clarity—Children of Trust need to walk by faith in a more complete and thorough way! All the more reason to stay rooted to the "instruments of trust" that buildup this virtue—this core component—of the spiritual soul!

Trust builders are these, and please practice them as often as possible: Daily Eucharist with daily communion you will strengthen any residual weakness that creeps into one's soul from the world. At the Eucharist the daily readings will rebuild your intellect, as the reception of my Son's Body and Blood will renew the soul. This is a core value and must be done as often as possible, given your life situation.

Another practice is daily recitation of The Holy Rosary! Pray upon these wondrous beads—the peace will return. Equanimity of heart and confidence in the future will be the fruits of your prayerful recitation of the 20 Mysteries of my Son's life, death and resurrection. The mysteries of our faith will be unlocked and you will be an oasis of peace in a world of stress and turmoil! Pray The Rosary as often as possible and be this place of love and hope for others!

Finally, do acts of kindness and mercy—works of charity for others to observe! Yes, you have to be the restorer of civility, humanity and compassion in a world that has grown cold during such dearth of spiritual practice. You must be the teacher of a world that has forgotten how to care!

Daily Mass, daily Rosary, daily Good Example and you do have control over the chaos that can surround you! You are the source of peace and security, comfort and love in this insecure world! Your contribution to the collective increase of goodness is immeasurable. Never ever feel powerlessness! Never ever feel confused, abandoned or hopeless! Inside you there is a wellspring of security and peace. Inside you there is a waterfall of wellness, a cascade of compassion, an ever-living flow of faith! My children, let's be courageous together and make this New Year our bravest ever! In the midst of everything—of all that can happen—bring my Son and all will be well! I love you with an abiding, everlasting, and motherly love. You are my chosen ones. You are my beloveds!

# 2016 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

#### <u>KOLPING SKI TRIP</u>

Last call for anyone interested in joining the annual Kolping Ski Trip this year, March 11-13, 2016 at the Mountainer Inn at Mount Snow, VT. If interested, contact Joan Dengler as soon as possible—joanandted@gmail.com.

#### **KOLPING BROADCAST RADIO**

The New York Kolping Society is broadcasting Catholic Radio on 102.3FM in the Somers area. Any donor of \$50 or more, will have the opportunity to record a Father Kolping "Thought of the Week" to be broadcasted on the air! Please contact Cecilia Portilla: cgdportilla@gmail.com or Katrina Dengler: kdengler67@hotmail.com for more information. Mail donations to: 165 E. 88th St New York, NY 10128, Attn: Radio.

#### NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016

Our branch will be hosting the 41st National Convention in 2016. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States. If you are interested in getting involved with the Convention Committee, please email our President, Katrina Dengler, at **kdengler67@hotmail.com**.

#### STAINED GLASS WINDOWS FOR PURCHASE AT KOH

There are 4 stained glass windows at Kolping on Hudson available for purchase at \$1,500 each. They are already framed and a name could be etched on them at additional cost. Some members may want a name in memory of a loved one or just have your family name. The windows are available to be seen at KOH. If interested, please contact Heidi Umland or Rich Povolonis (914-736-0117).

#### THE GERMAN LANGUAGE LEARNING CLUB

The spring semester is January 26 through May 24. 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 and are 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** 

#### 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 MARCH 2016 INTENTIONS

**UNIVERSAL:** FAMILIES IN DIFFICULTY—That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

**EVANGELIZATION:** PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS—That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

# 2015 General Meeting Minutes

#### 127 GENERAL MEETING: KOLPING 88TH STREET MARCH 1, 2015

#### INTRODUCTION

presented by Kolping President, Katrina Dengler

- Thanks offered to the German club of West Point for attending
- Thanks offered to K88 cook Wolfgang and Giovanni Alberto and Gilbert for their work at the bar.

The minutes from the prior general meeting had been published in the Bulletin and a motion for acceptance was passed.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

presented by Katrina Dengler

- 2014 closed with Kolping NY fiscally sound with good membership.
- Offered a thank you to Bob Hemsing along with Ann for prior role as President
- Ernst Endrich has retired from role as K88 house manager; Giovanni Alberto has taken on the role as HM. Tony A as KOC HM.
- Ernst has been appointed to take over the board seat vacated by E. Specht
- Thanks to Edward Specht and Hans Lechner for their service on the Board
- The 2016 Kolping Convention is coming to NYC! We need volunteers!
- The newest project is Kolping radio, thanks to Norbert Dengler for kicking this off.
  - Expect to rebroadcast EWTN programs
  - Biggest current need is a location for the antennae. There is no need for a large structure and any location near route 118 would suffice.

#### **ELECTIONS**

presented by Lou Colletti and Gerhard Schmitt

### Three Senior Board spots available with three people running

- Opened the floor to additional nominations, none put forward.
- Each candidate offered a brief introduction:
  - Bob Hemsing: Short introduction, would like to run for position again as he has useful ideas.
  - John Reiter: 19 year board member, very happy to see a growing membership roster, glad to be back.
  - Donna Richardson: Has served on BOD since 2010, 29 year Kolping member, International Kolping representative since 2011,

attended the SF convention in 2009 and Chicago in 2014, Christmas party, Steuben Parade committee member, cook at numerous functions. History—her father was chef at K88, parents met at K88, the rest is history.

• Unanimous show of hands confirms elections.

### Three Junior Board spots available with four candidates running

- Each candidate offered a brief introduction:
  - Linda Szoldatis: Kolping member 9 years, has rented rooms at KOH, convention committee member, Trustee of Archdioceses Catholic Schools of NE Bronx, building treasurer, St. Peter & Paul member 27 years, Bavarian Group adviser, attended St. Claire School, St. Stephens in Yorkville, Fordham University, currently curator for private art collection.
  - Charles Smith: Member of Kolping since 2007, KOH user, Family of 3, management information systems business along with 16 yr. real estate firm, attended Maritime College.
  - Dennis Noll: 28 year Kolping member, 6 year BOD member, would like to continue serving the Kolping community,
  - Albert Sartorius Jr.: BOD member for 6 years, member of service youth, Chemical engineer, self-employed, wants to be an active participant in the Kolping convention in 2016.
- Ballot counting ensued, babies kissed, hearty handshakes all around.
- Winners: Linda Szoldatis, Dennis Noll, and Albert Sartorius Jr. Thanks to all for running!

#### TREASURER'S AND COMPTROLLER'S REPORT

presented by John Reitter

- It was a good financial year, with a controlled increase in the asset base, thanks to income, donations and to the donation of the estate of Antoinette Rizzo.
- Overall return on the KOH Preservation Fund was 7.9%

#### **KOLPING ON CONCOURSE**

presented by Bernhard Preisser

 Thanks to the generousity and thoughtfulness of Antoinette Rizzo, former KOC resident who remembered Kolping in her will, KOC was the recipient of an estate worth \$200k, plus two other estates totaling \$200k. The money is to be used to replace the windows.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

presented by Jan Kessler

- 643 members: 125 single members, 598 family members, 45 honorary members
- Membership payment is due by April 1
- New membership inductee mass scheduled for May 31

#### KOLPING ON 88TH ST. REPORT

presented by Gerhard Schmitt

- The ballroom is available for rent including charitable and outreach events.
- Ongoing infrastructure work including floor work and painting in advance of 2016 convention. There is some discussion of installing air conditioning.

#### **UN REPORT**

presented by John Reiter

- John is involved in the Economic and Social Development in a consultant status
- Work continues on human rights and sustainable development goals.
- Ongoing work on the Commission on Family, with the 20 year anniversary. This is a world-wide effort at keeping families together. One project in Austria included offering housing to both retired people and new families so the two can mix regularly. Reported as a success.

#### PRAESIS REPORT

presented by Father Richard Bretone

- Commented on the professionalism of the Board of Directors (BOD) and strong growth in membership from 500 to 648.
- There is a strong spiritual component and reminded us that we are a charitable group, not a business.
- We need to impart our knowledge to the younger generation
- Which brings us to the Lenten themesurrendering knowledge and power to youth. We hope we become more charitable and pray for sainthood for Father Kolping.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

 Suggestions for Convention: include tours of historical NYC and spiritual NYC.

Gerhard Schmitt motions to close, all seconded.

Meeting ended with the Prayer for Father Kolping's Canonization.

*Respectfully submitted,* Peter Carruthers Treu Kolping

# Saint Joseph's Feast Day—March 19th

### **OUR NAMENSTAG** submitted by Norbert Dengler "The Old Timer"



Years ago, in our family, we used to celebrate each of our "Saint's days" (the day designated by the Church honoring the Saint after whom we were named). It seemed to me that more of a fuss and fun was made, than on our birthdays.

So too with our New York Kolping family, who had a get together at the 88' St Kolping Haus on the Friday night, closest to March 19th to celebrate the feast day of St Joseph the Kolping Society's Patron Saint.

As I remember, it was called and started with "The Saint Joseph's Andacht" a religious service, with prayers, talks, discussions about the special attributes and mysteries of St. Joseph - the Worker, Spouse of Mary, His service of Authority, His Prudence, the "Just God Fearing" man, the Man of Silence and Paternal Influence. Then there would be "Kaffee, Kuchen and Cookies", accordion or piano music and singing to close out the evening.

These days, we don't have a compact membership, cored by 88 members living in the Kolping House and "in the City". But perhaps we can continue the devotion ourselves this March 19th, by having our own "St Joseph's Devotion". It might be or at least include the Prayer:

Good Saint Joseph, when God wanted a family for His Son, He looked among the Laborers, and chose you along with Mary, demonstrating His esteem for human work. You put your heart into your work, and shared your workshop with Jesus. Your work like that of other humans, found new meaning in the presence of God. Sustain us in the hope of finding work when we are confronted with the desolation of unemployment. Counsel business leaders to create an equitable division of labor that is respectful of individuals, and promotes our growth and happiness. Help us to perform our work joyfully, conscientiously, fairly and honestly. Prepare our hearts to recognize your Son in our colleagues at work. AMEN.

### St. Joseph's Day Recipe submitted by Lou Colletti



#### INGREDIENTS

- 12 best-quality anchovy fillets in olive oil
- 1 pound spaghetti
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 6 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons minced flat-leaf parsley
- 3/4 cup toasted fresh bread crumbs, divided

**Variations:** Anchovies can be substituted with a 6 oz. can of Italian tuna in olive oil, or omitted altogether.

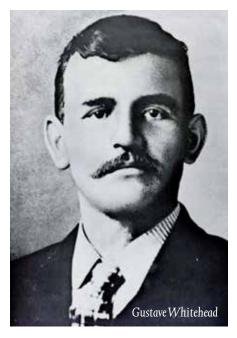
Since St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Kolping, I want to share a recipe that my Italian childhood friend's Sicilian grandmother served: **St. Joseph Spaghetti con Mudica** (spaghetti with breadcrumbs). The breadcrumbs represent sawdust as a reminder that St. Joseph was a poor peasant & carpenter. This dish has many versions and is served in many regions of Italy, but the origin is thought to be Sicily. Happy St. Joseph's Day and enjoy this dish all year long!

#### DIRECTIONS

- 1. Remove anchovy fillets from container leaving oil behind (no need to rinse oilpacked fillets).
- 2. Finely chop 6 fillets; set aside. Cut remaining 6 fillets into 4 or 5 pieces each; set aside.
- 3. Meanwhile cook your spaghetti.
- 4. Put olive oil, garlic, and finely chopped anchovies in a deep skillet or wide pot and cook over low heat, stirring until anchovies dissolve.
- 5. Stir in parsley and remaining anchovies; turn off heat.
- 6. When pasta is almost done, set aside 1 cup of the cooking water, then drain pasta and transfer to pan of anchovy sauce.
- 7. Toss quickly until all the strands are well coated. Add some reserved cooking water if pasta seems dry.
- 8. Set aside 2 tablespoons bread crumbs, then add remainder to pasta and toss again.
- 9. Divide pasta among 8 warm bowls and sprinkle each serving with some reserved bread crumbs. Serve immediately.

# Stories of Interest

### First in Flight submitted by Martin A. Kelly



History does not always recognize those who merit it. The nursing profession, it is commonly credited, was organized by Florence Nightingale in England and Clara Barton in America. In fact, Catholic sisters performed these health care duties as a form of charity for centuries.

Another case of misappropriated acclaim was in recognizing the Wright Brothers as the first to fly in an airplane, according to U.S. Air Force Major William O'Dwyer. In O'Dwyer's book, History by Contract, this feat had been performed two years earlier by a German immigrant named Gustave Whitehead (1874–1927).

Born Gustav Alvin Weisskopf in Leuterhausen, Germany, he took to the sea as a youth and served as a cabin boy on a freighter. Whitehead marveled at the flights of gulls that hovered about his ship as it sailed in coastal waters.

Settling in Pittsburgh, Pa., he became naturalized and married; but he never lost his intrigue for heavier-than-air flight. Using funds he budgeted from his full-time job as a miner, Whitehead gathered the materials needed and built the prototype of the first manned plane. This was two years prior to the heralded Wright Brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, on December 17, 1903.

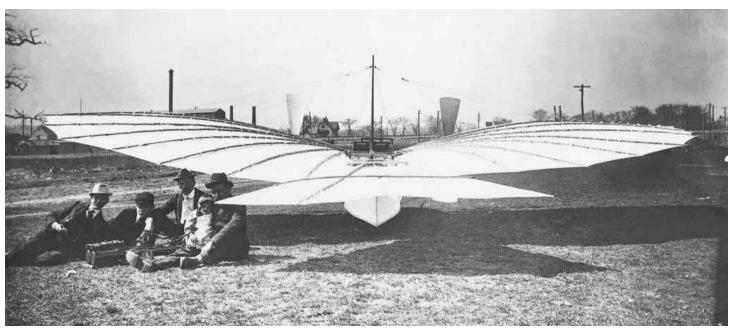
Major O'Dwyer gives a number of reasons for the oversight on Whitehead's breakthrough, among them: 1) shoddy recordkeeping, 2) unfamiliarity with U.S. Patent regulations and 3) scarcity of funds. Whitehead died in 1927 of heart failure; impoverished, he was buried in potter's field.

"Justice delayed is justice denied"



HISTORY BY CONTRACT: The Beginning of Motorized Aviation, August 14, 1901: Gustave Whitehead, Fairfield, Connecticut by William J. O'Dwyer

A rear view of Whitehead's No.21. This photo was taken near Whitehead's shop at 241 Pine Street. The folks beneath the left wing are (from left to right) Stanley Y. Beach (who wrote an article on the aircraft for Scientific American), Andrew Cellie, Daniel Varoni, and Gustave Whitehead with his daughter Rose on his lap.



# **Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application**

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

2016 Topic: The theme for this years Kolping Convention is: "Faith, Courage and Communication can build stronger families". How has Faith, Courage and Communication been demonstrated in your family and how do you expect this to influence the rest of your life?

#### 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.
- 6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
- Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016. Please email materials electronically to bfp19@msn.com. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to Christine Preisser, 19 Revere Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Please contact the Christine Preisser at 914-693-5537 with any questions.

#### I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

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Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly):						
Relationship to Student:						

# **2016 KOLPING LENTEN PROJECT**

If ever there was a time when our organization needed to be the recipient of the *Kolping Society's Lenten Project*, it is now!

Hi, I'm **Fr. Bretone**, *praeses* of our New York Kolping family. I'm also the founder of *Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries* that seeks to bring people closer to God through art, nature and Eucharistic Devotion.

Towards this end, we have created a wonderful retreat setting called *Heaven's Embrace* in the lower Catskill Mountains. As some of you may know from your visits, the property has special waterfall features that are symbolic of God's ever-flowing graces in our lives, along with a very unique Chasuble Chapel and wonderful trails.

Right now, as we speak, we are preparing to construct a 36 foot wide gazebo-pavilion for a new *Shrine to the Holy Family*. We have completed three years of preparation by creating new trails to the top of the falls.

The Shrine, in the spirit of Fr. Kolping, will be a place of prayer and healing for our families that are in deep need of peace. They are beset by distractions and often an inability to truly be present and listen to each other. Our Shrine is actually placed in a circular swirl that looks very much like a shell that also reminds one of the human ear. The healing process begins with listening to one another and listening to God. We will have a *Statue of the Holy Family* and give people the opportunity to pray for their families, place written petitions and offer candles and incense to God.

**I** need your help to have this happen! We are looking into Amish quality construction with guaranteed lifetime workmanship so the Shrine can last many years and serve many families. Please be as generous as you possibly can! We will place a "*Mighty Oak*" plaque in honor of "*The New York Kopling 2016 Lenten Project*" on a memorial next to the pavilion.

**For those who can do more**, I will list below the plaques available for a personal inscription of your choosing starting at the center of our octagonal memorial and moving towards the edges:

- 1. *Mighty Oak* individual plaque for a \$750.00 donation.
- 2. Sweet Cherry individual plaque for a \$500.00 donation.
- 3. *Sugar Maple* individual plaque for a *\$250.00* donation.
- 4. *Honey Pine* individual plaque for a *\$125.00* donation.

If you choose an individual memorial as part of the Lenten Project please include the following information for your plaque:

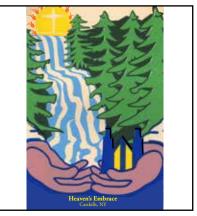
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Inscription:

Any questions contact me at: fr.richardbretone@eternalflameofhope.org Or call me at St. Patrick's (Bay Ridge, Brooklyn) 718 238 2600

#### THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY !!

Please send your Lenten donations to Catholic Kolping Society 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548 Attention Jan Kessler



Logo of Heaven's Embrace



**Proposed Pavilion Shrine** 



Statue of the Holy Family



Shell "ear" inspires site (below)

