



KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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note the date

november

- 1 All Saints' Day**
All of the saints are honored, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day
- 1 Communion Brunch**
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 3 Election Day**
This is an off-year election, as the President will not face election.
- 11 Veterans Day**
Veterans are thanked for their services to the United States
- 17 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street
- 19 December Bulletin**
Last day to submit material
- 26 Thanksgiving**
Give thanks for your blessings
- 29 First Sunday of Advent**
Time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas

december

- 6 Mass & Christmas Party/ St. Nikolaus Day**
Kolping-88th Street
- 25 Christmas Day**
Celebrate the birth of Jesus

NOVEMBER

Kolping-on-Concourse COMMUNION LUNCHEON

Sunday, November 1, 2015

Please join us for the yearly event. Our Kolping on Concourse Communion Luncheon will be held to honor the memory of **Jack McGee** and all deceased Kolping Members.

Mass will begin at 11:15 am at St. Philip Neri Church located at 3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468 (718-733-3200)

A luncheon will follow immediately after mass at Kolping on Concourse. The menu includes Chicken Cutlets, Baked Potatoes, Asparagus, Salad, dessert & coffee.

The cost is \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child. Call or email Jan Kessler for reservations: 914.462.7649 or jkessny@aol.com.



Kolping 88th Street

Christmas Party & St. Nikolaus Day Celebration

Sunday, December 6, 2015

Please look inside
for more details!



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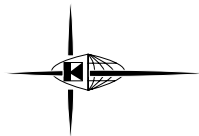
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Milestones & Passages



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER:

Patrick Barbera, Christopher Beloff, Gleice Beloff, Marlene Bitterman, Mark Buckel, Michael Byrne, Lucille Colletti, Nicholas Colletti, Phyllis Coletti, Martin Dengler, Kelly Dengler, Ryan Dengler, Amanda DeSharnais, Dawn Dowgiallo, James Farley, Steven Fonseca, Thomas Franz, Mark Franzoso, Brian Franzoso, Gregory Fuchek, Deborah Funnell, Jacki Geoghegan, George Gonda, Janet Gonda, William Grimm, Christine Groseclose, Wolfgang Hahn, Margaret Halvey, Donna Harkins, Robert Hemsing, Jr., Imelda Holzner, Rebecca Imbimbo, Anya Kelley, Matthew Kern, Maggie Kid, Mark Koenig, Elizabeth Kogler, Rudolph Koller, Ladislav Korcek, Waltaut Korcek, Robert Lockwood, Norma Macaluso, Andrew Marrussich, Renate Oelerking, Regina O'Leary, Asta Ondracek, Brian O'Reilly, Jordan Parra, Kuni Pinner, Deborah Plunkett, Nicole Rios, Margaret Saladino, Ernst Schmidberger, Don Simons, Hugo Stang, Maria Stang, Ingrid Stehle, Edward Stinson, Linda Szoldatits, Dr. Theresa Tretter, M.D., Anna Venditti, Paula Vogl, Shannon Walsh, Vincent Warner Jr., John Weigand, Maria Weigand, Eric Weltner, and Kathleen Williams.

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.

A SPECIAL "HELLO" TO MARION ULRICH

Marion Ulrich's daughter-in-law wrote in to send her a special hello. Marion has been a member for over 25 years and we miss seeing her at our events. Our prayers are with her and hope she is feeling better.

DONATIONS

Thank you Phyllis & Bob Colletti, Keith & Ingrid Franz and Paula Roberts for their donations to the playground fund.

THANK YOU FROM HEIDI UMLAND

I wish to sincerely thank everyone who sent beautiful flowers, baskets and get well wishes for my recent surgery. I was amazed at how many people said prayers for me. Thank you all!

THOUGHTS FOR ELECTION DAY

Submitted by
Norbert Dengler

What a difference
between our First
President's thinking
and our present-
day leaders. Which
would you say
Father Kolping
would endorse?



"It is impossible to govern rightly without God and the Bible."

— George Washington

2015 DUES

If you haven't paid your 2015 dues yet, please forward your payment to **Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548** Att: Jan Kessler

Family: \$105
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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.

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News & Notes



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for the St. Nicholas party sub-committee. If you are interested please email Lou Colletti: LCookie1129@aol.com

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Join us for our annual German Christmas Market on Saturday, November 14th, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Free Admission and Free Parking. Festivities include cash raffle prizes, traditional German foods, homemade desserts, live entertainment, St. Nikolaus. Many vendors will be on hand. Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, (off Columbus Avenue), Valhalla, NY. For More Information, please call 845-240-3227. Follow us on Face Book: Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester, NY or visit us at www.bavarianclubedelweiss.org.

DONATIONS NEEDED—KOLPING BROADCAST RADIO

Our New York Catholic Kolping Society is broadcasting Catholic Radio on 102.3FM in the Somers area. Running and maintaining a low powered FM radio station takes time, energy, and money. Any donor of \$50 or more, will have the opportunity to record a Fr. Kolping "Thought of the Week" to be broadcasted on the air! For more information, talk to Cecilia Portilla: cgdportilla@gmail.com or Katrina Dengler: kdengler67@hotmail.com. Mail Donations to: 165 E. 88th St New York, NY 10128, Attn: Radio.

DONATIONS NEEDED—PLAYGROUND AT KOH

The condition of the playground has deteriorated and will need to be replaced under the current federal regulations. To make your tax deductible donation, contact Heidi Umland or mail a check to Catholic Kolping Society, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

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).

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).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER 2015 INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: DIALOGUE —That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

FOR EVANGELIZATION: PASTORS—That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Pope Frances and the World Meeting of Families

Submitted by Christine Preisser / Philadelphia 2015

Bernie and I had the privilege of attending the Solemn Mass on September 27th celebrated by His Holiness, Pope Francis for The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. It was a cool and blustery day but plenty of sunshine greeted the Pope as he came to the area on the Benjamin Franklin parkway where the Mass was being held. Since its inception by Saint John Paul II in 1994, the World Meeting of Families has strengthened the sacred bonds of families across the globe. Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See, the World Meeting of Families is the world's largest Catholic gathering of families. Each World Meeting of Families has a theme that energizes and enlivens the event while adding great depth of meaning to our understanding of families. The theme of the World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia 2015 is *"Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive"* emphasizing the impact of love and life of families in our society. This theme should be familiar to us because it is always what Blessed Fr. Kolping believed and practiced. I also noted how His Holiness seemed particularly happy to bless the many children present and especially those with physical disabilities. The Mass was preceded by performances by folk groups connected to various parishes in the Philadelphia area, a special group of black singers from Georgia who were the decedents of slaves, a member of the Irish tenor group and a beautiful Irish soprano. At the end of Mass it was announced that the next world meeting of families would be held in Dublin Ireland in 2018. It was a great privilege to be present and to see the Holy Father. His very presence inspires all of us to greater love and devotion to our families and our Catholic faith.



Steuben Day Parade and After Party submitted by Lou Colletti

Kolping Parade Committee: Gerhard Schmitt, Donna Richardson and Jerry Ladenhauf

On Saturday, September 19, 2015 our Kolping Members, family & friends gathered to march. About 35 of us met on 67th Street. This year Kolping Society was in the 2nd Division, so we marched early. The weather was absolutely perfect! Some wore our Kolping colors and white & black. Of course we had on our orange & black sashes. German flags in hand as we marched proudly up 5th Avenue. A special thanks to Teddy Dengler, Jr. & Emily Specht for handing out our flyers during the parade, Gerhard Schmitt & Edward Specht for carrying our flags, and Karen & Sarah Baum, Karen Staub and Emily Specht for carrying the Kolping Banner.

Over 100 attended the After Party at Kolping House 88th Street. As always we had great food. We did the Masskrugstemmen—Beer Steins Holding Contest—one for the men and one for the women. Our winners were our undefeated champion, Carlos Reyes & Allison Lewis-Weigand. We danced to the great sounds of SCHA-MUSI. As always Freddie & Ron did a great job keeping us well entertained. For those who stayed until the end heard Freddie of Scha-Musi's beautiful & talented daughter Maria sing Edelweiss.

The party would not have been a success without the following who made that possible. Bernie Pressier & Katrina Dengler greeted our guests and sold tickets at the door. A big thanks to our chef & cooks, Kathy Weinborg, Alex Schmitt and our house manager Geovanny Ramirez. We also acknowledged and thanked Doris Petsche for all her years of cooking our meal on Steuben Day. Doris handed over her spoons this year to Kathy & Alex. Thanks to Jen Scheuermann & her sister Evelyn Ryzerski for baking the delicious plum cakes. Also a big thanks to the great ladies at KOH who pitted all the plums. Ted Dengler was kind enough to pick up the cakes up at KOH & deliver them to Kolping House on Saturday. Once again Jen ordered the great treat of pretzels & mustards from Germany. We thank Gerhard for getting the pretzels to Kolping. We thank Bob & Ann for picking up our keg of Spaten Oktoberfest Beer which everyone enjoyed. Our meal was served by Lisa Carruthers, Katrina Dengler, Cecelia Portilla & her daughter, Terese, and staff Miguel Ramirez & Dlladey Guerios. Stefan Schmitt sold our pretzels. Teddy Dengler, Jr. collected our meal tickets. Our bartenders, Gerhard Schmitt, Miguel Ramirez, and Dlladey Guerios moved the line fast and always with a smile. A very special thanks to our member, Karen Staub. She is our delegate at the Steuben Day Parade Committee. She attends the meetings and keeps us well informed all year long.

We thank our Management at Kolping House: Geovanny Ramirez, Kenny Rose & staff: Miguel, Maximo & Dlladey. They work hard and always have the ballroom set up, neat and clean. They ensure there's always enough food at the serving table, tables are reserved, and tickets & flyers get printed. We the Kolping Family can be proud that we have such fine employees!

Last but not least "Thanks" to our Board of Directors for approving to have air conditioning installed in the ballroom. To those who made it possible in a short amount of time. Our Manager, Geovanny, Gerhard Schmitt working long hours to install & Dooley Electric. Thanks to all who marched in the parade & attended the Kolping Party for helping to keep the tradition of Steuben Day at Kolping House!

Please mark your calendar—Steuben Day Parade 2016 is on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Steuben Day Photos

submitted by Lou Colletti, Charles Ruppmann, Alison Weigand & Jen Scheuermann



Plumcake Ladies: *Left photo:* Evelyn Ryzerski
Top photo: Christel Scheuermann, Gertrude Mohapp, Helmi Pinner, Doris Petsche and AnneMarie Urban



Schlachtfest at KOH submitted by Jen Scheuermann & Lou Colletti; photos by Charles Ruppmann & Jen Scheuermann

The weather was perfect for our 2nd Annual Schlachtfest on Sunday, September 27th, and after dinner our guests were able to sit outside and enjoy the patio and the beautiful Hudson River views! Just like last year, the event was sold out. Our wonderful five course meal was prepared by Chef Steve Brunner with assistance from Carlos Unique, Tracie Truncellito, Kathy Weinborg, and Jennifer Scheuermann. The dinner started with a prayer provided by Johanna McGreevey and led by Gerhard Schmitt. After the blessing, guests enjoyed an assortment of appetizers including Schnitzel fingers, liver pate, bratwurst and sauerkraut, Leberkäse sliders, fresh radish, and salted pretzel rolls. A light lemon sorbet martini was served after the appetizers to help cleanse the palate and to make way for the main course. For the main course, our guests enjoyed Schweinehaxen, gravy, braised red cabbage, and Spätzle. Decadent Black Forest cake and coffee rounded out the stellar menu.

We thank Steve Brunner and his entire team for the many hours of planning, hard work and preparation that went into making this event such a success! Thank you to our servers: Kelly Weinborg, Jaclyn Brunner, Fiona Reilly, and Kristen Szoldatits. We are very happy to have Schlachtfest back at Kolping-on-Hudson and hope that you all enjoyed the day and the food! The music provided by Don Simons and his group Men on the Hill was beautiful and enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

Special thanks to Richie Povolonis, Lou Colletti, Helmi Pinner, Wilma Endrich and Nicky Colletti for getting the event so nicely organized and for making the dining room look so festive! Christine Kern and Nicky Colletti were very busy serving up the drinks and we thank them for all their hard work. Even more special thanks to Cathy and Jim Reilly for volunteering to do the pots and pans, help with the dishwashing, and be an extra two pairs of hands in the kitchen to help keep things moving along—they really made the cleanup a snap!

Judy Mersits pitched in and did the 50/50. We had two prizes: 50% of the money & Kolping NY Centennial Stein. We collected \$356. Congratulations to Sharon Kurcz who was the winner of the raffle.

And we thank all of you, our guests, for making reservations and attending this event!



More Schlachtest Photos



Kolping-on-Hudson Closeout submitted by Jan Kessler; photos by Jen Scheuermann

Reservations filled up quickly for our last event of the season, and those that attended enjoyed a delicious shrimp cocktail, prime rib, baked potato and seasonal vegetables. A special thank you to our chefs Kathy Weinborg and Jennifer Scheuermann who out did themselves as they do all season long. As always our wonderful volunteers and staff Michael Scheuermann, Doris Petsche, Evelyn Ryzerkski, Lou Colletti, Gerry Ladenhauf, and Cathy & Jim Reilly worked so hard getting everything prepared, served and cleaned up and we appreciate all that they do. Thank you to our servers and staff that help out at all of the events during the season.

Many of the members and friends stopped by after dinner and the party continued late into the evening. We especially thank Andy Marrussich who was there with his guitar and music that we all enjoy so much. Gerhard Schmitt held a 50/50 raffle to benefit the Catholic Kolping Radio Project and the winners were Yvonne and Mike Beldotti who so generously donated their winnings back to the Radio Project.



Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Fund

submitted by Jan Kessler

Every year the Catholic Kolping Society gives scholarship money from the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Fund to 8 students from the St. Ignatius School located in Hunts Point Neighborhood of the Bronx.

On Tuesday October 13th at the Executive Board Meeting, President Katrina Dengler and all the board members welcomed graduate support director Lindsay Byron from St. Ignatius School and 8 students. The evening was special to the students as they each received a \$400 scholarship check to help them with education costs. The students who received the checks are Gerardo Arriaza, Arlette Mateo, Oscar Carrasco, Juan Garcia, Nayeli Lopez, Anthony Muentes, Orlando Cepeda and Eduardo Gomez. All the students had attended St. Ignatius Middle School and are now in grades 9 thru 12 at various high schools in NYC. Each student introduced themselves and provided personal information as to the high school they attend, grade level and what their educational interest are and colleges that they would like to attend. They all seem to have very strong goals and we wish them the best in their future endeavors. The Kolping staff made all the food preparations, ordered pizza and donuts for the occasion and the students were very grateful. We thank Anita Buchholz, Ken Rose, Geovanny Ramirez, Ray, Miquel and all the other staff members for organizing this very special event.

Thank you email from Lindsay Byron of the St. Ignatius School

"I wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful scholarship dinner. The students felt very honored and special (obviously the doughnuts were a huge hit!)."



Stories of Interest

The Richard Sorge Mystery

submitted by Martin A. Kelly



The greatest espionage coup of World War II was carried out by a German. But it didn't help the Germans, since he was spying for the other side.

Richard Sorge (1895-1944) was born in Prussia to mixed parentage. His father was German and his mother Russian.

The First World War broke out in 1914, and Sorge, barely 20 years old, was inducted into the Kaiser's Imperial Army. He was wounded and hospitalized, and while recuperating he fell under the influence of a left-leaning physician and nurse. Sorge regained his health and was discharged from the army, but his political views became Socialistic.

A man of great intelligence, he became a foreign correspondent for the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung and was stationed in Tokyo. This, however, was a cover for his real mission, which was as the Soviet master spy in the Japanese capital.

Relations between Russia and Japan were antagonistic: they both were expansionists. Japan desired to be imperialist like England and France; Russia, to be the totalitarian leader of the world workers. When Japan joined the Axis, along with Germany and Italy, Russia wanted to know

how Japan would react in case Germany invaded Russia. With close contacts in the German embassy, Sorge learned that Japan would not attack Russia but would attack American, British, and Dutch possessions in the Pacific. Of course it would neutralize the American navy first.

On June 23, 1941, Hitler attacked Russia and had high hopes he would route their armies. German forces reached Moscow, but their generals were dismayed that more and more Russian forces blocked their advance. These were the "Asiatic" armies which Sorge had assured Moscow were not needed against the Japanese.

This was the high point of Axis aggression. The war was not over: 3½ more years of hard fighting laid ahead, but the tide of battle had changed.

In 1942, Sorge was arrested after a tip from the peeved father-in-law of one of Sorge's Japanese agents aroused the suspicions of Japanese counter-intelligence. A network of over 50 spies including a high-ranking official were arrested, tried for treason, and executed.

Russia disclaimed knowing anything about Sorge, but twenty years later it posthumously awarded him its highest honors.

In retrospect a puzzle remains: if the Nazis placed so much faith in one's German ancestry as an index of loyalty, why was Sorge, who was half Russian, placed in such a highly sensitive position?



Plan now to enjoy the annual

Kolping Ski Trip

Friday-Sunday, March 11-13, 2016

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Kolping Christmas/ St. Nikolaus Day Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2015

It all begins with Fr. Richard Bretone celebrating mass at 10:30 and immediately after our new members ceremony will take place.

During the course of the day we will also be honoring all those that have reached their NY Catholic Kolping Society membership milestones: Peter Buchholz, Bud Gramer, Marion Ulrich and Christine Weltner will be honored for their 25 year membership. And we congratulate our 65 year member Norbert Dengler. We hope they will all be able to join us to celebrate this great honor.

Our NY Kolping Society members of the year will be announced and they will receive a distinguished service award plaque.

We are so pleased to know that Wolfgang Hahn and Giovanni will be cooking our holiday feast. They are planning a delicious menu of chicken with mushrooms, roasted pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, lots of vegetables, and the wurst salad that everyone looks forward to. There will be holiday cookies and cake for dessert, along with coffee and tea. The cost is \$16 per adult and \$8.00 per child under 12.

Plan a great holiday family event at the Kolping House and visit with your old friends, make new friends and enjoy lots of Christmas carols. St. Nick will be there with toys for children under 10. Traditional German holiday specialties including stollen, cookies and brandy beans will be available for purchase.

Please call or email your reservation to Jan Kessler at 914.462.7649 or jkessny@aol.com.

Be sure to let us know how many children under the age of 10 will be attending so that St. Nick has a special gift for them all.