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december

7 Mass & Christmas Party
Kolping 88th Street

19 January Bulletin
Last day to submit materials

25 Christmas
A centuries-old custom, the first Christmas tree was set up in Germany in the 17th century.

31 New Year's Eve
A German tradition of leaving a bit of every food on New Year's Eve until after midnight ensured surplus food for the year ahead.

january

1 New Year's Day
Eating pork and sauerkraut on New Year's day for good luck is another German tradition.

february

14 Valentine's Day
In Germany gifts in the shape of love tokens would be given with lovely messages. These were not just handed out on Valentine's Day but on any day.

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

December

Kolping 88th Street Christmas Party Sunday, December 7, 2008

We cordially invite all of you to our final event for 2008—our annual family Christmas party at the Kolping House on 88th Street.

The day will start with a 10:30 am Memorial Mass, celebrated by Father Richard Bretone at the Kolping House. A delicious dinner of pork roast and all the good trimmings, dessert, coffee will follow at a cost of \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years and under.

After dinner, the agenda will include honoring all our 50- and 25-year members for their loyal service to Kolping. Our anniversary celebrants are: Hilda Doyle and Leonard Valender (50 year members), and Gerard and Hannakore Farley, Walter and Ines Gross, Asta Ondracek, Gerhard Schmitt and Ann Venditti (25 year members).

Last, but not least, Santa will make his annual visit. The approximate time schedule is: 10:30am Mass; 12 noon Dinner; 1:00pm celebration of 25- and 50-year members; 1:30pm Santa's visit. Please join us for this happy celebration!



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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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 call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Ines Gross has shared with us the sad news that **Utz Schwarte**, beloved father of Patrick Schwarte and Susan Rotondo, passed away on October 28 after a long illness. He was 68.

Please keep **Karen Byrnes** in your prayers. She is home from the hospital and doing well but she still has some hills to climb. We want her to know we send her our thoughts and best wishes.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

Judith Breining, Michael Cunningham, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Ernst Endrich, Lisa Farsang, Kathleen Fuchek, Walter Gross, Lily Gruno, Sal Hierspiel, Patricia Kummer, Irene Leili, Jocelyn Maas, Stefan Manz, Amanda Mersits, Peter Mersits, James Minarik, Edward Monks, Lindsay Moraitis, Thomas O'Gorman, Sabrina Ostroff, Jenny Rea, Andrew Reitter, Charles Roberts, Wilfriede Roessler, Carol Rohrbacher, John Rung, Erik Severin, Thomas Silvestri, Jr., Charles Smith, Hertha Stang, Diane Tangen, Kenneth Tunkel, Niklas Umland, Christopher Vanzo, Alfred E. Vogl, Jr., Debra Weigand, and Michael Weinborg.

SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Our very important member, **Ernst Endrich**, is celebrating a special birthday this month. He can be seen all over the Kolping house on 88th Street where he is wearing his "Manager" hat. He can be seen all over KOH where he is wearing his "Pool Manager" hat. Ernst has been the loyalist of Kolping members who never says no when called on to help. We wish him 70 more years of good health and happiness and 70 more years of a clean pool!

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 Ann Horan at annth@optonline.net.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Al Sartorius sent in the wonderful news that congratulations are due to **Joseph and Maria Baumgarten**, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in November. They took a cruise through the Greek Islands to celebrate their special anniversary.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to **Maria Reuber** for her generous donation to KOH.

Thanks for your continued generosity by returning your chances for the National Endowment Fund and the Joe Sartorius Fund, especially those who gave a little extra in their chances: Rita Berge, Heide Bruegger, Anton Dengler, Anna Fitzgerald, Muriel Fullam, William Grimm, Margaret Kiec, Irene Leili, Lia Portilla, Bernie Preisser, Gerhard Resmaier, Maria Reuber, and Albert Sartorius. We have collected \$985 to date.

Thanks to **Heather and Anton Dengler** for their donation through the I Do Foundation. They selected Kolping as their charity to receive funds as part of their wedding planning and wedding day. Who knew you could even do this neat thing? Thanks for remembering Kolping.

Thanks to **Janet Mahoney**, daughter of Hilda and Ludwig Menges, for her donation to the KOH Journal.

2008 DUES

Please send in your dues as soon as possible. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Family: \$105
Individual: \$90
Student: \$40

Please make check payable to:
The Catholic Kolping Society.

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society,
Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th
St., New York, NY 10128 and mark
"Dues" in the left-hand corner.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Disney Condo For Rent. Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney's Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Visit our web site at www.bestdisneycondo.com or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Resmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2008

Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

Culture of Life. That, faced with the growing expansion of the culture of violence and death, the Church may courageously promote the culture of life through all her apostolic and missionary activities.

Fraternal Witness. That, especially in mission countries, Christians may show through gestures of kindness that the Child born in Bethlehem is the Hope of the world.

News & Notes

KOLPING-ON-HUDSON WORK DAY

On November 8th we had a work day at KOH. Members were asked to come up and do some "Paul Bunyan" work in the woods. It was a real rainy, damp day, the kind of day you would want to stay inside and be cozy. We were fortunate to have some very hearty men who worked hard and got the job done. Our thanks to Albert Buchholz, Peter Mersits, Joe Szoldatits (and Stephen), Gerhard Schmitt, Bob Hemsing, and our helper Fernando who risked the elements and answered our call to help.

2008 ADVENT PROJECT

Our Advent Project this year is to sponsor the Social Outreach of St. Matthias Church in Ridgewood, Queens. They have an Outreach Ministry to the homeless and provide hot meals for 40 people Monday through Friday. Additionally, they have a Food Pantry and distribute over 1,000 packages of food each year.

Not limited to the hot lunch program and food pantry, St. Matthias provides the following community services:

Homebound: 15-20 homebound are visited each week, telephone reassurance is provided and transportation every third Sunday to mass

Nursing Home Visitation: A team of 12 volunteers visits former parishioners in local nursing homes

Consolation Ministry: A letter is mailed to every parishioner who has lost a loved one with a listing of local bereavement groups. A Consolation Team assists families through the wake and burial process.

The current economy is putting a strain on their ability to provide for those Jesus described as the least among us. Please send your check to Ann Horan at the Kolping House 88th Street, and she will send our donations in one check.

CONVENTION REPORT FROM BROOKLYN KOLPING (Evelyn H. Blatz)

On August 28th, Brooklyn Kolping members drove in two cars to Philadelphia. Among them was Anne Novotny, who was to receive this year's Distinguished Service Award at the brunch on Sunday. After signing in, we gathered for a hospitality evening, renewing old friendships from previous conventions. After Mass concluded the next morning, the serious business began with the elections. Walter Amrein was re-elected as National President, former National President Bernie Preisser was elected Vice-President, and the other officers remained almost the same—we exchanged Ted Tegankamp for his wife Mary, as trustee.

Walter spoke about our Lenten projects. He brought photos from the church and school he had visited in Mississippi, where we donated \$27,000 over 2 years.

A proposal to establish the National Office in the New York Kolping House on 88th St. was passed. A ground floor space will be renovated and updated using some of the money from the Renaissance Fund.

The summary of some reports given follows: The 12 Kolping societies in the USA now have a total of 1,902 members. We were asked to make a real effort to attract new members. Internationally, Kolping was in 14 countries in 1968, and currently it is a presence in 61 countries, with a membership of over a half million people.

On Sunday morning we walked to St. Mary's church. After Mass we returned to the hotel for brunch, speeches and awards. The rest of Sunday was spent sightseeing and visiting. Monday morning began with Mass, a short meeting by the National Board and an early departure for home. It was a very happy time to feel a part of a larger group, and to see that our efforts here in the Brooklyn Kolping are connected to something bigger than just our own center.

Kolping on Concourse Communion Brunch by Ann Horan

Thanks to our 30 members who attended the Mass and brunch at KOC. Jorge Paris our manager had the house looking spotless inside and out. He arranged a great meal with plenty of food for all. Father Bretone said Mass in the chapel. It is such a nice feeling to be together in the beautiful atmosphere of the chapel. After Mass Larry Dengler read a wonderful eulogy for Msgr. James Murray who was a past praeses of our society. Larry thought up this idea and we hope he will continue it for our future Memorial Masses. It is a great way for our newer members who don't remember Msgr. Murray to learn about him and some of the history of Kolping surrounding his time as praeses. Our thanks to Larry for taking the time to write this inspiring account (see following page).



Communion Brunch Eulogy by Larry Dengler

Monsignor James J. Murray, the former Praeses of our Kolping Society here in New York, died on October 22, 2002 in Manhattan. He was our Praeses from 1983 until 1988, when his work as executive director of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York no longer allowed him to continue his close, personal and hardworking style as our spiritual and corporate leader.

Monsignor Murray became our Praeses during the time when our Kolping family here in the Bronx was growing in numbers and responsibility. We had already undertaken the operation of the former Susan Devin Residence, now called Kolping on the Concourse. There were growing pains, and Monsignor Murray with his wise counsel and outstanding knowledge of Archdiocesan procedures, was able to steer our Kolping family on a safe and prosperous course. It was his initiative to achieve official recognition of our Society as one of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. It was his close personal attention to our programs and policies that enabled our Kolping family to meet the secular challenges of our times. He spoke to us, individually and as a Kolping family, to help us see Jesus in everyone we dealt with. And it was his earnest and careful spiritual guidance, as fatherly as Blessed Adolph Kolping himself must have been, that has sent us further along on our way in the world, confident in our faith and courageous in knowing what we must do.

Monsignor Murray was born in Manhattan, the second of six children. World War II came when he was still a teenager. He answered the call to the colors and served as a soldier in the Army in Europe. After the war, he went back to his studies and received both a bachelor of arts degree and a doctorate in law, both from Fordham University.

For a while, he worked as a lawyer for the New York State Crime Commission. He then turned his attention to what he had felt all along to be his true vocation, and began his studies for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. At the same time he continued doing some legal work but also studied to receive a masters degree in social work, again from Fordham University.

Monsignor Murray was ordained by Francis Cardinal Spellman in 1956. He did pastoral work at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Manhattan, and had other assignments. Then in 1969 Monsignor Murray was selected to be secretary to Terence Cardinal Cooke and in 1973 became executive director of Catholic Charities. He not only continued the traditional work of Catholic Charities, feeding the underfed, sheltering the homeless, aiding the sick, disabled and vulnerable but expanded its work to include helping the refugees, the elderly and those with drug problems. He also found time, under John Cardinal O'Connor, to head security planning for the visit of Pope John Paul II to the Archdiocese. When Monsignor Murray died, he was directing pastoral care at Mary Manning Walsh Home. For many years, he had been president of its governing board.

We, however, remember Monsignor Murray as our Praeses, who is both our spiritual leader and our practical advisor in the sometimes mundane work of our Kolping family.

We have been privileged to receive the worldly and spiritual guidance of this fatherly and saintly priest, Monsignor James J. Murray. May God have mercy on his soul, and may his spirit continue to help and guide us in the difficult days to come.

Merry Christmas from the Armed Forces *(submitted by Jack McGee, courtesy Cincinnati Bulletin)*

The embers glowed softly and in their dim light, I gazed round the room & cherished the sight. My wife was asleep, her head on my chest, my daughter beside me, angelic in rest. Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white, transforming the yard to a winter delight. The sparkling lights in the tree I believe, completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.

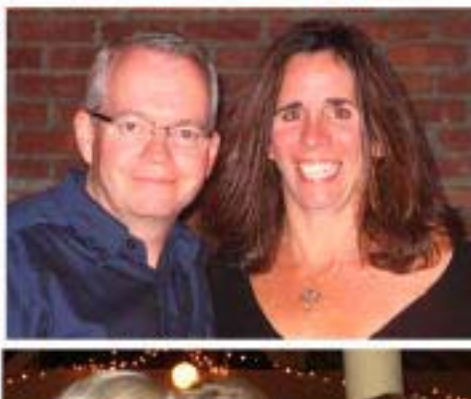
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep, secure & surrounded by love I would sleep. In perfect contentment, or so it would seem, as I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream. The sound wasn't loud, it wasn't too near, But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear. Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, then the sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow. My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear, I crept to the door to see who was near. Standing out in the cold and dark of the night, a lone figure stood, his face weary & tight.

A soldier I puzzled, some twenty years old, perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold. Alone in the dark, he looked up & smiled, standing watch over me, my wife & my child. "What are you doing?" I asked without fear, "Come in this moment it's freezing out here! Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve, you should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"

For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift, away from the cold & snow blown in drifts, to the window that danced with a warm fire's light, then he sighed & said, "its really all right. I'm out here by choice, I'm here every night. It's my duty to stand at the front of the line that separates you from the darkest of times. No one had to ask or beg or implore. I'm proud to stand here like my father before, my Gramps died at "Pearl on a day in December". Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas Gram always remembers." My dad stood his watch in the jungles of 'Nam'. Now it is my turn and so here I am. I've not seen my son in more than a while, But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile. Then he bent & pulled from his bag, the red, white & blue, an American flag. I can live through the cold and being alone, away from my family, my house & my home. I can stand at my post through the rain & sleet, I can Sleep in a foxhole with little to eat. I can carry the weight of killing another or lay down my life with my sister & brother. Who stand at the front against any & all, to ensure for all time this flag will not fall." "So go back inside" he said, "harbor no fright, your family is waiting, I'll be all right."

But isn't there something I can do at the least, give you money I asked or prepare you a feast? It seems too little for all you've done, for being away from your wife & son. Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret, just tell us you love us and never forget. To fight for our rights back home while we're gone, to stand your own watch, no matter how long. For when we come home, either standing or dead. To know you remember we fought & we bled is payment enough and with that we will trust that we mattered to you as you mattered to us.
—LCDR Jeff Giles, SC, USN, 30th Naval Construction Regiment OIC, Logistics Cell One, Al Taqqadum, Iraq

Photo Gallery: KOH Closeout Party photos by Robert Jaki



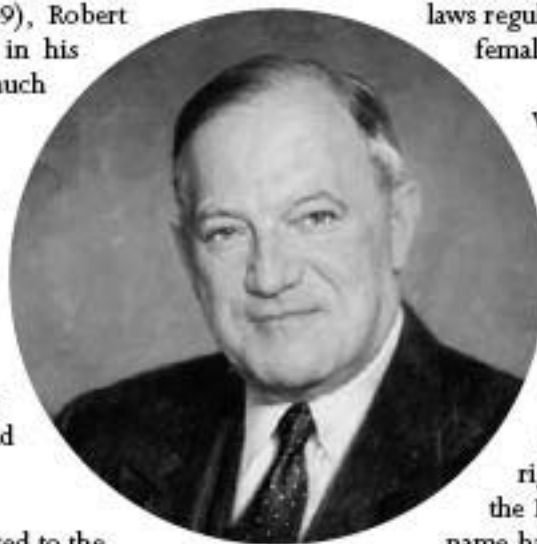
Stories of Interest

Robert Ferdinand Wagner (1877-1953) submitted by Martin A. Kelly

U.S. Senator from New York (1926-1949), Robert Wagner had two traumatic experiences in his young life that convinced him there was much to be done to improve American life.

The first was the decision of his parents to return to Germany after enduring a "decade of poverty" here. The Wagners migrated from Nastätten, in Hesse in 1885 with their 8 year old son, Robert; but, discouraged, sought repatriation. Young Robert, however, chose to stay here. He worked his way through City College and eventually became an attorney.

Sensitive to public needs, Wagner was elected to the New York State Legislature, representing Yorkville. In 1911, it was his duty, along with the future Governor, Al Smith to investigate the tragic Triangle Shirt Waist Company's fire that killed 147 persons, most of them immigrant girls. The lack of safety measures, they found, were appalling. They sponsored the New York State Code on Safety Regulations,



laws regulating sweat shops and the limits on female and child labor.

Wagner served 6 years (1918-1926) as a Justice on the New York State Supreme Court; then, he was elected to the U.S. Senate—a post he held for 23 years. It was in this post that he made his most lasting contributions to public welfare in either sponsoring or supporting the Social Security Act, the Wagner Act which defined labor rights, unfair practices and established the National Labor Relations Board. His name has been conferred on schools, highways and housing facilities in recognition of his service to mankind.

He married Margaret McTegue in 1908; she died in 1919. They had one son, Robert Wagner, Jr., who became mayor of New York City (1954-1965).

WORDS WORTH NOTING

He that does good for good's sake seeks neither paradise nor reward, but he is sure of both in the end. —William Penn

The Past always looks better than it was; it's only pleasant because it isn't here. —Finley Peter Dunne

You can best reward a liar by believing nothing of what he says. —Aristippus

A successful marriage is an edifice that must be rebuilt every day. —Andre Maurois

The interesting and inspiring thing about America is that she asks nothing for herself except what she had a right to ask for humanity itself. —Woodrow Wilson

The Church is the only place where someone speaks to me and I do not have to answer back. —Charles de Gaulle

Those who believe are never alone—neither in life nor in death. At that moment, we could call upon the Saints from every age. —Pope Benedict XVI

In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. —John Adams

The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science. —Albert Einstein

I am a man of hope, not for human reasons, nor from any natural optimism, but because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world, even when his name remains unheard. —Cardinal Suenens

What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



FOCAL POINT GALLERY PRESENTS "ARTIST'S CHOICE"

A group show of local artists, featuring photography by Kolping member Kevin Heckman. Opening reception on Friday, December 5 from 7pm to 10pm. 321 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY. 718-885-1403.

THE METROPOLITAN OPERA

Evenings at 8 pm. Saturday afternoon matinees at 1 pm, unless noted.

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| Don Giovanni (I) | Dec. 1, 5, 9, 13, 19 |
| Tristan and Isolde (G) | Dec. 2, 12, 16, 20 all at 7pm. Dec. 6 at 12 noon |
| The Queen of Spades (R) | Dec. 3, 6, 10, 13 (matinee at 12:30) |
| The Damnation of Faust (F) | Dec. 4 |
| Thais (F) | Dec. 8, 11, 17, 20 (12 noon), 23, 27, 30 |
| La Boheme (I) | Dec. 15, 18, 22, 26, 29 |
| The Magic Flute (E) | A special holiday abridged version of Mozart's lengthy opera, sung in English and created just for children. December 22, 27, 30 and 31 at 1 p.m. |

Call 212-362-6000 to confirm times and/or information. From Monday to Thursday the Met has a special sale of tickets valued at \$175 for sale at \$20. These 150 tickets go on sale beginning at 6 pm. The ticket line forms downstairs by the gift shop. If interested, get there very early!

SENIOR CITIZEN SPECIAL: 50 Orchestra seats will be available from Monday to Thursday evenings for Seniors 65 and older. Tickets may be obtained by calling 212-362-6000 after 12 noon or online at metopera.org.

THE MET OPERA ON RADIO (WQXR 96.3 FM) Saturdays at 1pm.

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| Tristan and Isolde (Wagner) | Dec. 6 |
| The Queen of Spades (Tchaikovsky) | Dec. 13 |
| Thais (Massenet) | Dec. 20 |
| The Magic Flute (Mozart) | Dec. 27 |

OPERA ON FILM

AT SYMPHONY SPACE, 95th Street and Broadway. Tickets \$21.
Two performances of Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel" on December 21 at 3 pm and December 28 at 6 pm. Filmed at the Glyndebourne Festival.

ON BROADWAY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Big Apple Circus. Tickets online at BigAppleCircus.org or call 888-541-3750. Through December 30.
Wintuk. From Cirque Du Soleil, at Madison Square Garden until January 4.
The Nutcracker. At Lincoln Center through January 3rd. Tickets from \$15 at select performances.
White Christmas. At the Marquis Theater, 1535 Broadway between 45th and 46th Street, through January 14th.

At the Churches

GERMAN MASS

St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 East 87th St. Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Nartey at 212-289-6030.

MUSIC AT THE CHURCHES

St. Thomas Church, 53rd St. and 5th Ave. Tuesday and Thursday, December 9 and 11 at 7:30 pm. Tickets for sale at door. \$95, \$75, \$45, \$35 (seniors and students). Handel's "Messiah".

Thursday, December 18 from 6:30 to 7:30, Benjamin Britton's "Ceremony of Carols", as well as various Medieval and modern carols. Tickets \$40, open seating.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 65th St. and Central Park West. Good will offering. December 7, 14, 21, and 28. Sundays at 5 pm. Bach Cantatas and organ concert.

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 980 Park Avenue. Sundays, December 14 and 21. Special Holiday Christmas Concerts, both at 4 pm. Ticket \$45, \$35 and \$25 (seniors and students). For information call 212-288-2520 or online at www.smssconcerts.org.

St. Bartholomew's Church, 50th Street and Park Ave. No tickets needed. Weekly concerts every Wednesday during December at 1:15 pm. Concerts are planned for about one hour and with holiday Christmas themes.

ZION ST. MARK'S CHURCH

GERMAN FILM CLUB 339 East 84th St.

DER PRIESTER UND DAS MAEDCHEN

A young country priest counsels a girl after a serious skiing accident. Friendship turns to love. The priest is now confronted with a decision. Doors open at 2:30pm for coffee and cake. All films in German—no subtitles. Contribution: \$5.

More News and Notes by Jack McGee

The Museum of the City of New York
Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street
\$9 (Seniors/students: \$5; children under 12: free)

"Catholics in New York, 1808-1946"

For the first time in the history of New York, an exhibit is developed and dedicated to city residents, introducing the Roman Catholic Church from its founding in 1808 and its expansion to 1946. The exhibit needs our support.

Presenting some 400 objects and images, the exhibit includes political banners, parochial school report cards, yearbooks going back to the 19th century, vestments through the ages, trophies, medals, holy cards, etc. And there are more than 100 family photos, as well as stories, histories and more in audio and visual technology presented for the exhibition.

Much effort went into planning this exhibit, from the Archdiocese of New York under Cardinal Egan, as well as Bishop Dimarco of the diocese of Brooklyn. Exhibition days are Tuesday through Sunday from 10am to 5pm. On Sundays from 10am to 12 noon, admission is free to all.

Wednesday, December 31 is the final day to view "Catholics in New York" to see how we started, survived bigotry, success as well as failure, taking over projects from the city and state and concluding with 1946. Be sure to add this to your list of "things to do in New York City" this holiday season!

ZION ST. MARK'S CHURCH

339 East 84th Street
(between 2nd and 1st Avenues), Manhattan

GERMAN CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 11am to 4pm. There will be German Lebkuchen, cookies, Christstollen, Christmas ornaments and much much more! Enjoy German Gluehwein, coffee, Christstollen, and Christmas spirit.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 2pm to 4pm. Enjoy our beautifully decorated parish hall, Christmas platters with traditional Stollen, fruit, nuts and other Christmas goodies, coffee, tea. A fun raffle awaits the lucky winners. We will play Christmas music and sing familiar German and American Christmas songs. Contribution: \$10.

December Films by Jack McGee

- Cadillac Records.** A history of the pioneering Chicago rhythm and blues labels.
Frost/Nixon. A dramatic retelling of the post-Watergate television interviews between British talk-show host David Frost and former president Richard Nixon.
Punisher: War Zone. After hunting down and killing hundreds of violent criminals, Frank Castle, aka The Punisher, faces his most deadly foe yet: Jigsaw.
Timecrimes. A science fiction tale from Spain.
Wendy and Lucy. A young woman on her way to Alaska for a new life, with only her dog companion.
Herbert. A comedy where a man from India claims to communicate with the dead.
Guerrilla. In 1964, Argentine revolutionary Ernesto 'Che' Guevara travels to New York City to address the United Nations.
Dark Streets. Murder and music in this tale of the 1930s.
The Day the Earth Stood Still. Keanu Reeves as the visitor from another planet.
Delgo. Animated with the voices of Freddie Prinze Jr. and others in this ancient fairy tale.
Doubt. A Catholic nun begins to worry about a priest.
From the Broadway play.
Fado. A Spanish film studying the "Fado", the music of Portugal.
In the City of Sylvia. From Spain. Artist searches for his perfect model for six years.
Nothing Like the Holidays. A nutty family celebrate the Christmas holiday.
The Reader. A German teenager falls in love with a guard from Auschwitz.
What Doesn't Kill You. From petty thievery to organized crime. The story of two teenagers.
While She Was Out. A woman gets into an argument with two punks. Complications ensue.
Gran Torino. Clint Eastwood sets out to reform his neighbor who tried to steal his prized possession: his 1972 Gran Torino.
The Wrestler. A comeback film for the actor Mickey Rourke.
The Brothers Bloom. A tale of two con artists and a screwball heiress.
Nothing But the Truth. Journalist goes to jail rather than reveal her source of information.
Seven Pounds. An I.R.S. agent in search of redemption. But there's a catch. All seven.
The Tale of Despereaux. Two animated rodents on a quest to revive a fairy tale kingdom.
Yes Man. Jim Carrey is back. He tries to say "yes" to everything for one year.
The Secret of the Grain. From France. A dock worker for 35 years quits to open a restaurant.
Theater of War. A documentary analyzing the play "Mother Courage".
Bedtime Stories. Adam Sandler's bedtime stories start to come true.
The Class. An award winner from France. A teacher trying to teach toughs.
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. Brad Pitt ages in reverse, and falls in love.
Hurricane Season. Isaiah Washington coaches a basketball team of "ruffs and tuffs".
Marley and Me. The story of a lovable dog.
The Spirit. A comic book rookie cop returns from the dead, to protect those he loves.
Last Chance Harvey. Dustin Hoffman, about to lose his job, meets an English woman.
Revolutionary Road. Wife imagines going to Paris, away from husband who is a drunk.
Valkyrie. Tom Cruise as a German colonel against Hitler during WWII.
Defiance. Three brothers go underground to fight the Nazis.
Good. Viggo Mortensen—a novel on euthanasia—Nazi propoganda during the 1930s.

Parents are advised to check the film classifications of films that the family members will attend beforehand. For reviews, call 1-800-311-4222 or on line www.usccb.org (The Catholic Communication Campaign) for a moral evaluation. A-1, A-11, A-111, A-1V and O

Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

2009 Krewitt Scholarship Theme:

"What would you like to see as your vision of Kolping USA in the future?"

Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Mail application*, proof of enrollment, and essay in triplicate by February 28, 2009.
Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

* Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at www.Kolping.org. Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name: _____
Last First Initial

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Phone: ____-____
Month Date Year Area Code Number

Name of School: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Major/Minor Program of Study: _____/_____

Year (Check One): ____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ 2-year program

Name of Kolping Member (*Print Clearly*): _____

Relationship to Student: _____ Kolping Family Branch: _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by February 28, 2009 to:

Catholic Kolping Society of America
c/o Patricia Farkas, 1223 Van Houten Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013