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note the date

january

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**
On this holy day of obligation, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation.
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany**
Celebrates the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and also remembers his baptism.
- 7 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 22 February Bulletin**
Last day to submit material

february

- 11 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

march

- 2 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 5 Ash Wednesday**
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.
- 7-9 Kolping Ski Trip**
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 18 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

January

Join Us At Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

Please save the date—the weekend of **March 7-9**, and join us for our annual Kolping Ski Trip to Mount Snow, Vermont. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening. For more details, see the flyer in this Bulletin.



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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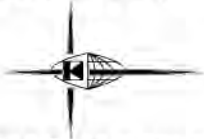
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Milestones & Passages



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.

We're happy to see **Peter Bruegger** back on his feet after an emergency appendectomy on Dec. 6th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Maura Bellet, Pierre Bellett, Johanna Brandt, Jean Breining, Thomas Breitschwerd, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Timothy Carey, Gavin Crilly, Michael Crowley, Patricia Cudahy, Julie Davis, Samara Davis, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Barbara Fraleigh, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, Marianne Gribbon, Paula Harney, Rev. Donald Hendricks, Robert

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SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Johanna Brandt, Jean Breining, Robert Hersam and Gerda Steinke.**

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.

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Dear Members of the Kolping Society,

Thank you so much for your prayers during this difficult time for my sisters, brother and me. My Mother was a great holy woman. She leaves a deep emptiness in our lives, however she is at peace and will be a great intercessor for us. Her prayers will now have so much power as she prays for us from her place in Heaven.

May The Lord bless and reward your kindness.

With Love & Prayers,
Fr. Richard

Dear Mr. Hemsing,

On behalf of all of our students, families, and staff, I want to thank you for the generous gifts totaling \$2,250. Your gifts will be used to offset high school tuition costs for our students, all graduates of Saint Ignatius School and Nativity Mission Center. While New York Nativity is able to arrange financial assistance at Catholic high schools in the New York City area, the cost of private education is high, and families struggle to offset the remaining balance. With your outstanding and loyal support, nine of our students will be able to get the education they need and deserve, while receiving continued support from New York Nativity to keep them focused and motivated.

Proof that your valued investment yields results: this year, 100% of our graduates were accepted in to private or Catholic high schools; 100% of our alumni will have graduated high school (vs. 40% in the Hunts Point public school district); and 75% of those graduates will be attending college.

Your gift demonstrates that you are what every New York Nativity student and graduate aspires to be: "mena dn women for others." Our students, family and staff join me in expressing our deepest gratitude for your support and prayers.

Sincerely,
Eavan O'Driscoll, *President, New York Nativity*

2014 DUES

By now all members should have received their dues letter and calendar for 2014. The good news is that the dues remain the same as last year:

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

Student: \$40

50-year members:
paid up forever!

After April 1: \$5 additional

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 new 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.

Please make check payable to:
The Catholic Kolping Society.

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

Thank you to all of the volunteers that keep an eye out and work at KOH all through the year—to name a few, Joe Szoldatits, Richie Povilonis, Jerry Fullam, Chuck Smith, Albert Buchholz, Bob Hemsing and Mike Weinborg. We appreciate your help very much!

Classified Ads

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 Reslmaier, 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.



KOLPING IS ON FACEBOOK

Members can use this as another way to get the latest updates.

News & Notes

GO PAPERLESS!!!

In an effort to save money and save some trees, we are offering to send you your monthly bulletin **via email**. To do this you must request it—send your email address to our new secretary, Jan Kessler. Tell her you want to save Kolping some money and you want to save a tree.

Jan's email address is jkessny@aol.com and phone number is 914-462-7649.

NATIONAL RAFFLE

The winners of the National raffle that was drawn at our New York Christmas Party on December 8th, are:

\$1,500 – Fred Zaitz from Los Angeles Kolping

\$1,000 – Otger Kappen from Cincinnati Kolping

\$ 500 – Edna Leonard from San Francisco Kolping

Congratulations to all.

ADVENT PROJECT:

The Board of Directors has chosen '**STEPS**' to End Family Violence, part of the Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families for our advent project.

<http://www.egscf.org/services/steps/>

It is a non-profit organization founded by Sr. Mary Nerney that provides services for victims of domestic violence and their children, including abuse prevention services, counseling, crisis intervention, and legal services, addressing the needs of the whole family. Since domestic violence tears apart the fabric of the family, and a repercussion is that the grown up children struggle to create stable families themselves, this organization helps stabilize families at risk. Kolping ideals are based on religion, family and education/work. This program which supports the family fits right in with our ideals. Their mission statement states "...to reach directly the needy children of the present generation and contribute to their health, physical, and educational development until they can be returned to a proper home environment or can be self-supporting..."

Won't you help us support this very worthy cause? Send your check, no matter how big or small to Kolping-On-Hudson, Att. Jan Kessler, 95 Montrose Point Rd, Montrose, NY 10548. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Kolping Society.

Sr. Mary Nerney, the founder of STEPS, recently diagnosed with cancer, passed away in early December. Please also pray for her soul.

We are off to a good start with donations to this Advent Project. Thank you to Katrina Dengler, Bernie & Christine Preisser, Margaret Cirincione and Barbara Grimm. Also thank you to all of you who participated in the 50/50 at our Christmas Party – a total of \$232 was collected—\$116 went to the winner (Gerhard Zoller's granddaughter) and \$116 is going towards this Advent Project.

GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2014 INTENTIONS

UNIVERSAL: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

FOR EVANGELIZATION: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

More News & Notes

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE KOLPING HOUSE ON 88TH STREET

On May 17, 2014, the members of the Kolping Society will be celebrating 100 years of Kolping House on 88th Street.

The committee involved in hosting this event is working hard to make it a joyful and memorable day. Cardinal Dolan will be our honorable guest. More details to follow in the February Kolping Bulletin.

If any member would like to join in the preparation for this event, please call Albert Sartorius at 516-906-6030. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 7 at 6pm at the Kolping House (165 East 88th Street, New York, NY).



SAYING GOODBYE TO ONE OF KOLPING'S BEST SECRETARIES: MURIEL FULLAM

Muriel...we thank you for everything you've done for Kolping, and I thank you for all of your work on the Bulletin over the past few years. We wish you the best and hope you get to enjoy your semi-retirement!

CORRECTION—KOLPING-ON-CONCOURSE LUNCHEON

In the last Bulletin, we included an article about the luncheon, and mentioned that lunch was served by Chef Carlos. Actually his name is Jose Lopez, and he's been there about 30 years. He took the mistake in good humor. Jose is such a loyal long-time employee, not to mention a wonderful cook. We thank him for the delicious meal!

SAINT OF THE DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013 *Submitted by Kathryn Grace Cooper, via Katrina Dengler*

Blessed Adolph Kolping (1813-1865)

The rise of the factory system in 19th-century Germany brought many single men into cities where they faced new challenges to their faith. Father Adolph Kolping began a ministry to them, hoping that they would not be lost to the Catholic faith, as was happening to workers elsewhere in industrialized Europe. Born in the village of Kerpen, Adolph became a shoemaker at an early age because of his family's economic situation. Ordained in 1845, he ministered to young workers in Cologne, establishing a choir, which by 1849 had grown into the Young Workmen's Society. A branch of this began in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1856. Nine years later there were over 400 Gesellenvereine (workman's societies) around the world. Today this group has over 450,000 members in 54 countries across the globe.

More commonly called the Kolping Society, it emphasizes the sanctification of family life and the dignity of labor. Father Kolping worked to improve conditions for workers and greatly assisted those in need. He and St. John Bosco in Turin had similar interests in working with young men in big cities. He told his followers, "The needs of the times will teach you what to do. Father Kolping once said, "The first thing that a person finds in life and the last to which he holds out his hand, and the most precious that he possesses, even if he does not realize it, is family life."

He and Blessed John Duns Scotus are buried in Cologne's Minoritenkirche, originally served by the Conventual Franciscans. The Kolping Society's international headquarters are across from this church.

Kolping members journeyed to Rome from Europe, America, Africa, Asia and Oceania for Father Kolping's beatification in 1991, the 100th anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's revolutionary encyclical *Rerum Novarum* (On the Social Order). Father Kolping's personal witness and apostolate helped prepare for that encyclical.

COMMENT: Some people thought that Father Kolping was wasting his time and talents on young working men in industrialized cities. In some countries, the Catholic Church was seen by many workers as the ally of owners and the enemy of workers. Men like Adolph Kolping showed that was not true.

QUOTE: "Adolph Kolping gathered skilled workers and factory laborers together. Thus he overcame their isolation and defeatism. A faith society gave them the strength to go out into their everyday lives as Christ's witnesses before God and the world. To come together, to become strengthened in the assembly, and thus to scatter again is and still remains our duty today. We are not Christians for ourselves alone, but always for others too" (Blessed John Paul II, beatification homily).

Kolping Christmas/St. Nikolaus Party

submitted by Muriel Fullam ~~~ photos submitted by Muriel Fullam, Dagmar Simons, Robert Cangiano and John Noonan

On December 8th, the second Sunday in Advent we had Mass and annual Christmas Party at Kolping House on 88th Street. First we had a beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr. Richard. The Mass was said for the children of all Kolping members. Thank you to Fr. Richard and to Don Simons and his accordion for this nice start to the day. After Mass, two new families were welcomed into our Kolping Family—they are Sal & Kathy Americo and Joe & Marie Considine and their four children. We are so pleased and happy that they could join us in membership and at the Christmas Mass and party.

Our usual chef Wolfgang Hahn was not able to cook this year due to hip replacement surgery—so his protégé and Kolping House's all around man—Giovanni Alberto prepared the meal. His pork as well as the chicken, red cabbage, a melody of carrots and celery, spaetzle, and salad were delicious. The room—decorated by Giovanni & his brother, Miguel—looked spectacular. The 88th Street Staff—Gilbert, Miguel, Ken and Ray—did a great job of getting the food to the second floor while it was hot, setting up extra tables, making drinks and generally keeping everyone happy. Thank you to Lou Colletti, Donna Richardson, Jenna Richardson, Emily Weinborg for serving the food. Wilma Endrich is our Christmas angel. Besides being a 25 year member, she does all the behind the scenes preparation for the meal. She remembers everything and writes notes to remind everyone. She ordered the stolen, cookies, and candies that were sold at the party. Thank you to Jerry Fullam & Christina Lovasz for working at the “goodies” table.

Our Person of the Year awards went to Christina Lovasz. Thank you Christina for all that you do for Kolping NY.

Our 50+ year members welcomed a two new people into their exclusive group—Karl Buckel and Gerhard Zoeller! Karl could not make the party but Gerhard made up for it with his party of eight people.

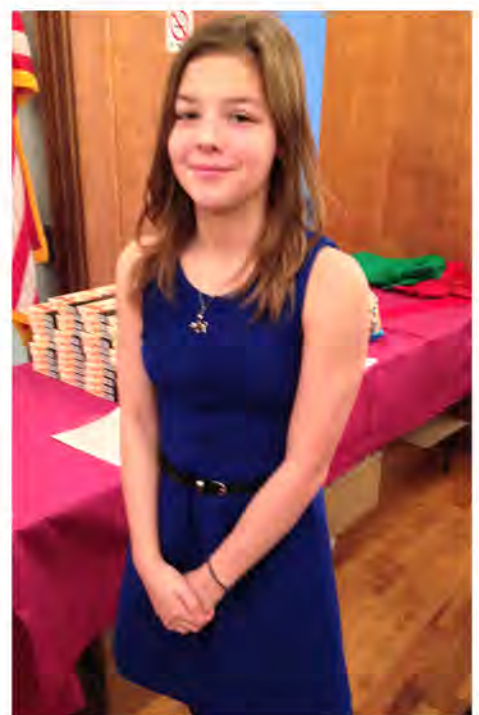
Heidi Bruegger, Robert & Carol Dowgiallo, Wilma Endrich, Martin & Violet Kelly, Erna Koeble, Herta Koenig, June Noonan, Theresa Ostroff, Ingrid Reslmaier and Wilfriede Roessler received their 25 year certificate and pins this year. Several honorees could not make the party—their certificates and pins will be mailed to them. Congratulations to all!

Anna Dengler and her fiancé, Robert Cangiano and her friend Jen Wu plus Don Simons did a great job of getting us up off our seats with the Christmas carols. Our favorite every year is the “Twelve Days Of Christmas”.

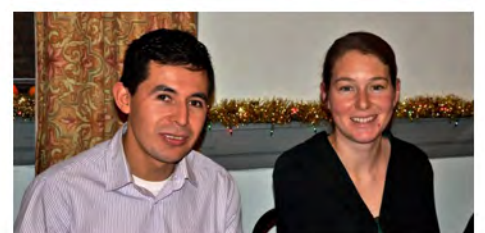
This year our own St. Nick (a.k.a. Nick Colletti) donned the Santa suit and gave out the gifts to the children. He was assisted by elves Emily Weinborg and Jenna Richardson.

St. Nikolaus thanks Donna and Jenna Richardson for doing all the shopping. They try to pick the right gift for each child and then they do all the wrapping. There were a lot of happy little faces opening up gifts so I think they did an excellent job.

Additional thanks go to Katrina Dengler, Fr. Richard Bretone, Jan Kessler, Bob Hemsing, John Noonan, Al Sartorius, Don Simons, Donna Richardson, Ernst Endrich and Nick & Lou Colletti for all that they did to make this a fun day.









Stories of Interest

NO SILENT NIGHT: The Christmas Battle for Bastogne *submitted by Martin A. Kelly*



Many questions about World War II remain unanswered. One mystery is why the Christian citizenry did not rise up against the abuses of the Nazi regime. The fact, is they would have, had the leadership not been ruthlessly stamped out. Furthermore, German law provides “guilty by association” (stepenhaft) so the security forces could arrest the accused relatives on the presumption that they were accomplices in the crime.

One of the early martyrs was Father Jakob Gapp, a Marianist father who served in the Austrian Imperial Army in World War I. After being decorated for bravery, he spent 10 months in an Italian prisoner of war camp. In his confinement, he decided to become a priest.

In the 1930s, Europe was an arena of contesting political ideologies. The reigning Pontif, Pius XI condemned the “master race” theory of Nazism, because taken to its ultimate degree, it implied the other races were inferior and disposable. (encycl- “mit brendend sorgen”).

Father Gapp saw his responsibility to alert the faithful of this serious anti-Catholic tenet, so he published a newspaper critical of the Nazis. They promptly sought his arrest, but he fled to comparably neutral Spain to carry on his work. Not deterred, the Gestapo sent two agents to lure him on to occupied French soil. They pretended they were Jews seeking conversion, and when the priest responded, they arrested him. Tried by the special court for treason, he was condemned and beheaded. To insure that his grave did not become the rallying point for protestors, his body was given for science and his remains destroyed.

Revolt did come—by the military—on July 20, 1944 when the ill-fated Operation Valkyrie was sprung. The assassination of Hitler failed, and quick response by the security forces resulted in the arrest of the leaders, including Count Claus Von Stauffenberg. They were tried and shot. The pale of guilt, however, extended to their families and Countess Von Stauffenber, and others narrowly escaped punishment.

National Mass Honors New American Saints

submitted by Jack McGee

The National Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and Saint Marianne Cope was held on January 26, 2013, in the Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

With over 1,000 in attendance, the Mass drew Native Americans and Native Hawaiians who traveled from near and far to honor these new American saints whose lives of heroic virtue particularly touched their communities.

Known as the Lily of the Mohawks, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be declared a saint. Born in 1656 near present-day Auriesville, New York, Kateri was orphaned at the age of 4 when a small pox epidemic took the lives of her Iroquois father and Christian Algonquin mother. Though she survived, she was left severely scarred and visually impaired by the disease. Raised by family members of the Mohawk tribe, Kateri resisted their efforts to have her marry. Having come to know the Christian faith through French Jesuit Missionaries, Kateri was baptized at the age of 20. She moved to a settlement of Christian Indians near present-day Montreal, Canada, where she lived a model life of piety, fidelity, and virginity in great devotion to Christ. Dying at the age of 24, her last words were, “Jesus, I love you.

Saint Marianne Cope, also known as Saint Marianne of Moloka’i, was born in Germany in

1838 and emigrated to Central New York with her family when she was a year old. At the age of 24, she entered the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse (now the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities). She served as a teacher and principal, and helped to found and administer hospitals whose charter was to provide medical care for all regardless of race or creed. In 1883, as Superior General of her congregation, she heeded the plea that 50 other religious communities declined—to care for those suffering from leprosy in the Hawaiian Islands. She and six other sisters moved to Hawaii and lovingly served the most feared and outcast victims of the disease. After 35 years of caring for the suffering and dying, Mother Marianne, as she was known, died in 1918 at the age of 80 and was buried among the people she loved and served.

Cardinal Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington and Chairman of the Basilica’s Board of Trustees, was celebrant of the Mass of Thanksgiving, and Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia was the homilist. Archbishop Chaput, a Native American like Saint Kateri Tekakwitha and a Franciscan like Saint Marianne Cope, expressed his love for both saints.

Reflecting on the Gospel Reading of the Mass (Matthew 25: 1-13), Archbishop Chaput noted that, “Through the canonization of St. Marianne and St. Kateri, the Church has



Cardinal Wuerl receives the gifts from Sister Grace Anne Dillenschneider, Vice Postulator for the Cause of Saint Marianne Cope, and Sister Kateri Mitchell, Executive Director of the Tekakwitha Conference.

given us the example of two wise virgins to lead us on our own procession to the wedding feast of the lamb. They teach us by word and example that our own enthusiasm for good works and holy lives must not run out.” He continued, “Marianne Cope and Kateri Tekakwitha and every other holy Christian woman and man in history have chosen the path of the wise maidens: living lives and learning love in ways that readied them to meet the Bridegroom of their souls.” Asking for their intercession, Archbishop Chaput concluded saying, “St. Kateri and St. Marianne, pray for us on our journey.



Kolping Ski Trip

Fri-Sun, March 7-9, 2014

Mount Snow, Vermont
Mountaineer Lodge

ROOMS ARE GOING FAST - Make your reservation by phone or email

Single: \$210 Double: \$300
Triple: \$400 Children 2-12: \$70

*Includes two breakfasts, wine & cheese
reception and Saturday dinner.*

*We fill the lodge so there's
plenty of Gemütlichkeit!*

LIFT TICKET RATES	Sat only	Sun only	Sat & Sun
Adult (19-64 yrs)	\$64	\$55	\$109
Youth/Senior	\$52	\$49	\$84

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