



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**
The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.
- 12 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 21 February Bulletin**
Last day to submit material

february

- 9 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 17 Ash Wednesday**
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

march

- 7 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 12- Kolping Ski Trip**
- 14** Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 16 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

January

President's Letter

Dear Kolping Brothers and Sisters,

Just as you have probably experienced big challenges in 2020, so has your Catholic Kolping Society New York faced significant difficulties.

Our Mission "to promote development of the individual and family" is largely comprised of providing safe Catholic housing in Manhattan and the Bronx. At 88th Street we have traditionally housed international students and interns. In the Bronx we provide home for a variety of people from many walks of life. Our retreat at Kolping on Hudson is a place for all of our groups to relax and refresh.

During 2020, international travel has declined and so too our occupancy rates have fallen to about 10% at 88th Street. In the Bronx, some of our residents have lost jobs making it difficult to meet rent obligations. We've cut expenses and staff but a shortfall remains.

We have asked our Kolping members for their ideas and input to collaborate with the Directors. Good ideas have come from this and the offerings at 88th Street have been broadened to appeal to more potential guests. One floor has been designated for women. The requirement to be a foreign student or intern is temporarily waived and U.S. students as well as other short term visitors to NYC are welcome to stay with us. We're reaching out to families of people coming to NYC hospitals for special treatments as well as medical professionals coming to help during the pandemic. There's even an opportunity now to rent office space on a daily or weekly basis for workers whose employment has gone "remote" and for whom working in a small apartment is just not adequate. Please help spread the word.

The time has come now to ask our members for financial support during this crisis. If you have resources and are able to make a gift to your Kolping Society, please consider doing so.

In our 100+ years in operation the Kolping Society has experienced good times and bad. We've come through them because of the generosity and hard work of our members.

If your circumstances permit, can you help again? If so, please make a gift today and send to K88 Fund, Catholic Kolping Society New York, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128.

Your gift of any size ensures that the mission of Father Kolping lives on in our times.

Most importantly keep praying! Pray for our members, pray for our Society, pray for our world.

Treu Kolping,
Gerhard Schmitt
President



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 contact Joan Smyth Dengler (914-432-2535) or email kolpingny@gmail.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

DIANE SINNER

We are saddened to let you know that Diana Sinner has passed away. Our hearts go out to her brother John Urban on the loss of his beloved sister.

Both Diana and John have long been involved in many German-American events. Diana danced with several of the groups for many years and she marched in the Steuben Day Parade faithfully. John served on the Parade Committee over the decades.

John has asked people to make donations to the Catholic Kolping Society New York in lieu of flowers.

On behalf of the KOH House Committee & Lou Colletti, we thank John & Bertha Unger for their generous donation in memory of Diana Sinner. We thank John and Terry Urban, Barbara Heffron, John and Gina Demchyk, Neil and Stephanie Baron, the Gemutliches Enzianer, the Vereinigte Bayern of New York & New Jersey and the First Burgenlander Austria S.C. of N.Y. for their generous gifts to the Kolping Society.

Please keep Diana in your thoughts and prayers with a smile and a Prost!

HENRY LESCHKE

From our friends at the German American Social Club of Peekskill

Once again it is with regret that I inform you of the passing of one of our dear friends and long-time member, Henry Leschke. Henry passed away on December 15, 2020 at the age of 85. He and his loving wife, Ilse, were married for an amazing 63 years. As a member of the German-American Social Club, Henry was widely remembered as a talented musician who played his accordion at our various fests.

There are no arrangements made public, however, according to his obituary "Henry's wishes are to have a beer and be happy in remembrance of who he is, was, and forever will be."

Rest in Peace Henry. You will certainly be missed.

Our sincere condolences are extended to Ilse and the entire Leschke family.

Gerry Schramek, President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY:

Paul Baum, Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Matthew Buckel, Abbie Capobianco, Timothy Carey, Carlos Chacha, Erica Criscuolo, Paul Crumb, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Andrew Flannery, Pat Galfano, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, William Hernandez,

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SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Margaret** and **Robert Jandrasits**

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2021 INTENTION

PRAYER INTENTION FOR EVANGELISATION: HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

2021 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 Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128
Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary

Family: \$120

Individual: \$90

Student: \$40

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please take an extra minute to fill in the bottom of the letter **with your current email address**, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information. Mail it back with your dues to our secretary, Joan Smyth Dengler. She will be 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

ADVENT PROJECT

As part of our Kolping mission we work to develop ourselves and our fellow members spiritually, educationally, charitably and socially. Every year we designate an Advent project. Members propose small local charitable endeavors where a gift from our Kolping family can make a big impact.

For 2020, the beneficiary of our Advent project will be the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. This congregation was founded recently—in the 1980s—and they work in the trenches with people in their community. Our Lady Queen of Angels Convent is on East 113th Street in Manhattan. The sisters here work with the families of East Harlem. They run both a food pantry and a soup kitchen. The sisters also work with the children at Our Lady of Angels School, preparing them for Mass and leading them in regular Eucharistic adoration.

Warm thanks go out to those who've donated thus far to the Advent Project: Kathy and Walter Weigand, Peggy Dougall, Marge Cirincione, Anna Dengler, Ferdinand Zipprich, Katherine Reslmaier, Valentine Sartorius, Margaret Halvey, Muriel and Jerry Fullam, Katrina Dengler, Joan, Ted and Teddy Dengler.

NATIONAL RAFFLE

The Raffle was drawn in December and the results are in! Our Kolping New York members must have sent in a lot of entries since we had two of the winners:

1st prize—Bob and Ann Hensing

2nd prize—Mike Weinborg

3rd prize—Celeste Hermes of Cincinnati Kolping

Thank you for supporting our annual raffle and making possible the work of the Kolping Society.

SEND US YOUR FAVORITE KRAPPEN RECIPES

Ash Wednesday this year is February 17th. That means we have to get working on our Pfannkuchen, Berliner, Schmalzkuchen, Fastnacht, Kreppel and Krappen recipes. Traditionally, people would use up the oils and fats in their pantries before the sacrifices of Lent. Frying doughnuts was one way to do this. Did your family ever make doughnuts at home? Did Oma have a special recipe? Please send your memories, photos or recipes so we can share them in the February Bulletin.

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

Are you receiving a paper copy of the bulletin? Would you like to receive it via email instead? If so, email Secretary Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com and she can switch you to digital distribution. You'll receive the news faster and you'll save your Society a little money in the process.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org. We are pausing the process of interviewing and inducting new members to the Kolping Society at this time. If you have sponsored someone for membership, we will revisit the applications in the Fall with the goal of having inductions May 2021.

More News & Notes

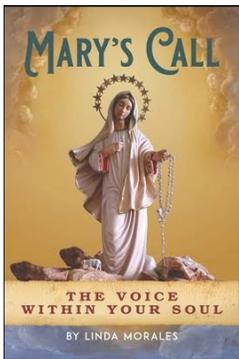
MESSAGE FROM SISTER GENEVIEVE

The President, Board & Members
Catholic Kolping of NY

Dear Kolping brothers and sisters,

May the message of this Christmas increase our hope, love, peace and joy. May God bless your New Year with manifold blessings. I wish everyone beautiful, fruitful celebrations of the Christmas Season and New Year 2021.

Love & Prayers always,
Sr. Genevieve Okoro
Treu Kolping



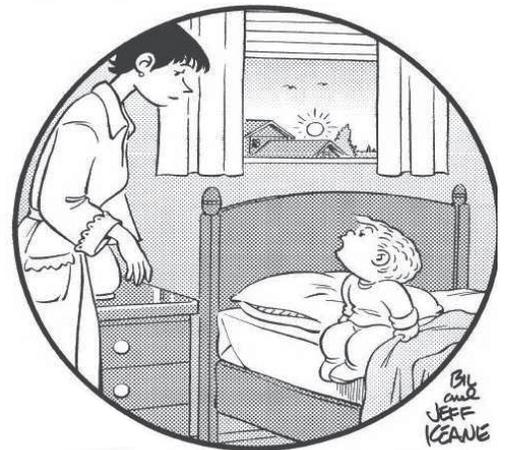
ANNOUNCING...

Mary's Call: The Voice Within Your Soul, written by Linda Morales now published and available on Amazon! The Blessed Mother lets us know...God really does exist! May She bring peace in your heart today and always! Foreward written by Father Richard Bretone.

EMPIRE STATE TRAIL

Jen Scheuermann shares that the 750 mile Empire State Trail is now open!
<https://empiretrail.ny.gov/>

FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane
submitted by Lou Colletti



"Grandma said we need to start the new year off on the right foot. Which one is that?"

BLESSED FATHER KOLPING

Gail Gleason found the following on the bulletin board at KOC and wanted to share with our members. This inspirational quote is perfect for the coming New Year!

"The first thing 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 to realize it, is family life."

—Blessed Adolph Kolping

ADOLPH KOLPING

Born December 8, 1813, near Cologne, German. He was the son of a shepherd.

As a young man, he was trained as a cobbler but decided he wanted to enter the priesthood. On April 13, 1845, Adolph was ordained. Industrialization in 19th-century Germany brought single men into the cities for lucrative factory jobs. When young Fr. Kolping was assigned as a parish chaplain, he got to know of these young journeymen workers, even providing them a home at the parish. He became active in an organization for journeymen, and eventually its leader.

On this day, in 1849, he founded the first Catholic journeyman's association. Today the international organization is known as the Catholic Kolping Society. This organization seeks to help its members, give Christian witness through their marriages, families, professions, and leisure activities for the betterment of culture, society and the Church.

Fr. Kolping died in 1865 in Cologne. He was beatified on October 27, 1991.

2020 KOLPING MEMBER OF THE YEAR



We're delighted to recognize **MICHAEL SCHEUERMANN** as our 2020 Member of the Year.

Together with his partner in getting-things-done Alfred Vogl (2019 Member of the year), Mike is responsible for envisioning a host of improvement, maintenance and repair projects at Kolping on Hudson in 2020 and over the years that he's been a member. Mike and Al organized several teams of talented volunteers as you've seen in past Bulletins to rebuild our Willy Bittermann Dining Room, repair the Hemsing Wing, fix roofs, paint our beautiful buildings, clear trails in the woods, and generally ensure that our Hudson home is a wonderful spot to enjoy.

Mike is the son of longtime members Christel and Fritz Scheuermann who joined Kolping back in the '60s. Fritz passed away a few years back but his imprint is on our KOH and his booming laugh is a great memory. (It's not the wurst that makes you fat, it's das Brot!) Christel headed up our KOH Kitchen for years and nurtured a love of cooking and good food in her son Mike. Mike is married to Jennifer Ahrens Scheuermann who now makes sure our kitchen keeps cooking along with Kathy Weinborg. Mike serves as their Grillmaster, frequent Sous-chef and Chief Taster.



Mike Scheuermann and Alfred Vogel

Mike embodies Fr. Kolping's values of hard work, integrity, responsibility and participation in the community.

The Catholic Kolping Society New York is indebted and grateful to Michael Scheuermann for his hard work, his steady presence, his good humor and loyalty. Treu Kolping!



Mike and Jen Scheuermann



Fritz and Christel Scheuermann (center)

Dear Kolping Members,
 Grateful for a new beginning in the
 coming year! May God bless all of
 you with peace, hope and love.
 Fr. Richard

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAVE THE DATE:
 BARN DANCE, MAY 8th
 @St. Patrick's Church

Hello my dear friends in Christ,
 We are almost done!
 Thank God!

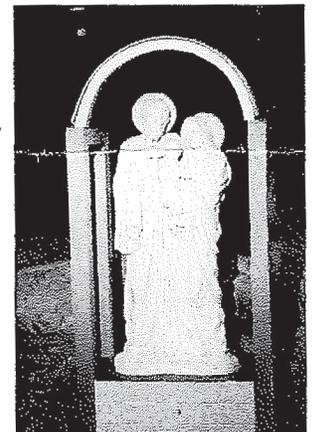
The deprivation, the loneliness and fear are just about finished. What a year for most of us, but something odd happened at *Heaven's Embrace*-- our retreat property near Barryville, New York. I was given an opportunity in April, after our 30 days of quarantine to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Virus, to assemble a group of very bored and unemployed tradesman. We gathered at the top of the mountain to complete some work that the Lord wanted to accomplish there.

We had the time, we had the talent and I went to my depleting retirement savings to come up with the treasure. Along with the existing 36 foot wide gazebo (that accommodates 80 people) and the "Tinkle Haus" (with 2 flush toilets, hot shower and full kitchen), we added two 12-foot by 12-foot custom hermitages and a Shrine to the Holy Family. It feels so good to finally have physically completed these structures that I have envisioned for so many years.

Two new hermitages (left) and Tinkle Haus



Shrine to the Holy Family



Vintage Buddy at groomer

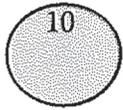


What is next is to really enjoy the coming New Year:
 +We want to have the Barn Dance at St Patrick's Church on May 8th at 6:30pm in the Auditorium.
 +We would love to have our bus trips resume for Days of Recollection at the Falls during the Summer.
 +We even welcome those who want to spend a little time in nature by the brook with the their tents.
 +Finally, we want to cap off our "Summer of Sanctity" with our Annual Columbus Day Autumn Retreat on October 9th or 10th.

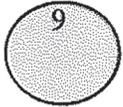
I can't wait to see everyone again!
 One sad note: our mascot, Buddy Santo, died on October 16th. He had a lot of ailments starting from when he was a puppy, but he was so brave, never made a fuss and lived to nearly 12 years old. He will be missed by many visitors and friends and me!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas
 With peace, love and prayers, Fr Richard
 Please help us continue our work! Included is a return envelop for your convenience. Donations are tax deductible when made to Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries. Thank you!

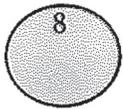
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 The year that was



Goodbye
 Cruel China Virus!



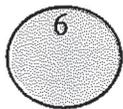
Adios,
 restrictions &
 lock-downs!



Farewell
 quarantines!



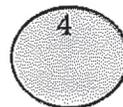
Ciao,
 dining in the cold
 outdoors!



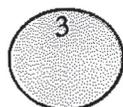
auf Wiedersehen
 masks & sanitizer!



Hello,
 friends & family!



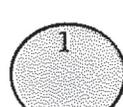
Wow! Praying
 side by side in our
 Churches!



Can't wait for that
 big beautiful
 Barn Dance!



Vaccines aplenty,
 Yay!



Visiting the elderly
 &
 holding their hand!



Grateful God
 is always near!
 Have a Happy
 & Heathy
 New Year!

More News & Notes

BOY SCOUT TROOP 36 UPDATE *Submitted by Bob Hemsing & Frank Kurcz*

Our Kolping-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 36 visited our Hudson River home in November. The Scouts camped out and worked on a clean-up of the grounds over the weekend coordinated by Board Member Frank Kurcz. The following Sunday, the Scouts dressed up in their Class As for their annual awards event and came back to KOH to honor us with their festivities. Kudos to the Scouts who participated, received merit badges or ranked up. Thank you Scouts, Troop Leaders, Parents and Friends!



KOLPING INTERNATIONAL

Online action #KOLPINGworks running until Pilgrimage to Rome in 2022

Dear Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers all over the world, dear responsible persons on the national boards of directors,

You have already received the news that the pilgrimage to Rome has been postponed to the year 2022. However, the online action #KOLPINGworks, with which we are preparing for the celebrations in Rome, and also our digital book of intercessory prayers, will not be postponed. If there is one thing our world needs especially during these months, it is the certainty that people will not lose courage and change the world for the better. #KOLPINGworks is supposed to reflect exactly that in words and pictures: Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers, institutions of the Association and also enterprises improve the world in a very concrete way – true to our great example Adolph Kolping.

Starting from now and lasting until the Kolping World Day of Prayer on October 27, 2022, the 31st anniversary of the beatification of Adolph Kolping and the highlight of the pilgrimage to Rome, we will show the world this strength which emanates from Kolping today: every day, on all continents of the world.

For almost two years we want to jointly post examples from countries with Kolping Families on the Internet which show the strength of Kolping today. On the one hand, this is done centrally on the website of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL at <https://www.kolping.net/en/rom/kolpingworks/>, but above all also locally on the websites of the Kolping Families, diocesan and national Kolping Associations and your social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp or wherever Kolping members are active: always under the hashtag #KOLPINGworks.

For the central presentation of one example from each Kolping country on the KOLPING INTERNATIONAL website we need, if not already done, a short description of an action from your country and a matching photo. Please choose an example that shows how one of your Kolping Families or institutions is changing the lives of the people in your country for the better: the most wonderful way would be if it became clear that Kolping members do this as volunteers. Sigrid Stapel will inform you of the date by which we need your contribution a few weeks in advance. Some first examples of how the contributions can look like can already be found on the homepage at <https://www.kolping.net/en/rom/kolpingworks/>.

In order to enable as many Kolping members and Kolping Families as possible to participate in the campaign, we ask you to make the campaign and especially the hashtag #KOLPINGworks known to as many Kolping Families and members as possible. Under <https://youtu.be/Hy9vnW18BFo> you will find a short video in which the action is well explained for everyone. Please also share this via the communication channels of your Associations. In addition, a profile frame for Facebook was developed for #KOLPINGworks: simply search for Kolping works under <https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes>, choose frame and show the online world that you are active in Kolping.

Finally, we continue to collect intercessory prayers: not only for the canonization of Adolph Kolping but also for small and large concerns that move Kolping members around the world. For Kolping is not only an active community, but it also always knows that in the end everything depends on God. Under <https://www.kolping.net/en/rome/intercessions/> everyone is invited to share his or her request with the worldwide Kolping community.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these actions, please do not hesitate to contact Sigrid Stapel at sigridstapel@kolping.net in the General Secretariat.

Please advertise our action eagerly, because even after 170 years the principle #KOLPINGworks still holds true.

Warm regards from Cologne,
Msgr. Ottmar Dillenburger
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Dr. Markus Demele
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KOLPING SKI TRIP

Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, Vermont

Friday-Sunday, March 12-14, 2021

We are hopeful that our annual ski trip will happen in March 2021.

Pricing is not definite yet though it should all be very close to last year. Most of the marketing will be via emails to our past attendees—we have a ton of interest this year so if we can do it, we may even have overflow hotel.

Please email Joan Dengler at joanandted@gmail.com with any questions.

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

FYI, last year's prices for lodging were as follows:

Triple: \$440 **Double:** \$345 **Single:** \$245. Children 12 and under are \$55 in room with adult.



