



NOTE *the* DATE

january

1 The Solemnity of Mary
This holiday is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

6 The Feast of the Epiphany
The Epiphany celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.

17 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

25 February Bulletin
Last day to submit material

february

21 Executive Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

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

march

5 Annual Elections & General Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

10-12 Kolping Ski Trip
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow.

21 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

JANUARY

JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL *Kolping Family Ski Trip*

DATES: Friday to Sunday, March 10-12 (that's the week after our Annual Meeting)

WHERE: Mount Snow, Vermont

There's been an incredible early signup for the trip so the first lodge is full and we are looking for a second lodge nearby if any more of our members are interested in getting away this weekend. If you are, please send your name and contact info to Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com. With sufficient participation we will find a second location.



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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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY

Paul Baum, Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Larry Buck, Matthew Buckel, Abbie Capobianco, Timothy Carey, Erica Criscuolo, Paul Crumb, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Pat Galfano, Ann Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, Jean Gorski, William Hernandez, Robert Hersam, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Emerich Janny, Danielle Kern, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Irena Marussich, Kevin McCusker, Christine McGrath, Martin McGreevy, Kelly McKinley, Trinity Mickelsen, Barbara Mignano, Ana Morris, Elizabeth Muniz, Amy Nania, Theresa Ostroff, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Richard Povilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Jennifer Schmidt, Ronald Seelbach, Mary Beth Soucy, Joey Szoldatits, Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Barbara Mignano, George Pires, Paula Roberts, Ron Seelbach, and Berta Unger.**

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.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Albert Sartorius and family for your gift to the Advent Project.

We thank Albert Sartorius and family for their gift to the Society in memory of Erna Dengler.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The National Raffle was drawn last month and the winners are:

1st prize \$1,500 - **Roz Seubert**, Detroit Kolping

2nd prize \$1,000 - **Betty Grammich**, Chicago Kolping

3rd prize \$500 - **Jeanne M. McCooey**, New York Kolping

Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser that helps keep our Kolping National organization moving forward.

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

Catholic Kolping Society New York has a project directed to supporting young people who would like to explore a trade. College is only one path and it is sometimes difficult to know where to begin to explore other options. Father Kolping worked as a shoemaker before becoming a priest and he thoroughly understood the challenges and satisfactions of being a craftsman. When he opened his first Kolping House it was to support young people as they moved away from their childhood homes to work in trades and become independent. Funded by a generous legacy gift, the Kolping Occupational and Vocational Apostolate project contributes to defray the employer's cost of training a young person who is endeavoring to enter a particular vocational training and learn new skills. A KOVA grant is a one-time payment to help encourage an employer to take the extra time and energy of investing in training the next generation. Applications are considered on a rolling basis. Persons interested in KOVA (employer or trainee) should email kolpingny@gmail.com. Inquiries will be forwarded to the KOVA committee for consideration.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S JANUARY 2023 INTENTION

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and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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NEWS & NOTES

DUES FOR 2023

The new year is almost upon us and you can get a head start on your to do list by mailing in your Kolping membership dues. The rates for 2023 are \$130 Family (husband, wife and children under 18), \$95 Individual, \$40 Student.

Checks should be payable to Catholic Kolping Society and mailed to one of our Kolping Houses or directly to Secretary Joan Dengler at 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562. If you missed your 2022 dues, please enclose them as well.

ADVENT PROJECT

This year's ADVENT PROJECT will support the efforts of St Christopher Church in Buchanan to secure a new organ so that all can praise the Lord with song. The Church of St. Christopher and St. Patrick is the parish that supports our Kolping-on-Hudson location. Just like St. Joseph's in Manhattan and St. Philip Neri in the Bronx, "ChrisPat Parish" is our local church and source of spiritual guidance. We ask Kolping members to give generously to the Advent Project so that we can demonstrate our appreciation.

MARCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, March 5, 2023 / Kolping 88th Street

90. STIFTUNGSFEST

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 29, 2023 / Bavarian Club Edelweiss Westchester
2:30 pm Mass at St Mary, Mother of the Church

106 Jackson Street, Fishkill, NY 12524

Banquet – 4:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at Mill Creek Caterers

17 Route 376, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

We cordially invite you to celebrate our 90th anniversary!

Any questions, please call 845-240-3227 – Gloria McSweeney

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If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to KolpingNY@gmail.com with this message in the subject line. In the body of the message, tell us your name so we can update our list. Be sure to check your spam folders and to add us to your address book (kolpingny@gmail.com).

ATTENTION PHOTO TAKERS

We're always looking for pictures of our members and friends participating in Kolping events. If you have any photos that you think would be nice for the Bulletin, email them to Ingrid at ingrid22@optonline.net. Please include the date and name of the event.

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE

As more and more people use this social network, it makes sense for Kolping to have a profile on LinkedIn. We invite all members to CONNECT. LinkedIn is a particularly good tool for job seekers. We strongly encourage all of our young members and anyone in the job market to create a profile and build your network. If you already have a presence on LinkedIn, please connect to Kolping today! Find us here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kolpingnewyork>

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

KOLPING 88TH STREET ST. NIKOLAUS CELEBRATION



Our 2022 St. Nickolaus party at our House on 88th Street was a joyful event. Wolfgang Hahn spent the prior week decorating our space with beautiful trees, table decor and more. Geovanny Ramirez and his team had the House in great shape as always.

Praeses Father Richard Bretone celebrated Mass with us and led the Induction Ceremony for five new members of our Society. We welcomed Kevin Bruegger, Monique Hartl, George Katsch and Kelly and Peter Moeller. Don Simons and Anthony Rozario provided beautiful music for our liturgy.

President Gerhard Schmitt welcomed us to the party portion of the day. Our Society is fortunate to have many members with us for 25 years, 50 years and more. Members newly reaching the milestones are recognized at our December celebration. Valentine Sartorius was awarded for his 65 years, Ann Hemsing and Dieter Schmitt for 50 years, Sharon Weigand, Stefan and Margarita Manz, Father Pier Giorgio Dengler and Anna Dengler for 25 years.

Gerhard reported on our 2022 Advent Project. Our Kolping Society will support the efforts of St Christopher Church in Buchanan to secure a new organ so that all can praise the Lord with song. The Church of St. Christopher and St. Patrick is the parish that supports our Kolping-on-Hudson location. Just like St. Joseph's in Manhattan and St. Philip Neri in the Bronx, "ChrisPat Parish" is our local church and source of spiritual guidance. We ask Kolping members to give generously to the Advent Project so that we can demonstrate our appreciation.

Like all our Kolping events, it's the team of volunteers who make things work. Donna Richardson chairs this event and led a team of servers including Steve Palmieri, Therese Portilla, Gerard Portilla and Alex Schmitt. Bernie and Bonnie Dengler's grandchildren Catherine and Marian collected tickets. Vice President Katrina Dengler keeps track of all our traditions and ensures that we continue and enjoy each piece.

Wolfgang Hahn planned our delicious meal and together with the House team prepared Wurst Salat, Sauerbraten, Chicken Cutlets, Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Roasted Root Vegetables, Rolls and Butter—and dessert! It's a gigantic undertaking to prepare such a meal but Wolfgang and the team plan and prep and work all week to make it come together. And did we mention—it was delicious!

Teddy Dengler played some holiday favorites on the piano. Gerard and Therese entertained us with beautiful violin music. Joseph Portilla and Marian Dengler also shared their piano talents. Don Simons supported all of our musicians with his ability to quickly pick up their lead and lend depth and more beauty to the music. Finally, it was time for the big event. St. Nick arrived to distribute gifts to the young children. The excitement was palpable and everyone enjoyed the show. Thank you to all who made the day possible and to all who attended!





POPULAR GERMAN CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AND THEIR MEANINGS

Including stollen, Advent wreaths and celebrating Christmas on 24th December.

By Lisa Joyner / 7 Sep 2022 / House Beautiful

From hand-carved wooden nutcrackers to scrumptious stollen, there are many German Christmas traditions which have been around for centuries. But what are the meanings behind them all?

Stockings are filled on 6th December

Children in Germany will leave a stocking outside their door on December 6th for Saint Nicholas to fill. From small toys to oranges and chocolate coins, it's a lovely surprise for children to enjoy at the beginning of December.

Krampus Night (Krampus Nacht)

According to tradition, Krampus Nacht occurs before the night before the celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas – a night when people dress up as the devil Krampus and walk through the streets. Krampus is a horned figure who, during the festive season, scares children who have misbehaved.

Adventskalender (advent calendars)

First used by German Lutherans in the 19th and 20th centuries, many families began to mark the days leading up to Christmas by burning a candle or marking walls or doors with a line of chalk. The tradition has of course changed slightly, with shops now selling chocolate advent calendars and fill-your-own advent calendars.

Christmas is celebrated on Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve (Heiliger Abend) is a jam-packed day of celebrations for Germans. Traditionally, many households will spend the day decorating the tree, preparing food for the family and sprucing up the home. As soon as the night draws in, households will gather around the tree. According to tradition, the 'Christkind' (Christ child) delivers the presents when the children are waiting outside the room. A bell will be rung for children to step inside the room, where the family will then sing carols before the *bescherung* (opening of gifts) begins.

The Christmas tree is decorated last

Traditionally, the tree is only put up in Germany on 24th December. While this now varies from family to family, many of the older generation still deck the halls on the morning of Christmas Eve. The rest of the home is decorated beforehand, but it's just the tree which is saved until last.

Placing an Advent wreath on the table

Advent wreaths, known as an *Adventskranz*, is a tradition which the German Lutherans in the 16th century kick-started. Typically, the wreath consists of four candles in a bed of pine cones, berries, dried flowers and various festive ornaments. Most households will bring out the wreath at the beginning of December, lighting one candle each Sunday throughout the month.

Christmas markets

While the magic of German Christmas markets has spread all around the world, it's a tradition which first derived from Germany. It's thought the origins of Christmas markets can be traced back to the German-speaking part of Europe in the Middle Ages. There really is nothing better than ice skating followed by *glühwein* (mulled wine) and a hotdog at one of the best markets.

Christmas angel

Step into any German house at Christmastime and you'll find an abundance of Christmas angels (*Weihnachtsengel*) around the home. One of the most popular decorations, the angels are either put on the tree or placed on sideboards. In some families, they are passed down through generations and have special meanings such as hope, joy, love, togetherness, and peace.

The white candle of the Advent wreath is lit on Christmas Day

Traditionally, the family will gather around a heartwarming meal on December 25th, attend church, children will play with their new toys and the white candle of the Advent wreath (the one in the middle) will be lit.

Stollen

Perhaps one of the best German Christmas traditions — not to mention the tastiest — is stollen. The fruit bread, which is made with nuts, spices, candied fruit and powdered sugar, is enjoyed throughout the holiday season. Typically known in Germany as *Weihnachtsstollen* or *Christstollen*, this famous festive cake has made its way all around the world.

Sternsinger

Sternsinger, which translates to star singers, is when young children dress up as the Three Wise Men and go to visit houses in their neighborhood with a star on a rod. They will often sing carols to spread good cheer. It derives from Catholic tradition and is also done in some parts of Austria, too.

Hand-carved wooden Nutcracker figures

Decorative nutcrackers (commonly made to resemble a toy soldier) were given as good luck keepsakes to the family to protect their home, according to German folklore. It's thought they would watch over the family, keeping evil spirits and danger at bay.

Feuerzangenbowle

Feuerzangenbowle—a popular German cocktail (which literally translates to fire tongs punch), is a fiery beverage made with wine, rum and sometimes fruit juice. It's similar to mulled wine, but with more of a kick. Have you ever tried it?

Lebkuchen

Lebkuchen, also known as *Pfefferkuchen*, is a delicious honey-sweetened German cake with a tasty sugary top. Dating back to the 14th century when they were used by Catholic monks, they go splendidly well with an afternoon cup of tea.

Traditional carols

From *Stille Nacht* to *O Tannenbaum*, a German Christmas isn't complete without traditional carols. Some families will gather in their homes to sing together, while others will attend services run by the local church. Many of the carols date back to medieval times, featuring well-known folk melodies written by local clergymen.

Christmas Day is called 'Erster Feiertag'

The Germans know 25th December as 'Erster Feiertag', which means first celebration day. While the presents will have all been opened on Christmas Eve, the 25th is a still a day where families gather, good food is eaten and people enjoy well-deserved time off work.