



NOTE *the* DATE

january

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary**
A celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus.
- 6 The Feast of the Epiphany**
Celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the Christ Child.
- 20 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 23 February Bulletin**
Last day to submit materialt
- 29 Kolping Ski Trip**
Members who have signed up will be spending the weekend at The Inn at Gore Mountain

february

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

march

- 1 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street
- 17 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

JANUARY

PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING!

Membership Meeting

Mass, Lunch, Annual Elections & General Meeting

All members are requested to join together on Sunday March 1, 2026

Lunch and meeting will begin at 12 noon:

Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street, NYC

Please come together with your Kolping family for the annual meeting of our general membership. This is our opportunity to set the course for our Kolping Society in the coming year. Hear reports, pose questions, vote for the members who will serve on our Board of Directors for the coming term. If you're interested in serving on the Board, reach out to one of the Directors listed here in the bulletin.

A scrumptious lunch will be provided—menu details to follow.

\$25 adults, \$12 children 12 and under.

Please RSVP to Joan (kolpingny@gmail.com or leave a message at 914-432-2535.)

We would appreciate your response by February 25 so we can purchase enough food.



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JANUARY

Johanna Brandt, Peter Bruegger, Matthew Buckel, Timothy Carey, Eric Criscuolo, Paul Crumb, Patricia Cudahy, Samara Davis, Julie DiLoreto, Michael Donato, Anna Gallwitz, Dorothy Glomann, William Hernandez, Robert Hersam, Margaret Jandrasits, Robert Jandrasits, Matthew Krupa, Isabella Lovasz, Frank Luis, Jason Luis, Irena Marussich, Kevin McCusker, Christine McGrath, Martin McGreevy, Trinity Mickelsen, Ana Morris, Elizabeth Muniz, Amy Nania, Theresa Ostroff, George Pires, Brian Plunkett, Richard Povilonis, John P. Reitter, III, Paula Roberts, Ronald Seelbach, Mary Beth Soucy, Joey Szoldatits, Tracie Truncellito, Berta Unger, Leonard Vallender, Tom Walsh, and Kathy Weinborg.

SPECIAL JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday greetings to **Mary Beth Soucy!**

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.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!

Thank you to Gerhard Zoeller and Ferdinand Zipprich for your generous gifts to care for our Kolping on Hudson property.

Gifts in memory of Agathe Specht:

Frank & Laura Weigand, Peter and Kelly Moeller, Ted and Joan Dengler, Katherine Markowitz, Judith and Morgan McGrath, Regina and Bruce Moran

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

The Catholic Kolping Society of 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 adults. 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 vocation 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 2026 INTENTION

FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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We hold quarterly members' luncheons including a mini-concert, a delicious lunch, singing, and German conversation with friends old and new. We provide assistance and support with German pension applications/trouble-shooting; proof-of-life forms; referrals to professionals; probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues); tenant/landlord advice; liaison with nursing homes, assisted living, home health care, hospital social work departments, German Consulate and more.

Please call **212 360 6022** or email **bfox@germansocietyny.org**.

NEWS & NOTES

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family: \$140 • Individual: \$105 • Student: \$40 • 50-year members: paid up forever!

The new year is here and you can get a head start on your to do list by mailing in your Kolping membership dues.

The rates for 2026 have been held the same as the last two years and are \$140 Family (husband, wife and children under 18), \$105 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 last year's dues, please enclose them as well.**

KOLPING MEMBER INPUT NEEDED!

One of the initiatives set at the 2024 National Convention is to update our promotional materials (brochures, pamphlets, etc.) to help inform and attract potential new members. We have a very talented committee ready to take on this task, but we need the input of as many members as possible to help direct the story that we want to tell and how to best represent our organization.

Each Kolping member has a unique story and perspective on becoming and being a Kolping member. We would like to hear from as many of you as possible!

Please visit the national website—kolping.org—and take the survey today.

2025 NATIONAL RAFFLE

2025 National Raffle saw a NY winner again! Congratulations to our winners!

1st prize \$1,500: Manfred Gallwitz (New York)

2nd prize \$1,000: Mike C. Callahan (Cincinnati)

3rd prize \$500: Mary Brinkmann (San Francisco)- online ticket purchase

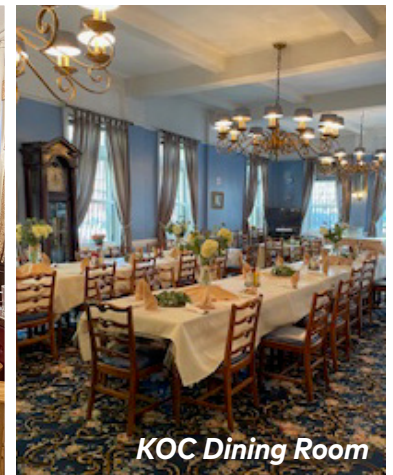
MEMBERSHIP CORNER

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.

PARTY RENTALS AT OUR KOLPING VENUES:

Kolping 88th St., Kolping-on-Hudson and Kolping-on-Concourse

Our KOH dining room is beautiful and versatile. The K-88 ballroom and KOC dining room are spacious, elegant and very affordable!



MORE NEWS & NOTES

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Wishing all of our members a Happy New Year!

As a reminder, KOH is now closed for the season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the spring.



KOLPING MEMBERS:

Are you receiving **Kolping-on-Hudson** specific emails? We have a new email address: **kolpingonhudson@gmail.com**



Scan the QR code to join the new mailing list!

CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2026 KOLPING CONVENTION

New York Kolping is hosting the biennial National Kolping Convention in September 2026. There are all sorts of volunteer roles we will be looking to fill. We will be hosting and entertaining our fellow Kolping members from all across the country.

Join the Committee! Contact Joan Dengler: kolpingny@gmail.com / 914-432-2535

45TH NATIONAL KOLPING CONVENTION SAVE THE DATE— SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

Please reserve the weekend and join your New York Kolping Family!

Convention Journal 2026

Members can support the 45th National Kolping Convention by purchasing an ad in our Convention Program booklet. This is a meaningful way to highlight the value Kolping holds in your life and to share the Kolping spirit across the USA. We will offer a variety of ad and donation options, and one will hopefully suit your budget.

See the order form on the last page of this Bulletin.

WELCOME!

New members were inducted to the Kolping Society at the St. Nikolaus party. Pictured with Fr. Bretone (left) and President Gerhard Schitt (right) are Ali & John Berlow and Margaret & John Vormittag.



CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY MASS AND ST. NIKOLAUS CELEBRATION

Our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone joined us to celebrate Mass on Sunday December 7th at our Kolping House on 88th Street. Gerard and Joseph Portilla stepped up as Altar Servers.

At the conclusion of Mass, we welcomed the newest members into the Kolping Society: Ali and John Berlow and Margaret and John Vormittag.

Our President, Gerhard Schmitt, welcomed all present. 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.

At this celebration we were especially happy to welcome long time members including Karen Staub and Bernie and Bonnie Dengler.

Newly achieving the 25 year milestone in 2025 are:

Anton Dengler
Phyllis & Alfred Froebrich
Beth & Bill Lorenzen
Roger Lounsbury
Marie Steiner

Our 50+ year members are: Dieter Schmitt, Bernie Preisser, Walter Weigand, Hubert Specht, Willi Dunz, Ron Seelbach, Karl Buckel and Margarete Kiec, Leonard Vallender Valentine Sartorius and Manfred Gallwitz.

Albert Buchholz, Bernie Dengler and Reinhold Stehle are 70+ year members.

And our friends John Noonan and Albert Sartorius have been Kolping members for over 75 years.

Karen Staub announced the Subway Series Raffle for 2026. The game is early this year—in May!—so watch your emails and the bulletin for details on how you can enter. The Society thanks Karen for her continued generosity.

The last order of business before lunch was the announcement of the Person of the Year awards.

First we celebrated Stephen McGrath. Steve has been a member for over ten years. He has been a generous patron of our Kolping on Hudson location bringing his association's annual picnic to KOH every summer for many years now. More recently, Steve has tended bar at KOH for most of the weekends of the season, giving generously of his time and his talent.

Natasha Borodin was also named Person of the Year for 2025. Natasha's family has been involved in Kolping for decades—her father-in-law Bert Bruegger lived in the Kolping House

on 88th Street when he came to the U.S. from Germany. Natasha has participated in the National conventions and most recently has taken on the big task of coordinating the 2026 Convention to be held in NY. She also chairs the Family Ski Trip committee and along with her husband Peter Bruegger spearheaded the weekend breakfasts at KOH—providing some members with a new way to enjoy our beautiful facility.

We congratulate Stephen and Natasha and thank them for their service to our Society.

Geovanny and Onni Ramirez prepared a delicious meal of sauerbraten, chicken Marsala and all the sides for the members present.

Finally, it was time for the big event. St. Nick arrived to greet the guests and distribute gifts to the children. The excitement was palpable and everyone enjoyed the show. Thank you to all who made the day possible and to all who attended!

Moms Laura Weigand, Anna Dengler, Liz Muniz, Lia Portilla and Emily Reyes encouraged their littles to sing and entertain the guests.

Santa brought gifts to the younger children including Lukas and Jack Weigand, Joseph Hermann, James Caggiano, Agatha Portilla, Grace and Claire Reyes. The big kids cheerfully pitched in where needed either as elves helping Santa, collecting dinner tickets, setting up dinner and serving meals as well as filling the roles of Altar Servers for Father Bretone at our Mass.

Like all our Kolping events, it's the team of volunteers who make things work. Donna Richardson, Alex Schmitt, Katrina Dengler and Joan Dengler organize the various pieces. Gerhard Schmitt and Kevin Bruegger served beverages. Gerard and Joseph and Catherine Portilla stepped up to help serve the meal. Marie and Audrey and Grace Reyes served as Santa's elves. Thank you to all of you for all that you do!









45th National Kolping Convention

PROGRAM ADS

One way Kolping members can support the 45th National Kolping Convention is by purchasing an ad in our Convention Program booklet. It's a wonderful way to acknowledge the importance of Kolping in your life, as well as to show the spirit of Kolping in the USA. We have many options for ads and donations and hope one will fit your budget.

All ads and payments will be accepted until **July 1, 2026** to be included in the program.

Program size will be 5 ½ x 8 ½. **SELECT YOUR AD SIZE:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-page color ad: | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-page black and white ad: | \$175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Half-page black and white ad: | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quarter-page black and white ad: | \$65 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eighth-page black and white ad: | \$50 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-line Supporter ad: | \$10 |

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(2) Email business card or artwork (pdf/jpg/png) to ingrid22@optonline.net

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Attention: 2026 Convention Journal Ad