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note the date

february

- 14 Valentine's Day**
In Germany gifts in the shape of love tokens would be given with lovely messages (not just handed out on Valentines Day but on any day).
- 18 March Bulletin**
Last day to submit materials
- 24 Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street
- 25 Ash Wednesday**
The first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday.

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- 1 Annual Elections & General Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street
- 13- Kolping Ski Trip**
15 Join us for our annual Ski Trip at Mount Snow.t
- 17 St. Patrick's Day**
- 24 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street.

april

- 4-5 KOH Cleanup**
Kolpin-on-Hudson
- 12 Easter Sunday**

February



Please Join Us

*Mass, Communion Brunch,
Annual Elections & General Meeting*

All members, friends and their guests are requested to join together on Sunday, March 1, 2009,

Mass at 9:45 am: St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC
Brunch following Mass: Kolping House, 165 East 88th Street

The cost of the dinner will be \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under 12 years of age. Our menu will consist of sauerbraten, noodles and red cabbage, followed by dessert, coffee or tea.

We will also be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day.

We anticipate many members will attend to join together with old friends and celebrate the end of winter and the approach of spring!

Please make your reservations by calling Ann Horan (914) 737-2026 or (914) 391-2142 or call the Kolping House (212) 369-6647 by Friday, February 20, 2009.

Treu Kolping,

Laurence Dengler, John G. Noonan, and Albert Sartorius



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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.

[from Raymond Strobel] To All Kolping Members,

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that your oldest member, my mother, **Maria Strobel** has passed away. She would have been 97 years old this March. She died Friday, January 16th, 2009, in Agawam MA. with family members at her side. Maria is survived by her two children Marilyn and Raymond, three grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. Of course she is also survived by her Kolping "family". Her death follows that of my father, Ludwig, by twenty years to the day.

While my mother's wake and funeral mass will take place in Agawam MA., she will be buried with my father in Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Valhalla.

On my mother's behalf I will wish you all a fond good-bye. There is nothing, save their faith, that played such a major role in my parents lives as the Kolping Society. I know they will live on in your memories.

[Maria will be missed by all of us at Kolping. She will always be remembered for her famous afghans that she knitted for all our picnics and fund raisers. How appropriate it is that she died on Lou's anniversary as they were surely a devoted couple and a loving example for all of us.]



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY:

Betty Boecklen, Norbert Brunhuber, Karl Buckel, Michael Buckel, Michael Buckel, John Buscher, Ivan Cantu, Bernhard Dengler, Lindsay Froeblich, Thomas Fuchek, Jerry Fullam, Bud Gramer, Jane Gruno, Patrick Gruno, William Hierspiel, Lisa Hiltzley, Dan Hock, Marie Louise Kehoe, Violet Kelly,

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SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Betty Boecklen, Erna Koelbl, and Walter McDonald

Apologies to **Wilfriede Roessler** for missing her special birthday in December. May she have many more happy and healthy ones!

Special wishes to our favorite Kolping Bulletin editor, **Ingrid!** May she find time in her busy schedule to celebrate! (*Thanks, Ann...I'll do my best to find the time!*)

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

Thanks to **Helmet and Hilde Augart** for their donation to KOH. Hilde wrote that she wanted to contribute since Helmet reached his golden year and doesn't pay dues anymore.

Thanks to **Marge Cirincione, Ann Horan, Barbara Grimm, John and June Noonan, Albert and Joan Sartorius, Walter and Katherine Weigand, Katrina Dengler, Bob and Gen Hemsing** who donated to the Advent Project. We were able to send \$ 500 to St. Matthias (Fr. Bretone's parish) for their Social Outreach Ministry.

2009 DUES

By now all members should have received their dues letter and calendar for 2009. The good news is that the dues remain the same as last year:

Family: \$100
[after April 1: \$105]

Individual: \$85
[after April 1: \$90]

Student: \$40
[after April 1: \$45]

Please take an extra minute and send back the tear off at the bottom of the letter with email addresses, change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information I can use to update my files. For those who have sent back the tear off I want to thank you. I have been able to correct many phone numbers and add email addresses.

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 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.

News & Notes

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS SEEKING CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR THE BOARD

On Sunday, March 1, we will hold our annual meeting. All areas of New York Kolping will be reported on—this will be your opportunity to ask whatever questions you may wish to ask on how we operate.

As part of the agenda, we will elect officers to the Board of Directors. The senior board requires that you be a member for 10 years. The junior board requires that you be a member for 1 year.

Please consider running to fill the vacancies we will have on the Board. You would attend 6 meetings per year. We could use fresh faces and new input. Dinner is included as part of the evening meeting.

The agenda for each meeting begins at 7:30, with dinner available any time after 5 p.m. We close each meeting (usually the third Tuesday of the month) at approximately 10 p.m.

Please call Ann Horan at 914-737-2026 if you are interested in running. We'll be happy to introduce you to the evening's procedure. Find out how we operate, some of our projects from the past, and our plans for the future. Working with a world-wide organization such as Kolping can be an interesting experience!

FLEA MARKET / AUTO SHOW

Thanks for your positive responses to our Flea Market/Auto Show on May 16th. It looks like we have plenty of members who have some "fleas" to get rid of. Just send me your name so we can reserve your table [annth@optonline.net or 914-737-2026].

KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Remember us for your parties coming up — Communion, Graduation, Wedding, Showers, we do it all! Just call Heidi (718-805-0552) to reserve your date.

LENTEN PROJECT

The Board of Directors has named two charities, the Food Pantry of St. Joseph's Parish in Yorkville and the Bethany House in Highland Mills, as the recipient of this year's Lenten Project. In these troubled times, donations are down and so many good projects need our help. St. Joseph's Parish has long been a friend of Kolping and we attend the German Mass there each March. The Bethany House is a spiritual retreat house run by 12 nuns who are trying to keep the house afloat in spite of much repair work that needs to be done. Please make your check to the Catholic Kolping Society and we will send them one check from all of us.

Thanks for sending in your phone numbers and email addresses with your dues. Don't forget to add your birthday if you don't see it in the Bulletin.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 2009

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

Church Pastors. That the Church's pastors may be ever more docile to the action of the Holy Spirit as they teach and serve the people of God.

Peace in Africa. Guided by the 2nd Special Assembly of the African Synod of Bishops, may the local Church find effective ways to promote reconciliation, justice, and peace.

How Can That Be?

submitted by Hilda Koch Doyle

In November I received a very nice invitation to come to the Christmas Celebration at the Kolping House on 88th Street—but was this really for me? Something was not right.

Then the memories started. My parents met at the Kolping House. My two dearest friends' parents also met there—in fact the three of us always say we are the oldest of friends because we met "before we were born".

Many of my first memories are of 88th Street—the first meeting with Santa, the parties, the first dance in public (on the feet of my father, Franz Koch), the first time in a play (as an elf) and later of the Barn Dances, the Ladies Auxiliary meetings, and of course the first meeting as a "full" Kolping member (when ladies were allowed to join).

So many stories!

Fr. Asmuth: Telling us why he smoked those "crooked" cigars (he could leave them down any where and no one would want to take one)

Barn dances: When you were locked in jail if you were caught stealing an apple and you had to wait for someone to bail you out; the times when some live animals showed up (chickens, ducks, a pig and even the Fordam Ram); the "preacher" who "married" a couple and the girl who had the most "wedding rings" at the end of the evening received a prize—a rolling pin

Mardi Gras celebrations: with costumes of all kinds;

Card Parties: where I was roped into selling chances.

I could go on and on.

Many of us met our future life partners at these functions or at the grand occasion every year at the Yorkville Casino on 86th Street. That was the "dress-up" event of the year and the only time you were allowed to stay up so late—and the treat of stopping at White Castle on the way home for a store-bought hamburger (and as the daughter and niece of butchers, that was a really something). It was also where we could "Waltz" and "Polka".

The Sunday of the celebration came around and I saw so many of the people I has known all my life—and again floods of memories. When I saw the children running around and singing or saying a poem for Santa, it was like it was yesterday that not only was that me but also our son (who also played an elf at one time).

Then someone mentioned the special Birthdays and 50th Wedding Anniversary Parties of our parents. How many were there? There are too many to count. How much "Gold Wasser" was toasted over the years?

So not only the day itself but also the weeks before and after have been full of memories but I still cannot figure how could I receive a 50-year pin when I am only 39 years old?



Church Humor

submitted by Katherine Weigand

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Announcement for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending includes meals".
3. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
4. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
5. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been cancelled due to a conflict.
6. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
7. Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.
8. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
9. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
10. Next Thursday there will be try outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
11. Barbara remains in the hospital. She is having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Jack's sermons.
12. The Rector will preach his farewell message after which the choir will sing: "Break Forth Into Joy."
13. Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
14. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
15. Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
16. Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
17. Attend and you will hear an excellent speaker and have a healthy lunch.
18. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
19. Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM—prayer and meditation to follow.
20. The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
21. This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn sing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
22. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Stories of Interest

“Operation Valkyrie” submitted by Martin A. Kelly



“Pulse-pounding, heart-racing excitement”; “An intense, top-notch thriller,” “Year’s Best Surprise:” These are the terms reviewers use to describe the Bryan-Singer film “Valkyrie.”

This story centers on the failed attempt to assassinate Adolph Hitler, Nazi Fuhrer, in the last days of World War II when the ebb of battle turned relentlessly against Germany. The hero is Claus von Stauffenberg, the scion of an honorable German family with deep roots in the military. Their patriotism, however, is not blind; and, their devout Catholicism wins out when the test is made.

The decision comes after von Stauffenberg is wounded in the Afrika Corps. The regime in Berlin is adamant against a surrender although 100,000 Germans perished weekly in air raids and the sinister death mills work overtime murdering the innocent. Von Stauffenberg experienced an UMSCHWUNG.

He would dedicate himself to over-throw this demonic power structure even if it meant his death in the attempt. But, the retaliation would not stop with him if he failed. Under the brutal German law of ?, not only the conspirators, but their entire families, children and elderly included, were to be arrested and punished.

How did things turn out in this documentary/drama/tragedy? That is for you to find out.

A bit of humor submitted by Martin A. Kelly

A wife tells her husband that she wants to go out to eat and some place expensive...so the husband takes her to a gas station.

Words to Live By submitted by Hilda Koch Doyle

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face.

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: Today my best friend saved my life.

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, “After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?”

The friend replied, “When someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it. Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone. They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.

The Oscars submitted by Jack McGee

Keep February 22nd open on your T.V. set. Time to be announced. Hugh Jackman will host the 81st incarnation of the Oscars—The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Presentation.

If you saw the current film “Australia,” you will now know who Hugh Jackman is. Although from Australia he is no stranger to Hollywood. He has made several smaller budget films, over the years.

This year promises to be one of the most interesting Oscar evenings. Why? Many of the stars arriving in anticipation of receiving an award may not receive anything.

Rumor has it that includes Brad Pitt, Meryl Streep, Sean Penn, Angelina Jolie etc.

Is there any truth that the Oscar voters will change their thinking this year from the glamour stars, million dollar spectacular films, and other categories such as directors, as well as screen play writers as well? It should be an interesting evening to find out if “Times are really changing???”

What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



THE MET OPERA ON RADIO (WQXR 96.3 FM)

Saturdays at 1pm.

Lucia Di Lammermoor (I)	Feb. 7th
Eugene Onegin (R)	Feb. 14th
Andriana Lecouvreur (I)	Feb. 21st
Il Trovatore (I)	Feb. 28th

LINCOLN CENTER

Free concert at Avery Fisher Hall – Monday, February 23rd at 8:00pm

Rachmaninov - Piano Concerto #2

Tchaikovsky - Symphony #F

Pick up tickets – free - at Avery Fisher Hall

Box Office 1-212-875-5030 in advance

MUSIC AT LEHMAN COLLEGE

Bedford Park Boulevard, The Bronx – Free parking

Feb. 7 at 8:00pm. BREAK. The Urban Funk Spectacular \$35, 30, 25, 20.

Feb. 15 at 4:00pm. The Dublin Philharmonic Orchestra, works by Beethoven, Brahms, Mahler, Mozart and Tchaikovsky \$25, 20, 15, 10.

Feb. 14 at 8:00pm. The Painter Sisters and Kool and the Gang. \$100, 85, 75, 55.

FILMS: INTERESTED IN THE OLDIES?

The Thalia Theater (Symphony Space) at 95th Street and Broadway.. "The 1939 Project". Film classics from 1939 on the wide screen. February 1st to the 22nd. Call 1-212-864-5400, or on line Symphonyspace.org. Usually on Sunday afternoons or early.

OPERA ON FILM

Also at Symphony Space Thalia Theater, 95th Street and Broadway, 1-212-864-5400 or Symphonyspace.org. Tickets \$22 and \$20.

Monday, February 9th at 7:30 Don Carlo (Verdi)

Sunday, February 15th at 3:00pm and Wednesday, February 18th at 7:30.

Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District. A Russian production Music by Shostakovich

LOOKING FOR JOB TRAINING?

Grace Institute, 1233 Second Avenue, New York City is offering tuition free job training for woman. Requirements: English fluency, eligible to work in the U.S., have a High School diploma or GED. For more information call 1-212-382-7605 or on line www.GraceInstitute.org. Please mention that you received the news late, through no fault of your own, and that you are anxious, willing and able to take the program. A friend gave you a copy of the church "Bulletin" from December.

ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING REGULATIONS

Dates suspended in February:

Thursday, Feb. 12th Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, Feb. 16th Washington Birthday – Presidents Day

Wednesday, Feb. 25th Ash Wednesday

Music at the Churches

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

5th Avenue and 10th Street

Mozart's Requiem Mass plus his Missa Brevis in C, sung in Latin.

Tuesday Evening, February 3rd at 8:00pm.

Tickets from \$10 to \$55.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH

53rd Street and 5th Avenue

Free Organ Concert, Sundays at 5:15.

February 1, 8, 15, 22nd.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

65th Street and Central Park West

Bach Cantata and Organ Concert at 5:00pm.

Sundays, February 1, 8, 15, 22nd.

Free will offering.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S

50th Street and Park Avenue

Free Church lunch hour 1:15pm.

Concerts on Wednesdays:

February 4 (17th Century England)

February 11 (Lieder by Franz Schubert)

February 18 (Music by Alessandro Stradella)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

152 West 71st Street, just off Broadway

Wednesday, February 11th at 8:00pm. The

200th Anniversary of Franz Joseph Haydn.

The Choirs of Trinity, New Haven and Trinity,

Princeton perform Haydn's Organ Concerto,

"Mass in Time of War" and Symphony #98,

Organ and Orchestra. There is a pre-concert

lecture at 7:00pm. The church is near Lincoln

Center, a Gothic structure. Admission Charge.

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 counselling

and sacraments in German, please contact

Rev. Emmanuel Nartey at 212-289-6030.

Philadelphia Kolping

from Frank Staub, President

One of my goals for this year is to try and increase the Kolping membership, especially young people and/or young families. In order to make this happen, I would ask every member to try and recruit someone to join. Maybe family members, friends, co-workers or neighbors who you think might be interested in German food, music and culture. Applications can be picked up at any of the monthly meetings.

Along with all the usual Kolping traditions, we do have some new events coming up in 2009 that I hope you guys are as excited about as I am. First up is a trip to see the Philadelphia Phantoms play Bridgeport at the Wachovia Spectrum on Sunday, Feb. 8th. This should be a fun day so be sure to bring the whole family. In July, we'll check out the Trenton Thunder at Waterfront Park. In September, we're looking to pick up where the German American Police left off and continue the Oktoberfest down the Shore the weekend after Labor Day in Wildwood.

TRIP to NEW YORK'S KOLPING on the HUDSON

As published in the last newsletter, we are planning a bus trip to New York's Kolping on the Hudson, sometime in July or August, pending our contacting the New York Kolping. The day will be consisting of a bus trip, and spending the day relaxing at their beautiful retreat, including dinner. The success of the trip will be on the number of members and guests interested in going.

Brooklyn Kolping

Christmas Donations. We are once again very proud to report that we were able to send holiday donations to many organizations we support. As everyone knows, the economic woes we are in are making it harder than ever for these groups and they need our help. Our members really work hard for every dollar we earn and we are happy to be able to share some of it in the name of Blessed Adolph Kolping.

Here is the list of our donations;

Kolping Endowment Fund \$2,000
St Matthias Parish \$500
St. Pancras Parish \$500
Outreach Program \$500
Covenant House \$500
St. Boniface Society \$500
Flowers With Care \$250
Sister Betty (TOPS) \$250
Greater Ridgewood Restoration \$200
Police Athletic League \$100.

Remember, when you attend one of our affairs or do volunteer work you are helping us to raise the funds for these donations. Thanks to everyone for your support.

Cincinnati Kolping

A GREAT RECIPE...

1. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. And while you walk, smile. It is the ultimate anti-depressant.
2. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day. Talk to God about what is going on in your life.
3. When you wake up in the morning complete the following statement. "My Purpose is to _____ today. I am thankful for _____".
4. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
5. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, wild Alaskan Salmon, broccoli, almonds and walnuts.
6. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
7. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
8. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a College kid with a maxed out charge card.
9. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
10. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
11. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
12. You are not so important that you have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
13. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
14. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their Journey is all about.
15. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
16. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: "In five years, will this matter?"
17. Forgive everyone for everything.
18. What other people think of you is none of your business.
19. GOD heals everything—but you have to ask Him.
20. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
21. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will. Stay in touch!!!
22. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
23. Each night before you go to bed complete the following statements: I am thankful for _____
Today, I accomplished _____.
24. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.
25. When you are feeling down, start listing your many blessings. You'll be smiling before you know it.

Send this to everyone you care about.

God Bless You

More News and Notes

submitted by Jack McGee

Spiritual Study for Lent

The new Winter/Spring 2009 Mini Catalogue of Church courses has arrived. By and large, each course consists of 5 one hour meetings. The majority from 12 to 1 pm and/or 6 to 7 pm, in the downstairs church classrooms. Tuition is \$20 per course. Even the free catalogue itself is most informative.

A sample of the many courses offered include:

1. Catholicism 101 – The Sacraments – Connecting With The Divine
2. Your Soul At Work
3. An Introduction to Western Christian Spirituality from the 1300's
4. The Life of Christ – Early Years – Public Life – The Passion
5. Paradise Lost
6. The Reformation
7. The Life and Works of Thomas Merton and Eastern Religions.
8. Doro Thy Day

CHURCH INFORMATION

Church of St. Francis of Assisi - Winter/Spring 2009 – new course catalogue
135 West 31st Street, New York 10001

For more information, or to join, call Father Kevin Tortorelli, OFM, Director, Adult Education Center: 212-736-8500 Extension 311.

Highlight Dates During February

Monday – February 2nd

The Feast Day celebrating Christ Presentation in the temple. It is also known as Candlemas Day. There is a church tradition to have a blessed candle in the house. Candles are blessed and made available on this date.

Tuesday – February 3rd

The Feast of St. Blaise. There is a Catholic Church tradition to have your throat blessed (after morning Mass, during lunch hour or in the evening). Check your Sunday Church Bulletin and/or altar announcements.

Wednesday – February 11th

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The church celebrated recently the 150th anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Virgin at the cave in Lourdes, to the young Bernadette Sauborous. After several visions of prayer, conversations, the rosary and the vision of "The fountain," Bernadette asked Mary "Who are you?" Mary replied, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Bernadette was canonized after her death.

Thursday – February 12th

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday. Although there is little celebrating these days.

Saturday – February 14th

St. Valentine's Day. Have a "HAPPY."

Sunday – February 22nd

For many years the actual celebration of Washington Birthday. It has been replaced for shopping, sales and commercial celebrations, etc. to Monday, February 16th to make a three day weekend. There has been little historical celebrating in recent years.

Wednesday – February 25th

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of Lent, a day for the distribution of Ashes. Check your church schedule, bulletin and Sunday announcement. No eating meat allowed, a day of penance.

A TEENAGER'S THOUGHTS ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

I was looking at my "date-book,"
And what, golly, did I see?
That famous month of "Feb-re-ry"
Is here again for me.

Why is this month important?
What secrets does it hold?
Why, St. Valentine's Day is here again
For friends and lovers bold.

I don't want "her" to know my name
And yes, you're right. I'm shy.
I think that if "she" found 'twas I,
I'd faint awayand die.

I'm writing to "you" early,
The 14th is 'round the bend.
I'm thinking of some great times
And this paper heart, I send.

I know you're not my steady,
But yes, you are my friend.
So I'm writing thoughts of friendship.
I've no better ear to bend.

I'm full of hope as St. Val's nears.
Thank God I'm called "teenager,"
These are the days, these are the times.
The best of life, I'll wager.

I really feel elated,
The things stores sell for "friends,"
But I just can't avoid them,
"Those thoughts," St. Val's Day sends.

So many years of friendship,
And feelings, ups and downs.
I'm sitting here just thinking
Of those persons, places, sounds.

I've never been involved in love.
Oh, yes...I've had a crush.
But since I'm not an All-Star Jock,
I always got the brush.

My friends, they say, "Just hit the books,"
The crush, the team, fly by.
But, if you'll just apply yourself,
You'll find that Golden Pie.

And when St. Val's goes by again,
I'll have more peace of mind,
Since these emotions "come and go"
The time's come to unwind.

My book reports and projects
Are coming up, for sure.
I'm making plans and cramming,
Two more years to endure.

And now it's finally over,
St. Val's has come and gone.
It's "hit the books again, my friend,
There are mid-terms, finals, anon."

I'll add on one more little verse
Because I 3's not lucky,
And think about the summer time,
Two months...no school...how ducky!!!

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



2009 Kolping Ski Trip

Friday, March 13 through Sunday, March 15

PAYMENT IN FULL DUE BY FEBRUARY 9, 2009

DESTINATION: MOUNT SNOW

Hotel: Mountaineer Inn, West Dover, VT 05356 • 800-682-4637 • 800-464-5404

Includes: 2 nights lodging, a buffet breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, dinner on Saturday night, tax and gratuity. A complimentary wine, cider and cheese reception will be provided Saturday before dinner.

Doubles..... @ \$150 per person \$ _____

Triples..... @ \$140 per person \$ _____

Single @ \$195 per person \$ _____

Children (2-12) @ \$80 per child \$ _____

[extra day adult before or after: \$55; child: free] \$ _____

Lift Passes: 1 Day 2 Day 3 Day

Adults:..... \$60 \$107 \$125 \$ _____

Juniors (12 and under):.... \$42 \$70 \$95 \$ _____

Young Adult (13-18): \$52 \$90 \$115 \$ _____

Total Payment due February 9, 2009: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ / Email: _____

Additional people in room: Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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