

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

### february

- 10 Executive Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 17 March Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material
- 18 Ash Wednesday**  
The first day of Lent

### march

- 1 Annual Elections & General Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 6-8 Kolping Ski Trip**  
Join us for our annual excursion to Mount Snow!
- 17 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping House 88th Street
- 21 Fr. Bretone's Barn Dance**  
St. Patrick's Academy, Bay Ridge

### april

- 4-5 Easter Weekend**  
No Cleanup at KOH
- 11 Easter Egg Hunt**  
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 12-13 KOH Cleanup**  
Kolping-on-Hudson
- 14 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 18-19 KOH Cleanup**  
Kolping-on-Hudson

# 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, 2015**

**German Mass at 10:00 am:** St. Joseph's Church, 404 East 87th Street, NYC

**Coffee Hour following Mass:** St. Joseph's Church

**Brunch 12 noon:** 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, prepared by Wolfgang Hahn, will consist of sauerbraten, noodles and red cabbage followed by desert and coffee or tea.

We will be electing new members to our Board of Directors, so we hope you will be joining us on this important day. A wonderful opportunity to participate and interact with all your Kolping Board Members.

You may also consider becoming a board member as there are several senior and junior board member seats open.

Senior member must be a member of the society in good standing for a period of 10 years. Junior Board you must be a member of the society in good standing for a period of at least 1 year. Board members must attend at least 6 board meetings per year.

Please make your reservations by calling Jan Kessler at 914-462-7649 or emailing [jkessny@aol.com](mailto:jkessny@aol.com). It is important that you RSVP by February 25, 2015 so that we know that you are coming and our staff can be prepared for all the attendees.



**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 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.

It is with great sadness that we let you know our long time NY Catholic Kolping Society members **William and Jean Breining** have passed away. Our prayers and deepest sympathy are with Mary Breining and all of the Breining family.

Our deepest sympathy to the Vallender family for the loss of **Gloria Vallender**. Her husband Leonard Vallender is a member of the Kolping Society for over 50 years.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to Andy & Ed Marussich and their family for the recent loss of their mother.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY:

David Allen, John Barbera, Patricia Barbera, Cathy Bennet, Kate Bergen, Betty Boecklen, Norbert Brunhuber, Karl Buckel, Michael Buckel, John Buscher, Ivan Cantu, Brandon Crilly, Bernhard Dengler, Michael Doyle, Dahlia Duffy, James Duffy, Lindsay Froebrieh, Thomas Fuchek, Jerry Fullam, Bud Gramer, Jane Gruno, Patrick Gruno, Anne Hemsing, William Hierspiel, Lisa Hiltzley, Dan Hoek, Christine Hogan, Caroline Horan, Mike Horan, Dennis Keating, Marie Louise Kehoe, Anna Keller, Violet Kelly, Susan Leili, Jerry Maxson, Walter McDonald, Stephanie McGill, Patrick McGovern, Christopher McGuire, Johanna McGreevy, George McNamara, Joseph Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, Sean Murray, Martin Povilonis, Bernhard Preisser, Theresa Rascona, Max Reitter, William Reitter, Ingrid Reslmaier, Maria Reuber, Charles Ruppmann, Ed Schmitt, Thomas Seelbach, Nicholas Severin, Edward Specht, Emily Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Daryl Stiloski, Victoria Winklemann, Camden Winter, Joseph Zale, and Gerhard Zoeller.

### MISSED BIRTHDAYS:

Happy belated birthday to **Matthew Buckel**. We're sorry to have missed his birthday in the January Bulletin.

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Joseph & Alba Chuqui** who are the proud parents of a son **Christopher** weighing in at 8 lbs.

### DONATIONS

Thank you to **Karen Staub** for her generous donation to the Kolping House

Thank you so much to **Margarete Kiec** for her very generous gift to the Kolping House.

We thank **Mathilde Brosnan**, long time member, for remembering Kolping as a beneficiary for her annuity. Many thanks to Mathilde and her family for including us in her estate plans! The funds will go to the Endowment Fund, which supports the publicity of the Fr. Kolping's ideals through the Kolping Society.

### Advent Project:

Thank you to the following for their donations to the Advent project in the past month: **Bob & Ann Hemsing, Jerry & Muriel Fullam, John & Elizabeth Reitter, Arty & Jan Kessler, and Mary McKeon.**

Thanks to all who have sent in donations for our Advent Project. Nine members contributed and we have sent a donation of \$1,000 to Croton Caring Committee located in Croton, New York to help support their community efforts in helping the elderly and disabled with their daily needs.

# 2015 DUES

Annual membership dues letters have been mailed and a 2015 Kolping calendar has been included in the mailing. We appreciate and thank all those that have sent in their dues already. All payments should be made out too **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

**Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary**

Family: \$100

Individual: \$85

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, 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.



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## News & Notes

### **NY CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY BOARD ELECTIONS**

On March 1, 2015 the Board Elections will take place at Kolping House 165 East 88th St. New York, NY There are several board positions open and we ask that anyone interested in serving on the board to please let us know.

We will be electing new members to our Board of Directors—senior members must be a member of the society in good standing for a period of 10 years and junior Board members must be a member of the society in good standing for a period of at least 1 year.

All the board members attend monthly board meetings and work on projects and make decisions that have and will continue to benefit the growth and well being of our society.

We welcome your inquiries and ask that you contact Lou Colletti, chairman of the board at 914 734 2961 (work) or lcookie1129@aol.com with any questions you may have.

We also look forward to all those that would like to attend the meeting and enjoy a great lunch—details are on the front cover of the bulletin. Please make your reservations as soon as possible by contacting Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com or 914-462-7649.

### **NATIONAL CONVENTION IN NEW YORK: SEPT 2-4, 2016**

Our branch will be hosting the National Convention in 2016! It is a wonderful opportunity to meet our Kolping brothers and sisters from all parts of the United States, and a great way to learn what their missions and activities are.

We are calling on all members to help the Convention Committee....party planners, people with organizing skills, and people of good will in general. Email our President, Katrina Dengler, at **kdengler67@hotmail.com** and let her know your thoughts and ideas. It will be here before you know it!

### **RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!**

Reminder that the Kolping monthly bulletin can be received via email if you so desire. Many members have decided this works out well for them and it helps to save the trees. Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or jkessny@aol.com if you would like to receive your copy by email.

Please also note that you can visit our website [www.kolpingny.org](http://www.kolpingny.org) where you can find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

### **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 FEBRUARY 2015 INTENTIONS**

**UNIVERSAL:** That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

**EVANGELIZATION:** That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

# 2015 Kolping Lenten Project

The Kolping Board of Directors has chosen a Lenten Project. All donations will be given to Bishop Chris Cardone's missionary efforts in the Solomon Islands. Bishop Cardone is from Long Island and has dedicated his life toward this mission and we would like to help support his efforts.

Bishop Cardone has said that they have a variety of trades programs and do very good carpentry work with a variety of tropical hard woods: vasa-vitex, rose wood, aqua and teak. The following details are just a small part of all the work and achievements over the years.

The Church runs a variety of Vocational Schools that teach carpentry, mechanics and other trade courses. In the Diocese we also have parish based vocational schools where young men learn carpentry and mechanic skills. At our Cathedral Parish we have experienced carpenters teaching young men how to make furniture. The dinning chairs/coffee tables and school desks are sold in the town market and directly to schools. We are richly blessed here with good tropical timber: teak, rose wood, vitex-vasa and akwa. Storebought wood stains are not used as the tropical timber when varnished has a beautiful sheen.

We could certainly benefit from more hand tools and power tools which would facilitate more boys being involved in projects. As the diocese is building a number of new churches our Cathedral Carpentry boys are ALSO making church furnishings: altars, lecterns, tabernacles and liturgical paintings from Stations of the Cross to Paintings and murals of the patron saints of the various communities.

Fr. Cardone, ordained two years earlier, set out on a three-year missionary assignment to serve in the Solomon Islands, a former British protectorate in the South Pacific. Almost a quarter-century later he is still there, now bishop of Auki, one of three dioceses in the remote island nation east of Papua New Guinea.

"I have always left my life open to what God wants," Bishop Cardone said, and has been happy doing so. "We are a young and growing Church," Bishop Cardone said. "We're opening parishes and building schools." Still, they struggle with a lack of basic resources, such as clean water and electricity. "Only in the cathedral do we have electricity."

We have island communities and culture," Bishop Cardone said. Despite the poverty, "there is nobody that is hungry and nobody that is homeless."

In addition, the Church there has succeeded in developing native clergy and religious. "When I went to the islands in 1988 there were six native Dominican friars—priests and brothers—and 12 sisters," Bishop Cardone said. "Now there are 47 friars and 42 sisters." As for diocesan priests, there were 10 native priests and 50 missionary priests. "Now there are 60 native diocesan priests and only 10 missionary priests."

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Please send your Lenten donations to the Catholic Kolping Society 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548 Att: Jan Kessler

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In 2000, Fr. Christopher Cardone, a Dominican missionary, was ordained as the auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Gizo in the Solomon Islands. Along with many other family and friends, Chris's brother, Marianist Fr. Tom Cardone (the brothers are pictured left) made the long trek to the remote archipelago in the South Pacific. Bishop Chris described the tremendous need for the development of committed Catholic teachers and a strong corps of youth. In June of 2003, the first pair of Brothers set off to the Solomons uncertain of what they would find. They returned full of enthusiasm and possibilities.



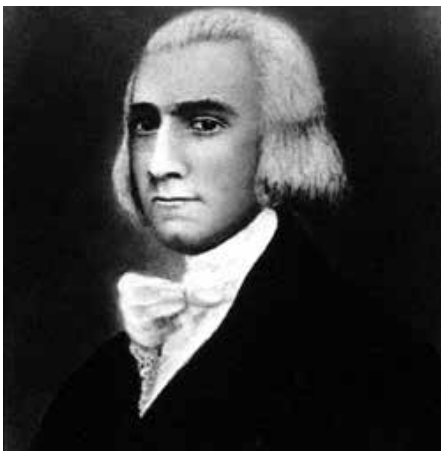
# Stories of Interest

## THE HOUSE OF ASTOR AND THE AMERICAN DREAM submitted by Martin A. Kelly

You've been Christmas shopping and you are riding downtown on the Lexington express. The train pulls out of the 14th Street station and trundles by the next station. Your weary eyes read; Astor Place. "What did Astor, whoever he might have been, do to deserve a local subway station named after him?" you muse to yourself.

You may be interested to know that Astor's were a dynasty who helped finance real estate developments establish trade with the Orient and even loan the federal government money to stave off bankruptcy. Yes, they were German-American, too.

John Jacob Astor (1763-1848) was born in Waldorf, near Heidelberg, Germany. He worked several meanly jobs to accumulate enough money for his passage to America. His sail



ship unfortunately (or fortunately) was frozen in place in the Chesapeake Bay. As a prisoner aboard a motionless vessel, he was befriended by a fellow passenger who was in the fur industry. The acquaintance taught Astor the nuts-and-bolts of the fur trade.

Once ashore, Astor headed for what was the northwest, and through "pluck and luck", gradually gained stranglehold over much of the fur trade. He became a "KROSUS" (Ger. for Croesus, ancient Greek King who became fabulously rich, a multi-millionaire, in other words).

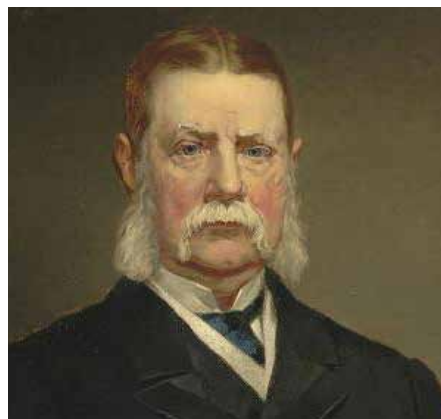
The War of 1812 exhausted the treasury of the fledgling United States government. From his \$10 million savings Astor jump started the federal government's economy and underwrote the Second National Bank of the United States ensuring the solvency of the young nation. With it all, he would never lose his German accent.

His son William Backhouse Astor (1792-1875) was educated at Heidelberg and Göttingen. He resumed



his father's drive to invest, particularly in real estate in the Chelsea and Midtown areas. He became known as Manhattan's landlord. But, he did not forget charities, libraries and opera houses. The subway station attests to this. His estate was \$50 million.

John Jacob Astor (1822-1890) graduate of Columbia and Howard Universities, continued the family tradition to invest and endow public charity. He accrued a fortune of nearly \$100 million.



John Jacob Astor (1864-1912) continued to be an investment baron and expanded the scope to utilities. Tragically he drowned in the S.S. Titanic iceberg disaster.



The family lines become murky in recent times; but the proper use of big money remained their creed. Unfortunately, not in the way their predecessor would have hoped.

The dowager, heiress of the fortune was named Brooke Astor (1902-2007). A close relative and heir apparent could not wait for nature to take its course, and he misappropriated \$14 million for yachts and other luxuries. In addition,



the Alzheimer suffering Brooke was allegedly denied proper home care. A court trial was held and sentence passed amid protestations and damaged feelings among splintered family members.

The fanfare and furor of the family feud eclipsed the glorious contributions of this German-American clan in the development of New York City and the United States.

# What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



## NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

### **DETROIT**

Recently we were told about a major upcoming change that will take place in the Detroit “K” Family. Plans are being made to sell their two properties because they no longer have the manpower to maintain them. The younger members have no interest in maintaining the properties and the “old guard” no longer can do it. We don’t know exactly when this will take place since many details need to be thought through yet, but it could come about before the end of the year. This is not a dissolution of the society. Their plan is to continue the meetings, etc. by renting a parish hall or another venue. This is a traumatic time for the membership. Differences of opinions are creating strains and tensions, but so far no one has come up with a viable solution to their dilemma. Let us keep them in our prayers so they find the right solution and keep the society membership intact.

### **CINCINNATI**

Thanks to Ron & Angie Lampe for donating a wood shredder that is powered by our tractor. We will be taking down a number of dead trees that need to be removed in the picnic area. The festival grounds at the north end of the main building will be regarded and reseeded. This is our bread & butter space for Schutzenfest. We still need everyone that can muster the will to come out and help. Wonderful meals are being prepared by our chefs. These folks do a tremendous job fixing a very diverse and delicious menu every week.

### **PHILADELPHIA**

The first “Apostolic Letter” of Pope Francis came out one and a half years ago. In English it is named “The Joy of the Gospel”. It is not what we call an “encyclical” letter, which is a more formal and theological teaching of the Pope. As Pope Francis sees it, the Word of God, the Gospel message, is meant to encourage each one of us to share the message of Jesus. The Pope, in this writing, stresses that Jesus was addressing all of his disciples to “go out and preach the gospel to all people”. Jesus does not want just the 12 Apostles and a few dedicated followers to bring his message to the world. Every Catholic, every believer, must by word and action spread the teachings of Jesus. That is what will bring “joy” into our lives, helping the world around us to “share the message we get from Jesus as we read the New Testament— especially: to “love one another”, to “forgive injuries”, to share our goods “with the needy”, and make “justice for all” our aim. The “joy” of the Gospel is not that God loves me and has blessed me with a good life, but rather the “inner joy” I feel when I realize that my goodness, my unselfish sharing, etc., has improved the life of others. Certainly Father Kolping must have experienced that inner joy as he dedicated himself to improve the life of many young men and women in the mid 19th century, as they struggled to find work and a safe environment to live in. Today, we, his followers, are called upon to help his work and self-sacrifice continue as our world also needs to experience the Joy of the Gospel.

## **THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO**

**Saturday afternoons at 1:00 pm on WQXR-FM**

- Feb. 7 Verdi's *Macbeth*
- Feb. 14 Tchaikovsky's *Iolanta* / Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle*  
(broadcast begins at 12:30 pm)
- Feb. 21 Mozart's *Don Giovanni* (broadcast begins at 12:30 pm)
- Feb. 28 Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte (The Magic Flute)*
- March 7 Bizet's *Carmen*
- March 14 Rossini's *La Donna Del Lago (The Lady of the Lake)*
- March 21 Massenet's *Manon* (broadcast begins at 12:30 pm)
- March 28 Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* (broadcast begins at noon)
- April 4 Verdi's *Ernani*
- April 11 Verdi's *Don Carlo* (broadcast begins at noon)
- April 18 Shostakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*
- April 25 Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* / Leoncavallo's *Pagliacci*  
(broadcast begins at 12:30 pm)
- May 2 Verdi's *Un Ballo in Maschera*
- May 9 Stravinsky's *The Rake's Progress*

## **WORDS WORTH NOTING**

God is more anxious to bestow his blessing on us than we are to receive it. —*Saint Augustine*

Money has to serve, not to rule. —*Pope Francis*

Correction does much, but encouragement does more. —*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

We didn't lose the game, we just ran out of time. —*Vince Lombardi*

What a rope of sand we are without a leader. —*Marjorie Bowen*

If we knew what it was we were doing, it wouldn't be called research would it? —*Albert Einstein*

Duration is not a test of true or false. —*Anne Morrow Lindberg*

There are two ways of exerting one's strength: pushing down and pulling up. —*Booker T. Washington*

The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother. —*St. Therese of Lisieux*

# Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application

◆ TWO SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. 1ST AWARD: \$2,000 / 2ND AWARD: \$1,000 ◆

2015 Topic: *Pope Francis and the recently assembled Catholic Bishops released a preliminary document calling for the Church to welcome and accept gay people, unmarried couples and those who have divorced as well as the children of those less traditional families. How would your relationship with the Church change if these modifications were adopted?*

## Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child or grandchild of a member of the Catholic Kolping Society of New York.
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no more than 1000 words. Please follow the standards and format of the New York State English Regents essay. Remember that correct use of grammar and vocabulary will be taken into account.
4. The essay must be on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
5. Not be a previous winner.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
7. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by **SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015**. Please email materials electronically to **bfp19@msn.com**. If you prefer, you can mail the materials to Christine Preisser, 19 Revere Road, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Please contact the Christine Preisser at 914-693-5537 with any questions.

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**I hereby apply for the Joseph Sartorius Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Kolping Ski Trip

Fri-Sun, March 6-8, 2015

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Mountaineer Lodge

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Mail checks payable to Kolping to Joan at 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

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