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february

18 Executive Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

23 March Bulletin
Last day to submit material

march

2 Annual Elections & General Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

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

7- Kolping Ski Trip
9 Join us for our annual event, this year in Killington, VT

18 Full Board Meeting
Kolping House 88th Street

april

5- KOH Cleanup
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20 Easter Sunday
The oldest and most important Christian holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

February

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 2, 2025

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

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 27
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.

PRAYERS FOR GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD SPIRITS

Members we'd like to say special prayers for this month: **Christine Preisser**, wife of Bernie Preisser, and **John & Ada Brauweiler**.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN FEBRUARY

Meghan Allen, Michael Beldotti, Bob Boeschl, Karl Buckel, Ivan Cantu, Bernie Dengler, Michael Fenech, David Gallo, Bud Gramer, Anne Hemsing, Joseph Kovar, Elisabeth Lersch, Matthes Lersch, Joan Mahoney, Barbara Maltese, Stephanie McGill, Johanna McGreevy, Christopher McGuire, Mary McGuire, Chad Mills, Joseph Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, Killian Murphy, Patricia Murphy, Valerie O'Kelly-Lynch, Rita Picarelli, Carl Pollack, Martin Povilonis, Bernard Preisser, Theresa Rascona, Renee Reichenbach, Ingrid Reslmaier, Redding Salvatori, Edward Schmitt, Kate Seger, Frank Sherwood, Jason Sinks, Edward Specht, Reinhold Stehle, Daryl Stiloski and Gerhard Zoeller.

SPECIAL FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

We send special birthday wishes to **Bernie Dengler, Michael Fenech, Joe Kovar, Johanna McGreevy, Joe Mulligan, Laura Mulligan, and Rita Picarelli**.

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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you

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!

Thank you for your support of the Advent Project:

Katrina Dengler, Tracie Truncellito, Al Vogl, Anna Dengler, Joan & Ted Dengler

In memory of Norbert & Marilyn Dengler:

Albert Sartorius

In memory of Norbert Dengler:

Al & Rosemary Preisser, Barbara Grimm, Katrina Dengler, Joan & Ted and Teddy Dengler

COMING SOON!

Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Awards 2025

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

Watch your email—the essay topic will be announced in early March. Applications are due in April and the awards will be announced in June. The contest is open to children and grandchildren of Kolping members - so long as their dues are paid up. So it's another reason to send in your 2025 dues.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S FEBRUARY 2025 INTENTION

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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The German Society of the City of New York welcomes new members.

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

2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Watch your mail for the 2025 dues request envelope!

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 2025 have been held the same as last year and are \$140 Family (husband, wife and children under 18), \$105 Individual, \$40 Student, 50-year members paid up forever! 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.

HELP WANTED—SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Kolping members please consider volunteering your time and talents. The Scholarship Committee is in need of qualified judges to read and rate the essays that are submitted for the Sartorius scholarship. If interested, please contact Joan Dengler (kolpingny@gmail.com or leave a message at 914 432 2535).

SERVICE PROJECTS 2025

Do you have an idea for a service project for our Society? Share your ideas and perhaps we can get a team engaged to work on it. Contact Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

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:

K-88, Kolping-on-Hudson and Kolping-on-Concourse

Keep keep our Kolping properties in mind for your parties.

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

IN MEMORIAM: Tania Hersam 1940-2025

Tania Hersam, the beloved wife of our Kolping member Robert Hersam has passed away. Please keep Tania, Robert and all of their family and friends in your prayers at this sad time..

From her obituary:

Tania Hersam, age 84, beloved Wife, Mother, Grandma, Sister, Aunt passed away on Sunday, January 26, 2025 Born to Michael and Sonia Siomkin in Queens, NY, Tania was one of 10 children in a close-knit family. She graduated from Adelphi University, and went to work at Guardian Life Insurance Co. where she met her future husband, Robert. They later married, settled in Merrick, NY, where they raised their two daughters. Tania and Robert were married for 57 years. Tania's favorite time of the year was Christmas. She enjoyed hosting her large family, always making it extra special for the younger children. Her happiest moments were spent surrounded by loved ones, whether at home or during summers in Montauk, a place that held a special spot in her heart. Tania will be remembered for her warm heart and her unwavering support of loved ones. Her presence will be deeply missed by all. She is survived by her devoted husband, Robert, and her daughters, Carolyn (Rob) and Diane (Chris). She was a proud and adored grandmother to her four granddaughters: Madeline, Charlotte, Ella, and Ava, who brought her immense joy. Tania also leaves behind her sisters, Susie, Liz, and Lainey; her brother, Steven; and many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved dearly. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects and celebrate Tania's life on Sunday, February 2nd, from 12 PM to 3 PM at N.F. Walker Funeral Parlor in Merrick, NY. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Tania's name to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) or Susan G. Komen (komen.org)

HELP WANTED!

We are working to recruit talent to our Convention Committee. Kolping members please consider volunteering your time and talents. New York Kolping is hosting the 2026 biennial National Kolping Convention in September of next year. There are all sorts of volunteer roles we will be looking to fill. The Convention is a two-day meeting of representatives from each of the U.S. Kolping Societies. Approximately 25-30 delegates and officers meet to review progress and determine the future course for our Society. Dozens of friends and family members join in and travel to the host city. We will be hosting and entertaining our fellow Kolping members from all across the country. More details coming in future Bulletins and Emails regarding committee needs.



◀ KOLPING SOCIETY IN VIENNA AUSTRIA

Just like our KOH Winter Clothing Drive, the Kolping Society in Vienna Austria asks for donations of clothing and shoes to give to people in need.

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT

LENTEN PROJECT 2025

We will again support the Kolping Families in Kenya

Our National Kolping Society is continuing support of Kolping brothers and sisters in Kenya. Do you want to make a difference in the world? Can you find \$1 to share with a Kolping brother or sister? Kolping's Lenten Project this year is again designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency. We've partnered successfully the past few years by providing them with goats and the training to care for the animals and use them to help feed their family and provide a small income.

This year we will focus on the water shortage there. We will help provide water collection tanks that sit on the roofs of homes to collect rain water. Additionally we'll help to purchase multi-story container gardens which use water more efficiently. The water tanks cost about \$335. Perhaps you are in a position to underwrite one of these tanks. The container garden sets cost about \$20.50. That's an amount most of us can find in our budgets.

Can you help by contributing to the Lenten Project? If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, for each day of Lent, or \$40 each, that would empower dozens of families to be more self-sufficient! Kolping International is coordinating this project with Kolping in Kenya.

Please send your gift today—see how big of a difference we can make when we come together. Gifts should be sent to Catholic Kolping Society of America, 311 Greene St, Mill Valley, CA 94941

LENTEN RESOURCES 2025

Ash Wednesday is on 3/5/2025 and Easter is 4/20/2025

The 40 days of Lent are a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect and renew. Following are some resource ideas that you may find of interest.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Materials will be available on their website closer to lent. Daily readings are always easy to find here.

Usccb.org

Catholic Charities USA

The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people, families and communities in need, to advocate for justice in social structures and to call the entire church and all people of good will to do the same. If you are looking for a project closer to home this Lent, the Catholic Charities website may offer you some ideas. They publish strong materials for prayer and reflection as well catholiccharitiesusa.org/about-us/prayers-reflections

Catholic Relief Services

Many of us remember getting a "mite box" or a "rice bowl" from CRS and making small daily contributions that grow through the 40 days of Lent and turn into a significant donation to a worthy group or cause. They also publish recipes for meatless meals and other tools to strengthen our Lenten journey.

CRS.org

Kate Bowler

While not a Catholic herself, Kate Bowler's appreciation of Christian teaching and respect for Catholicism makes her materials useful for many of us.

Katebowler.com/lent

Send your favorites in to kolpingny.org and we can share them to all of our Kolping family.

NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR!

Kolping Family Ski Trip

DATES: Friday to Sunday, March 7-9, 2025
(that's the week after our Annual Meeting)

WHERE: Killington Mountain Lodge • Killington, Vermont

ROOM RATES: \$239 per room per night, plus 10% tax

Kolping is re-inventing our ski trip this year. Natasha Borodin is coordinating the trip and we hope you can make it! We are staying at Killington Mountain Lodge, 2617 Killington Rd, Killington, Vermont hilton.com/en/hotels/ruttyup-killington-mountain-lodge

Room types: Choice of 2 Queens or 1 King.
Check in 4 pm, Check out 12 pm.

All rooms are equipped with coffee maker mini-fridge and a microwave.

Free WiFi • Non-smoking rooms • Digital Key • Ski Boutique • On-site restaurant • Fitness center • Pet-friendly rooms
Parking is included, which is a savings of \$10/day

Breakfast is not included in the rate. However, there are breakfast options at the hotel restaurant and Starbucks kiosk located in the lobby serving beverages, pastries, and breakfast sandwiches.

Lift packages are not available but you can purchase your own tickets or Ikon pass, or contact the Killington ski resort to learn about other offerings.

The hotel does not provide a shuttle or transportation to the lifts. Many of the guests drive themselves (the hotel is about 1 mile from resort parking). We can coordinate and carpool - it is an easy and viable option.

You can also take advantage of public transit that stops at the resort. It runs every hour, the details can be found on this weblink: <https://thebus.com/routes/rutland-killington-commuter>. It is part of the Rutland Killington Commuter Bus; there is a trip planner feature to help guide your trips.

Relax after a day on the slopes in the resort's LARGE outdoor hot-tub—open until 10pm. Facilities are available to host our group après ski and share stories of the day's time on the slopes.

Saturday cocktail hour and dinner will be served at the hotel at an extra charge—cost and menu are TBD.



Please contact Natasha at 347-306-2000 with any questions.

Looking forward to a great time with all of you on the slopes!

