

KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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MARCH

Spring Cleanup at Kolping-on-Hudson

JOIN YOUR KOLPING FRIENDS

It's that time of year again—planning our springtime activities at Kolping-on-Hudson so we can enjoy the beautiful summer days. Please mark your calendar for April 4-5, our first scheduled weekend cleanup at Kolping-on-Hudson!

We'll come together that Saturday and Sunday to start the work. Every one of us—big and small—has talents to offer. Projects will range from gardening and raking the grounds to sweeping out the dust and cobwebs from last year to preparing our kitchen for the delicious meals to come. There will be special projects as well, keep an eye out for announcements as they come together. Oftentimes, these group workdays inspire us to start the spring makeover at our own homes. Come and be renewed by the energy of your Kolping Family.

Cleanup dates are: **April 4-5, April 18-19, April 25-26, May 2-3, and May 9.**

We'll work together for a few hours, then sit down to enjoy a delicious lunch provided for the volunteers. Please let Heidi Umland know in advance what days you can come. This way we can have the right tools ready to make the most of your generous gift of time (of course, if you find yourself unexpectedly available, come on by even without an rsvp—we'll be happy to see you.)

Reach out to Heidi during the week before to RSVP—heidiumland@verizon.net or 917-699-6875. Join your fellow Kolping members for some service hours.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS & GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our annual membership meeting. Our Society only functions when we members participate. Congratulations and thanks are due to the members who considered running for our Board of Directors.

A report on the meeting will be in next month's bulletin.



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.

With great sadness, we announce the loss of our dear friend and Kolping member, **Miriam Herman**. Miriam joined the Kolping Society over a decade ago and spent many days with us at our summer home in Montrose. She could be counted on to greet everyone with a smile and to jump in and help with whatever task needed doing. We enjoyed our 2019 St. Niklaus celebration all the more because of Miriam's presence with her family—particularly grandson Joseph. The funeral Mass was February 17th at St. Luke's R.C. Church in Whitestone with burial at Calverton National Cemetery. Please keep Miriam and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

With heavy hearts, we write to let you know that **Wilfriede Roessler** has passed away. Wilfriede and her late husband Erich were frequent participants so many of our Kolping events. They reliably staffed the Oktoberfest food tent for many years and joined us for dances, dinners and celebrations. Between them, Wilfriede and Erich would have been 50 year members and they made their mark on us with their hard work and goodness. We miss them and our thoughts and prayers are with the Roessler family. The funeral was January 30th at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Glendale. Please remember Wilfriede, Erich and their family in your thoughts and prayers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Leigh Barbelet, Aaron Basso, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Eileen Bingay, Laura Burke, Margaret Caposella, Robert Feeney, Daniel Finnegan, Manfred Gallwitz, Matthew Geoghegan, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley, Jean Gormley, Andrew Gouglemann, Jillian Hemsing, Catherine Hickey, Stephanie Hickey, Kerry Ann Horan, Lajos Janny, Elizabeth Lorenzen, Stephen Lovasz, Dylan McCarthy, Cecelia McGlew, Janet McGuire, Paul McMahon, John McSweeney, Gertrude Mohapp, Eric Nania, James Olstrom, Claudio Petriccione, Helmi Pinner, Raymond Pitz, Gail Prager, Stephanie Prager, Scott Ralls, Georgeann Raniolo, Jenna Richardson, Albert Sartorius, Jen Scheuermann, Michael Scheuermann, Carmina Schiavi, Frank Schiavi, Franziska Schmidt, Alex Schmitt, Inge Schmitt, Brian Seger, Roy Sokol, Karen Staub, Tyler Stiloski, Carmen Sweeney, Nancy Van Tassel, Heidi Weinborg and Ferdinand Zipprich.

SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **Paul McMahon, Gertrude Mohapp, Georgeann Raniolo, Michael Scheuermann, Franziska Schmidt, Karen Staub, and Ferdinand Zipprich**.

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 Joan Smyth Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to Karen Staub for her generous gift to our Kolping Society and the Kolping Houses.

KOLPING MEMBER SHAVING HEAD FOR CHILDRENS CANCER

Kolping member Stephen Lovasz is shaving his head to help conquer childhood cancer. This is the sixth year he has teamed up with The St.Baldrick's Foundation for this cause. Stephen grows his hair out for a little more than a year, you make a donation to his St. Baldrick's page, and he shaves it all off! The bald head shows solidarity with children inflicted with this life cheating disease. He has set his shave date for March 20th, the first day of spring, and could use as much help as possible reaching his goal! Please consider joining this cause and making a donation. You can donate by going to his page and donating by credit card, or there is a print form option to mail in. You can go to stbaldricks.org, type LOVASZ in the search bar, and click his page, it's that simple!

PARTICIPANT

Stephen Lovasz

Mar 20, 2020

NY US

Virtual Event

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2020 DUES

Pay your membership dues by April 1st to avoid any late charges. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128
Att: Joan Smyth Dengler, 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, Joan Smyth Dengler. 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 this spring.



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News & Notes

LENTEN PROJECT 2020

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 designed to help some of our Kolping brothers and sisters rise from poverty to self-sufficiency 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. If each of us in NY Kolping gives \$1, we could provide two families with goats. If each of us gives \$10, we'd be helping 20 families take a step forward. And if we could each give \$1 for every day in Lent, or \$40 each, that would impact 80 families! 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.

2020 KOLPING DUES

172 Members have already paid their annual Kolping dues. If you're one of these folks, thank you so much for your prompt payment. If you haven't gotten around to this yet, please send in your dues today. Treu Kolping!

GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB OF PEEKSKILL

Visit www.gac1936.com for details on the following events:

March 15: Paint & Sip Party

April 4: Fund Raiser Dinner-Dance

May 1: Wurst Night

May 30 & 31: Mai Fest – featuring Spitzbuam

FR. BRETONE'S ANNUAL BARN DANCE

Save the date! This year's Barn Dance will be held on Saturday, April 18th at St. Patrick's Academy School Auditorium, 9511 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209 (convenient parking, close to mass transit).

WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR PHOTOS

If you have any photos of our members and friends participating in Kolping events 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.

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

Are you receiving a paper copy of the bulletin? Would you like to receive it via email instead? If so, email Secretary Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com and she can switch you to digital distribution. You'll receive the news faster and you'll save your Society a little money in the process.



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

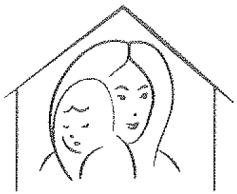
GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

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 MARCH 2020 INTENTION

PRAYER INTENTION FOR EVANGELISATION: CATHOLICS IN CHINA

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



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February 19, 2020

Catholic Kolping Society
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Dear Gail and Friends,

Thanks for your generous gift. You're a blessed friend.

For homeless moms and babies in need, who call in a panic, Good Counsel is safety. I can tell you today that the young woman who arrived last week is looking much more rested than when she first appeared, at our door after a long bus ride, and after her fear was finally allayed as to where to have her baby.

Now the work begins, as it does every day in Good Counsel's homes. Work toward helping each mom return to school or find a job. The first step is to have a warm, safe, supportive home. Thanks to you, Good Counsel provides that home for each mom and baby. Each mom is on her way to having a new, full, productive and joyful life, with the help of the God.

Your gift of \$1,000.00 is especially helpful today because after the very special celebration of Christmas many people feel stretched. Yet you are responding with continued bigheartedness.

You are helping bringing the "fullness of charity" to the world. Please pray for all of us at Good Counsel. You are certainly remembered in my prayers.

Peace,

Christopher Bell
President



WHAT: Join us for a **SIP and PAINT Party** to benefit the LCBMS PTA

WHEN: Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2pm

WHERE: German-American Social Club, 11 Kramers Pond Road, Putnam Valley, NY

COST: \$45pp. You must sign up at www.yaymaker.com

- Payment is by credit card only!
- Price includes supplies, the paint lesson for a canvas painting, light appetizers and desserts.

It will be a St. Patrick's Day themed painting!

A cash bar is available. There will be a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from the paint lesson and 50/50 raffle will benefit the Lakeland Copper Beach Middle School PTA. For any questions contact Christine Kruppenbacher at c.kruppenbacher@lakelandschools.org

More News & Notes

THEN A KOLPING MEMBER APPEARED *Submitted by Lou Colletti*

Dear Kolping Family Members:

We want to thank all of you for support for the loss of Nick's Brother Robert. For your attending the wake, funeral Mass, prayers, texts, emails, calls, flowers, and cards.

Robert served in the US Army he spent most of those years in Germany. He loved the German culture, people, food & the beer! He visited KOH several times and volunteered before he was too ill. He told me and Nick what a special place we have and are lucky to be part of it.

At sad and difficult times I rely on family and faith. For me, the funeral Mass is most important. We begin in church and end at the grave site. I truly understand that the parishes have fewer priests—they are few and have many responsibilities. We told the funeral director we wanted the priest completing Mass at the grave site. He told us he would let us know. We told him it was important. If they could not accommodate our request, we have priests in our local parish that could help, since Robert was being buried by us.

When the priest came to the funeral home the night before to go over the Mass (who will read, offertory, etc.), I asked if he would be coming to complete the Mass at the cemetery. He replied "No." I ask him if the funeral director was aware of this, and he said "Yes." I was very upset and said "I could have tried to get a priest from Kolping." The parish priest said "Did you say Kolping?" I replied "Yes I did, why do you ask?" He responded when he first came to NY he lived at KOC. But he still couldn't come to the cemetery. One of Nick's cousins is a Minister with the Lutheran Church. She said she would say final prayers at the grave site. At this point I had no choice.

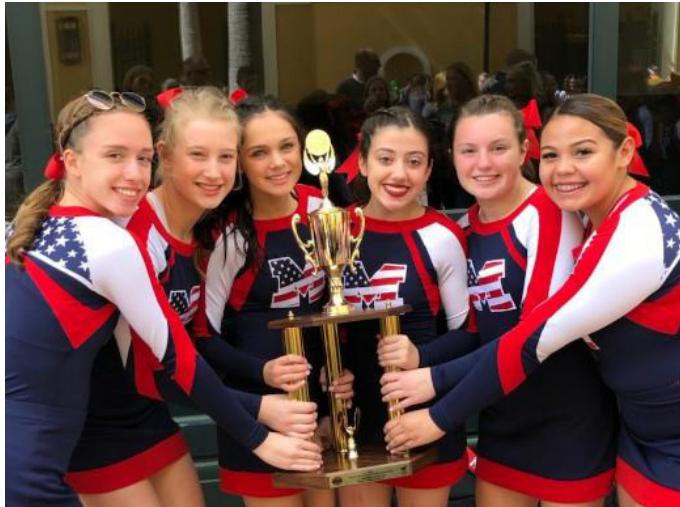
The next morning the funeral Mass began. Behind me I heard a voice—I wasn't sure who it was. He wasn't there a moment ago. I turned my head. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was Kolping member, Fr. Pier Giorgio, OD, in his vestments. I asked him if he could come with us to the cemetery, since the priest could not. He said "Of course, I am off today." He drove with us to Putnam Valley, NY. It was a beautiful end to the Rite of the Funeral Mass. He joined us for a lunch in Bronx after. We are forever grateful for Fr. Giorgio and for being part of the Kolping Family.

Love,
Nick, Lou, Nicky Jr. & Family

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kolping tradition of excellence continues. We are pleased to announce that Julie Weltner and her team have just concluded a major competition landing a spot as fifth in the nation!

Julie Weltner is the daughter of members Christine and Casey Weltner and granddaughter of Heide and the late Bert Bruegger.



More News & Notes

TARRYTOWN MUSIC HALL

Kudos to our member, **Mark Franzoso**, for his new commitment as Chairman of the Board for the organization operating Tarrytown Music Hall. Westchester locals know that the Hall is a treasure here in our backyard.

From The Patch:

Mark Franzoso, President of Croton-on-Hudson, NY-based Franzoso Contracting, was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Mozartina Musical Arts Conservatory, the non-profit educational and cultural organization that operates the historic Tarrytown Music Hall. Franzoso has served on the board for two years.

"I am happy to lend my support to worthwhile local organizations, especially when it comes to music. I am delighted to share my success and expertise with non-profit groups like the Music Hall and encourage other businesses to do the same," said Mark.

Franzoso is a well-respected leader in the Hudson Valley and has had a lifelong love of music, emblematic of his role on the Board of Directors of the Allman Brothers Band Museum at the Big House in Macon, GA, founded to make sure the music and legacy of the Allman Brothers lives on.

In addition to his new role at the Music Hall, Franzoso is the Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on the chamber board. He also serves as the President, Downstate Chapter of Purple Hear Homes, an organization that provides housing solutions to qualified Service Connected Disabled Veterans. He previously served on the Board of Directors of the Paramount Center in Peekskill, NY at the height of its popularity.

HELP WANTED

As you know, the Catholic Kolping Society New York has a mission to provide housing to university students attending schools in New York City.

Our home on 88th Street was originally dedicated to housing young men coming from Germany to the U.S. and to give them some family and community as they got started in a career. Over the years our focus has evolved and we now cater to students. The house has 88 rooms that can be utilized by young men coming to study in the U.S. We have students from many countries around the world for a few weeks, a few months, a semester, etc.

We are looking for Kolping members who can help us market this wonderful opportunity and keep our occupancy at an optimal level. Are you that person? Do you have contacts with schools in the area? Do you have marketing skills that could be shared to drive our mission forward?

Please consider pitching in with the work of our Society. Contact Joan via kolpingny@gmail.com if you have questions or think you might be able to help. Thank you!

YORKVILLE BOY SCOUT TROOP MEMBERS FROM THE 1950S?

We received an inquiry from one of our former scouts. If you have information to share with Alex, please let our secretary, Joan Dengler, know and she can provide his address.

Hello:

Recalling my youth and looking over my Yorkville memorabilia, I came upon my Boy Scouts / Cub Scouts' patches and medals. Would really be interested in the history of the Troop 636 Kolping, namely if it is still alive and if not, when it was disbanded. I don't remember exactly but my membership dates back to around 1950. (Yes, I'm up there, like they say "Long in the tooth") Anyway, thought I'd ask.

Regards, Alex Prikasky

Stories of Interest

SACRED HEART OF JESUS IN AUSCHWITZ

Submitted by Katrina Dengler

I was touched by this commentary written by Mother Agnes Mary, SV, in the magazine: Imprint, published by the Sisters of Life, and wanted to share. Can you imagine the tenacity it takes to dig a line in stone with your fingernail?

If you travel today to Auschwitz I, a World War II Nazi German concentration camp, you'll discover that every prison cell has a story—a terrible and largely untold story of human suffering. In Block 11, however, you'll find two prison cells of unusual legacy. One is where St. Maximilian Kolbe gave his life in place of another man. The other, less known, is the cell in which Lt. Stefan Jasienski awaited execution after a failed espionage attempt. Upon the walls of this dark, bleak chamber, you'll find Jasienski's masterpiece: an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which he carved with his fingernail into the stone.

When everything else seemed lost, Jasienski clung to this heart, the heart that had suffered, died, and rose for him, the heart that gave hope and purpose to his own. The Heart of Christ reveals to us our identity and our destiny. Our hearts are created to be places of light and truth, places where God dwells. Because of this, we are never alone.

As St. John leaned on the Heart of Jesus at the Last Supper, let us, too, lean our heads upon His heart, that we might know His faithfulness, even in the midst of darkness. The Crucifixion is not the end of our story. History belongs to Him, and His heart has triumphed over sin and death. We are a Resurrection people. Let us lift our eyes so that the gaze of our hearts be fixed upon His heart, whose love makes all things new.



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THOUGHTS FOR LENT

Submitted a few years back by the late Jack McGee

We are never alone on life's journey. Christ is with us to give us hope and strength. Pray the Prayer to St. Jude today.

Renew your commitment to prayer, fasting, and helping those in need.

Pray for the many people in need of physical healing.

Anger and bitterness can corrupt the human heart. With help, resentment changes into hope. Seek Jesus assistance today.

Blindness can be more than a physical affliction. Some people are morally or spiritually blind. Ask Jesus to give them insight and show them the way.

Reach out to someone who is lonely through a phone call. Also giving doesn't have to cost money. It can also be an offering of your time.

Patience is a great virtue, especially if one is dealing with persons with physical limitations or mental disabilities. Ask God to increase your patience.

Christ is always there with his message of hope. Pray for the intentions of the members.

Consider your own mortality today and seek to be closer to God.

Think of a friend or family member who has been an example of faith and hope for you. Tell them how grateful you are for their example.

Christ offers the light of hope to those who trust in him. Pray for those who are close to death today. Ask to increase their hope in the resurrection.

Easter will soon be here. Let the joy of the renewed life of spring remind you of the new life that is yours in Christ.

You know the consolation you receive from your devotion. Share a word of hope or prayer with someone today.

All the delights of this world are passing beauty. Look to Christ for the fullness of joy which comes to us through the power of his death and resurrection.

Open your heart today to the message of God's love. Be attentive, because it may come from an unlikely person or source.

Share something with those who go hungry and are in need of food.

As we enter Holy Week, we renew our faith in the power of Christ's saving death and life-giving resurrection.

Joseph Sartorius Scholarship Application 2020

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4. Please double space all lines in your essay.
5. Submit essay on a separate page WITH NO reference to name family, or anything by which the judges would be able to identify you.
6. Not be a previous winner or applicant.
7. Accept the decision of the judges as final.
8. Send application, proof of enrollment, and essay by midnight **SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020**. Please email materials electronically to **bob42@optonline.net** or U.S. mail to Bob Hemsing, 1106 Half Moon Bay Drive, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520.

Please contact the Bob Hemsing at 914-231-5601 with any questions.

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

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Signature of Applicant

Date