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**TBD Annual Elections &
General Meeting**
Kolping House 88th Street

March

KOLPING 88TH STREET

Welcome Spring 2021! Welcome to New York!

Dear Kolping Brothers and Sisters:

As we have explained in previous bulletins our historic flagship Kolping House at 88th Street in New York City has severely been impacted over the past year due to COVID-19. Our occupancy had dropped from 80 men in residence to just 10. Our Board of Directors have taken measures to cut costs, but if we do not start filling the residence and achieving budgeted revenue, the question of whether Kolping 88th Street can survive would become more apparent.

We formed a Marketing Committee that has over the last several months, implemented sales strategies such as social media ads, listing the residence on several websites, started a referral system with other NYC Catholic residences, sent out mailings to local universities and hospitals, updating the website and brochure to become more appealing, and more. This is all good and will show positive results, but however, may take time... TIME, the time is now! HOW, the how is you! Our members! Let us remember what Kolping is and the "Value of Family" that Father Adolph Kolping taught. We all are family and together we can do this. You can spread the word to friends, family, co-workers, church parishes and your local bulletin board.

HERE IS THE GOOD NEWS FOR 2021!

- **MILESTONE:** With the addition of a women's floor, we welcome our first female resident as of the new year!
- **COVID-19 VACCINATION:** Thousands of New Yorkers are getting vaccinated each day.
- **COVID-19 CASES:** The number of positive cases, hospitalizations, and deaths have been steadily dropping over the past month.
- **NEW YORK CITY IS STARTING TO OPEN BACK UP!** Restaurants are now allowed to open at 35% capacity plus continue with outdoor dining. Venues and tourist attractions are tactically finding ways to open and invite visitors using COVID guidelines.
- New York Universities are going back to in person classes. Students will be registering for Summer and Fall Semesters
- We have the Spring and Summer to look forward to...we all need it!

Visiting New York, coming to study in New York, or to work in New York, we have a place for you to stay at Kolping 88th Street!

The brochure for Kolping 88th Street is included here in the bulletin for you. Please make copies or we can send you our nice, slick fold up brochure. Please contact **Donna Richardson** if you would like extra brochures to pass along; at 914-879-1550 or donna7960@gmail.com. Most of all we need your prayers.

Thank you.



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.

Update on our friend, Kolping Member Frances Schulte

The delightful Frances Schulte celebrated a milestone birthday last Spring. We've learned that her niece has brought Frances down to Georgia to live closer to family. Please keep Frances in your prayers for a smooth transition to her new home.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MARCH:

Leigh Barbelet, Aaron Basso, Robert Berge, Rosemarie Best, Eileen Bingay, Laura Burke, Margaret Caposella, Robert Feeney, Manfred Gallwitz, Matthew Geoghegan, Jack Gilhooley, John Gilhooley, Jean Gormley, Andrew Gouglemann, Jillian Hemsing, Catherine Hickey, Stephanie Hickey, Kerry Ann Horan, Lajos

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SPECIAL MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Bob Berge, Stephanie Hickey, and Jean Gormley.**

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.

K88 FUND – 2021 EMERGENCY

As discussed in the President's letter in the January bulletin, our Society is facing significant financial difficulties. Our Mission "to promote development of the individual and family" is largely comprised of providing safe Catholic housing in Manhattan and the Bronx. At 88th Street we have traditionally housed international students and interns. In the Bronx we provide home for a variety of people from many walks of life. Our retreat at Kolping on Hudson is a place for all of our groups to relax and refresh. During 2020, international travel has declined and so too our occupancy rates have fallen to about 10% at 88th Street. In the Bronx, some of our residents have lost jobs making it difficult to meet rent obligations. We've cut expenses and staff but a shortfall remains. In our 100+ years in operation the Kolping Society has experienced good times and bad. We've come through them because of the generosity and hard work of our members. If your circumstances permit, can you help again? If so, please make a gift today and send to K88 Fund, Catholic Kolping Society New York, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. Your gift of any size ensures that the mission of Father Kolping lives on in our times. Most importantly keep praying! Pray for our members, pray for our Society, pray for our world. Many thanks go out to all who have already sent a gift to the K88 Fund. Your Society can still use your help. Please send your gift and note K88 in the memo or on the envelope.

KOLPING DUES: Individual \$90, Family \$120, Student \$40

Please send in your dues. Over 100 members have already submitted their 2021 dues—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are coming soon.

Note that if you didn't get 2020 dues paid, you should send that along with your 2021 payment so that your membership in the Society continues. Our very modest dues payments combined with the savings and contributions of generations of members keeps our Catholic Kolping Society New York operating at all three of our locations—Montrose, the Concourse and 88th Street.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MARCH 2021 INTENTION

INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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News & Notes

ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you for your feedback to questions posed in last month's Bulletin about this important meeting. Based on membership responses, we are going to postpone the meeting for a few months with the goal of having significant member participation.

Watch your Bulletin and your email for an announcement when the date, time and location are finalized.

Meanwhile we thank those Board Members who have agreed to extend their terms of service until we are able to hold the next round of elections. Please keep the Board in your prayers for wisdom, discernment, perseverance and grace as they lead our Society through these financially challenging times.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We would like to thank those who donated in February to the K88 Fund:

John & June Noonan, Gerald & Maureen Beyrer, Katrina Dengler, Reinhold & Ingrid Stehle, and Ferdinand Zipprich.

LENTEN PROJECT 2021

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 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.

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN PAGE

NY Kolping is on LinkedIn! As more and more people use this social network, it makes sense for Kolping to have a profile on LinkedIn. We invite all members to CONNECT. LinkedIn is a particularly good tool for job seekers. We strongly encourage all of our young members and anyone in the job market to create a profile and build your network. If you already have a presence on LinkedIn, please connect to Kolping today! Find us here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/kolpingnewyork>

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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.

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. We are pausing the process of interviewing and inducting new members to the Kolping Society at this time. If you have sponsored someone for membership, we will revisit the applications in the Fall with the goal of having inductions May 2021.



German-American Committee of Greater New York Scholarships

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

We are pleased to announce the fifth year of the German-American Committee of Greater New York Scholarships which will be awarded in June of 2021. Below is an application for both the high school and college scholarships. The eligibility for applicants will be based on students in 8th grade (three \$1,500 scholarships) or attending high school (three \$1,500 scholarships) and senior year of high school or full time students at an accredited institution of higher learning (three \$3,000 scholarships). Please complete the relevant application.

Given the geographic make up of the German-American Committee of Greater New York and its affiliation with the German-American Steuben Parade of New York City, only those students who live in the Greater New York Metropolitan area will be eligible to submit an application. Further, the student must demonstrate an interest in German heritage, the German language and/or German-American contributions to their community and/or the United States of America.

Academic requirements for applicants are: a 90 average for 8th grade and high school students and a 3.5 GPA for college students. The applicant also must submit their high school entrance exam scores for the high school scholarships and/ or their SAT/ACT scores for the college scholarships. Any student awarded a scholarship will be limited to a total of three additional scholarship awards in the given category (high school and college).

The deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2021. Award recipients will be announced by June 14, 2021. Applications and essays are to be digitally submitted to scholarship@germanparadenyc.org no later than midnight on April 15, 2021. (No applications received after midnight on April 15, 2021 will be considered.)

The German-American Committee of Greater New York is a New York State Not-for Profit, 501(c)(3) corporation and is the organizing body for the annual German-American Steuben Parade in New York City. It is the hope of the committee that the scholarship process and awards will foster further interest in German and German-American heritage, traditions and culture.

To download an application, go to:

germanparadenyc.org/german-american-committee-scholarships-2021/

Our mailing address is:

German-American Committee of Greater NY
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New York, NY 10008



The Catholic Kolping Society

NEW YORK

Adolph Kolping was born in 1813 in a small village not far from Cologne, Germany. Because his family was very poor, he had to start an apprenticeship as a shoemaker at the age of 12, and he worked in this trade for ten years. His dream, however, was to become a priest, and in 1834 he was finally able to enter high school. In 1841, he began his studies for the priesthood and was ordained in 1845.

Having worked as a shoemaker, he had a special kinship with the young journeymen who worked under very hard conditions at the time. He vowed to dedicate his life to provide for their welfare. He formed a Society of Journeymen, and bought the first house for them in 1852. Since then, the Society has grown to over 400,000 members worldwide, and is represented in over 60 countries.

On October 27, 1991, Pope John Paul II beatified "Blessed Adolph Kolping," recognizing Father Kolping's good works with the words, "The Church of today has the need for such an example as Adolph Kolping."

New York Kolping was founded on October 14, 1888 by Theobald Dengler, a Kolping member in Germany, with the aid of Karl Loerwald, who was born in New York. Their purpose was to provide a Kolping Society for young journeymen who arrived from Europe without friends or family in America.



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The Kolping House is a residence for students, interns, and visitors to NYC. The maximum length of stay is limited to three months (extendable to six months). Located in the heart of Manhattan, the Upper East Side on 88th Street between Third and Lexington Avenue, the Kolping House offers excellent public transport links, including two major subway lines and buses.

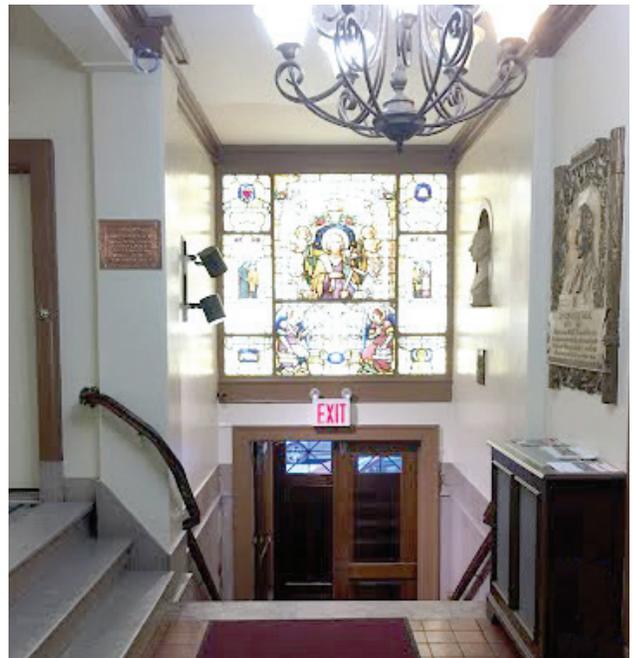
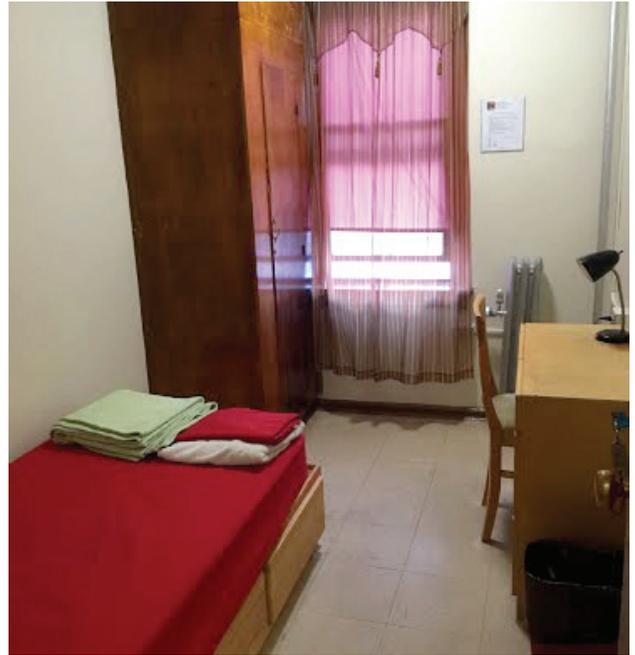
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Email residence@kolpingny.org for an application. A one-time registration fee of USD 75 is required.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us at the above address via email, fax or telephone (212.369.6647).

We are looking forward to your visit.

Best regards,
Catholic Kolping Society



Comfort & Inspiration submitted by Katherine Weigand

This is worthy of reprinting—Father Bretone’s 2015 sermon will be very comforting at this upsetting time.

300 Seconds – New Year Reflection of Mother Mary 2015 *by Father Richard J. Bretone*

My dear children,

Peace, Peace and more peace. Life can be hard but God is good. Oh so very good! He is with you always—each and everyday—from your rising to your retiring. My Son is with you. So very close to you! Sometimes even too close that you fail to hear Him, or see Him or touch Him, But He is Oh so very close to you! He wants you to know that He loves and respects each of you for all the many things you endure in a day! It is difficult this human life that you live.

It is so hard to endure the constant pressure and strain—the work, the finances, and the concerns that eat up day upon day—and the world fans these concerns into alarms. How it loves to rob you of your peace. It is a constant bombardment of fear: Fear of ancient rivals creating war, fear of the environment no longer sustaining life, fear of disease and drought and fire and calamity upon calamity. No wonder so many people live in a state of heightened anxiety, and the human race is besieged with worry.

But this year—this New Year of 2015—I want you to take a respite, a break, from worry. This is so unlike the world around you, so I realized it is not easy to just stop worrying—worry is addictive. So what would it be like NOT to worry, how would that feel?

Wake up each day with a new mindset—a new meditation! Take just 300 seconds—only 5 minutes—each morning and begin your day in a new way. Awake each morning and greet the day and My Son and Me.

“Good morning Jesus. Good morning my sweet savior. Good morning my hope, my refuge, my rock, my protection! Thank you for the sleep that restored my body. Thank you for the rest that renewed my soul. Thank you for the dreams that inspired my longings and thank you for the continuous safety you gave me through the night. I treasure these and will remember them throughout the day!

Thank you Mother Mary for being a continuing influence in my life. For being the gentle Mother that rocked me to sleep in your soothing arms and whispered words of love and encouragement as I drifted to the depth of peace. How I heard you whisper that I am your special child, that God loves me through and through and that He has a very special plan for my life no matter how mundane it seem, or even how chaotic it can feel—I am where God is at this moment and so long as I stay close to you and Him, my life’s mission will unfold and continue to. I heard the whispers of greatness and the whispers of love.

I heard the hope of all children—that I am special—one-of-a-kind, unrepeatable, irreplaceable. I felt cherished and treasured by just being the object of your love, Mother Mary. I didn’t have to earn it, I wasn’t competing for it, nor was I ever jealous, because your loving arms were there enfolding me totally. I was and am your one and only child each and every night. You hold me in your arms, whisper the words of hope and rock me to the gentle sleep of the just, then to be held in the protective love of your Son until the day begins anew! Wow! How special am I! How special!”

My dear children take a few minutes to recount the night and then ask me and my Son to be there in your wakefulness as we were there in your restfulness! Take us with you along your day. Why walk alone when you can walk with us: Jesus on your right side and me on your left! What an amazing day this would be! The cares of the world? Really? How would the world ever find a foothold or drive a wedge in the “walk of love?” Jesus, you and me—we are undefeatable, because everything, I mean everything the world can throw at you—it already threw at us!

My life was shrouded with suspicion, especially after conceiving by the Holy Spirit. Did people really believe this? It didn’t matter to me, because I was immersed in the Lord. My Son was continually tested: the Son of God—a man who eats and looks oh so human—really? That’s too much for us to believe. But my Son was not of this world, nor did its opinion matter to him. He was immersed in the love of the Father and in that love His strength was drawn and in the love he lived to fulfill His mission. All we want for you, my children, is to do as we did, to take your cue from us and live immersed in our love as we lived immersed in God’s love. In this way the illusive peace that so many of you seek will be yours. It is a peace truly beyond all understanding, because it is a peace beyond this world. If you want to make this year the most productive year of your life, give me and my Son 300 seconds of your time each morning! Recount the goodness of our watchfulness in your lives and take us with you each day on every adventure in the world. You will find that the worldliness of the world will melt away and you will feel the loving power of the risen Lord pulsing through your life. And there will come a day when you will say: “It is not me, but the Christ living in me”. And then my sons, and then my daughters, you will be transformed into the new creations promised by my Son for all those who love Him!

Amen.

