



## note the date

### april

As mentioned in the letter from Gerhard Schmitt, this situation is fluid and we will modify our plan accordingly with the highest regard for safety. With that in mind, all events for April have been cancelled.

Events for May and June are listed below, in the spirit of positive thinking. We will notify you if it will be necessary to also put these events on pause.

### may

**2- KOH Cleanup**

**3** Kolping-on-Hudson

**9 KOH Cleanup**

Kolping-on-Hudson

**10 Mother's Day**

Kolping-on-Hudson

**12 Executive Board Meeting**

Kolping 88th Street

**21 May Bulletin**

Last day to submit material

**25 Memorial Day BBQ**

Kolping-on-Hudson

### june

**21 Father's Day**

Kolping-on-Hudson

**28 Full Board Meeting**

Kolping-on-Hudson

# APRIL

## Be Not Afraid

*A Message from our New York Kolping President*

**GERHARD SCHMITT**

**"Be not afraid."** These were the words spoken by Cardinal Dolan this week to New Yorkers regarding the unprecedented disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. As we, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society, deal with this we should take to heart those three words that represent the most often repeated tenets of the New and Old Testaments. We must also be mindful and follow precautions and advisories from federal, state, and local governments as well as medical authorities. It is therefore with a heavy heart that I must suspend any and all regularly scheduled New York Kolping Society events and activities until further notice. That includes clean up weekends for the grounds and individual rooms at Kolping on Hudson. Of increasing concern lately are impromptu groups of members congregating on the patio and grounds of KOH. As a result these gatherings at Kolping on Hudson will not be allowed. The only exceptions will be specific individuals, with the permission of management, affecting essential repair work and cleaning/ sanitizing the inside of the main house. All other Kolping facilities have already put in place strict controls of visitation, social distancing, sanitation, and food arrangements.

These decisions were not made lightly or arbitrarily. Members of the Board of Directors, House managers, and committee members all agree that this is the best course of action to protect our tenants, staff, and members. This situation is fluid and be assured that we will modify our plan accordingly with the highest regard for safety. We will keep the membership notified of any changes.

**May Father Kolping pray for us, our health and well-being, and a speedy end to this pandemic.**

Treu Kolping  
Gerhard Schmitt  
PRESIDENT



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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 some sad news from Wolfgang Hahn—his brother **Siegfried Hahn** who was 83 years old passed away in Germany on Sunday March 15, 2020. Wolfgang has left for Germany, please keep him your prayers for a safe journey and for solace in this time of loss.

Our good friend, **Johanna McGreevy** is currently recovering from a health challenge. We ask your prayers for her comfort and healing and return to home quickly. Johanna's smiling face and warm heart touch us all and we want to see her back on her feet right away.

Please pray especially for our Kolping family members who are **doctors, nurses, firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, ambulance drivers and hospital staff**. May God grant them comfort as they work in a tremendously difficult time.

Pray, too, for our members who are caring for loved ones. Caregivers are generous heroes who often go unnoticed. They need and deserve our love and support.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN APRIL:

Linda Ahrens, Gerald Beyrer, Willy Bitterman, James Bradley, Mary Buono, John Buono, Nancy Byrne, Michelle Calhoun, Brian Carey, Andrea Cela, Michelle Cervello, Jean Cianci, Romeo Cojocar, Luca Matthias Coletti, Stewart Cooke, Colleen Croce, Edward Croce, Steven Crowley, Erna Dengler, Katrina Dengler, Kurt Dengler, Veronica

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### SPECIAL APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **Linda Ahrens, Edward Croce, Barbara Lodestro, Lorraine McMahon, Lulu Nieshalla, Reinhart Oelerking, and Frances Schulte**.

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.

### WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Robert Hersam and Ronald Seelbach sent gifts to the Society and we are so grateful for their membership and continued support. And a heartfelt thank you to Heide Bruegger for her generous donation to KOH.



*Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
pray for us!*

### FROM FR. RICHARD BRETONE

I hope and pray that our Kolping Family and those that reside in our homes are well and safe. Here is a little prayer that encourages us to go to the Holy Family during these difficult times. May it bear much fruit!

#### A Prayer in Uncertain Times

"Fear is useless, what is needed is Trust (Lk: 8:50)."

Jesus touched them and said: "Arise, and have no fear (Mt 17:7)."

"Take courage, it is I (the Lord), do not be afraid (Jn 6:20)."

Fear frightens, God enlightens. Focus on sorrow, and we lose tomorrow.

Keep the faith, and our soul remains safe in the loving embrace of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen

# 2020 DUES

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# News & Notes

## LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF SANITIZER AND MASKS

Our Kolping houses could use masks and hand sanitizer. 88th Street is almost out. If you live close by, you could drop it off. Otherwise, please send it in a parcel.

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## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.

## MASS AND RELIGIOUS RESOURCES ONLINE, RADIO AND TV

As I hope you all know, Kolping's radio station WKBR-LPFM rebroadcasts **Relevant Radio**, a Catholic station. While our station is only strong enough to reach a small area, all can hear Relevant Radio through their computers at <https://relevantradio.com/>

In these difficult times, especially when there are no Masses, we can still pray and grow in our religious faith by connecting to these 21st century sources!

You can also listen to EWTN online at <https://www.ewtn.com/radio>

Many sites also have the Mass available:

<https://relevantradio.com/faith/daily-mass-video/>

<https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live>

St. Patrick's Cathedral's Mass will also be broadcast on channel 11 at 10:00 am for Palm Sunday and Easter. Available live at 10:00 am online and on demand.

Praying you and our Kolping family remains safe,

*Katrina Dengler*

Vice President

## OUR HOLY FATHER'S APRIL 2020 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: **FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION**

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

# General Meeting

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Our Society convened at our house on 88th Street in Manhattan for the Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday March 1, 2020. We started the day with German Mass at St. Joseph's on 87th Street then enjoyed a coffee hour with the parishioners. Back at the Kolping House, Meisterkoch (that's "Master Chef") Wolfgang Hahn was busy roasting sauerbraten, chopping vegetables and cooking up spaetzle. Somehow he found time to put together a delicious chicken Parmesan as well. When our house manager Geovanny Ramirez wasn't assisting in the kitchen, he was ensuring that our NYC home was sparkling and the ballroom was ready for our meetings and luncheon. We thank Max and Rodrigo and Ken for helping with a variety of tasks to make the day run smoothly.

Chairman John Weigand opened up the meeting with a welcome to all in attendance. Annual reports commenced with those responsible going into detail about the operations of the three properties, the state of our finances, membership statistics, reports on special funds, summary of Kolping US's United Nations participation and an update on the National Kolping Society. We thank Gerhard Schmitt, Katrina Dengler, John Reitter, Lou Colletti and Ted Dengler for preparing these reports.

Elections for the Board of Directors saw us working to fill two seats. We thank Lia Dengler Portilla for her robust service to us as a board member for many years and we thank Albert Sartorius for his decades of service! We will miss their presence on our Board but thankfully will see them at our Society functions. We were blessed this year to have four very talented individuals step up in consideration for board service. Chris Morris, Tracie Truncellito, Tom Waitkins and John Wisniewski volunteered to serve in a trustee role. Tracie and Tom were elected to the board. Chris and John are encouraged to continue to participate in the work of our Society with their time and talents.

The Election of Board President and Vice President was part of this process and we're happy to report that Gerhard Schmitt will serve as President and Katrina Dengler will fill the role of Vice President. Our Board of Directors are responsible for myriad decisions and the operations of our Society.

Directors continuing on the Board include our Praeses Father Richard Bretone Richard Brunhuber, Peter Carruthers, Lou Colletti, Ted Dengler, Howard Jaeger, Frank Kurcz, John Reitter, Donna Richardson, Al Sartorius Jr., Chuck Smith, Chris Ulrich, Frank Weigand and John Weigand

We appreciate all that they do—and if you see one of them—consider saying "Thanks! How can I help?"

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## **THE GENERAL MEETING AND GOOD MEMORIES** submitted by Debbie Funnell

On Sunday we attended the annual meeting, the German mass at St. Joes (where my Aunt and Uncle were married) and of course the dinner.

Every time I enter the Kolping house and walk into those hardwood floors, memories of when I was younger flood back into my mind. My Grandpa (Max Reitter) taught me how to dance on those floors. I remember him singing and my parents sharing stories of singing as well. The dinner this year was wonderful. It was also great to hear how well Kolping is doing as well as the benefits of the goats / Lenten project last year.

Here are a few pictures from the day. The young people in the pictures are my son Kevin and his girlfriend Vanessa.





# Kolping Ski Trip

The 2020 Kolping Family Ski Trip went down with clear skies, moderate temps and much *gemutlichkeit*. 37 new friends, old-timers and those in between convened at the Mountaineer Inn at the base of Mount Snow in Vermont.

The Innkeepers Ned and Royal welcomed us to their cozy home where we enjoyed food, fellowship and snug, warm rooms when we weren't on the slopes. The outdoor Hot Tub was, as always, a big draw for skiers and non-skiers alike. Brrr! Our skiers ranged in age from 5 to 65 and represented all levels of athleticism. (So YOU should join us next year!) Mount Snow staff and instructors answered our questions, outfitted us with gear as needed and helped skiers figure out where the lines were shorter and the snow was right for each skier's level of expertise.

The days were beautiful and sunny, so afternoons on the Cuzzins patio were part of the experience. After dark we moved inside to Jenga tournaments, pool and great conversation with old (and new) friends.

And from all of us that enjoyed the weekend, a big thank you once again to Joan Dengler for tireless task of organizing the trip!



# PRAYER RESOURCES FROM THE NY ARCHDIOCESE

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## **Prayer Resources in the Absence of Mass**

As was announced last week, all Masses in the Archdiocese of New York will be canceled for the time being due to continued concern surrounding the coronavirus, and at the advice of medical experts. In light of these developments, members of the faithful may wish to observe Sunday as a day of prayer in the following ways:

1. Mass will be celebrated in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and will be available on many cable systems via the Catholic Faith Network and its website, livestreamed on the Saint Patrick's Cathedral website, and broadcast on radio on The Catholic Channel of Sirius XM (Channel 129).

2. Act of Spiritual Communion: It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. Find out more about the beautiful Catholic practice of Spiritual Communion in this

excellent article at the following link: [https://nolacatholic.org/spiritual-communion?mc\\_cid=8289a8f0b0&mc\\_eid=2f5bb966d2](https://nolacatholic.org/spiritual-communion?mc_cid=8289a8f0b0&mc_eid=2f5bb966d2)

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

3. Prayers of Praise: In addition to praying for communion with the Lord, it is also important to take time to offer God our praise. This can be done by celebrating the Liturgy of the Hours or through a Celebration of the Word service, which can be celebrated at home. The following publishers have graciously made these services available for free and online at the following links:

Magnificat:

<https://us.magnificat.net/free>

Magnificat Celebration of the Word Service:

<https://tinyurl.com/u3dzdyg>

Give us this Day:

<https://giveusthisday.org/Digital>

The Word Among Us:

<https://wau.org/meditations>

4. Lastly, let us keep each other and our world in prayer during these challenging times. In addition to the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the following prayers asking for the intercession of Our Lady may be offered:

## **Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Our Lady of New York, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that,

as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will

and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.



# *RE-PRINTED PHOTOS FROM JUNE 2019* Photos by **Holger Lersch**

Since we can't be there in person at this time, let's enjoy these photos again—and look forward to when this crisis is behind us and we can all enjoy our beautiful home in Montrose in the company of our fellow member and friends.



# 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.
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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.

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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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