

note the date

Kolping on Hudson buildings and grounds will remain closed for the month of May. Please connect with your Kolping friends by phone and email and consider technology such as Zoom, Facebook Live and Google Meet.

We will continue to modify our plan accordingly with the highest regard for safety.

Below are the scheduled events for beyond May. Please bear in mind it may be necessary to postpone these events as well.

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Summer 2020 update

Dear Members:

As the weather gets warmer it's natural for us to want to go outdoors and enjoy gatherings with our families and friends.

As Kolping Members, we turn to KOH, our retreat house, as a place to meet with our loved ones and companions. Unfortunately, under Governor Cuomo's "Pause" guidelines no one like us can open at this time.

That means KOH is CLOSED. The exception is the group of members that have been given permission to volunteer doing essential work. These volunteers have been coordinated by Heidi Umland, the manager, and Lou Colletti, chair of the KOH committee. The volunteers are following the social distancing guidelines as prescribed. We want to thank Alfred Vogel, Mike Weinborg, Nick Colletti, Frank Kurcz, Al Ahrens, Mike Scheuermann, and Richie Povilonis for doing this work. The majority of the work done was outside and under cold, damp, and rainy weather. We truly appreciate their dedication and efforts.

As soon as we can open Heidi will be able to reschedule clean up weekends. It is imperative that the membership respect the temporary shutdown of the property. We have to be patient and await any new directives from Governor Cuomo. Some upstate regions may open on May 15th, Westchester will probably take longer. As soon as we know more we will let you know.

**Please do not underestimate this enemy! Do not let your guard down!
Stay safe, stay home, and pray.**

Lou Colletti, *KOH House Committee*
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.

Sadly this past month we lost our good friend **Willy Bittermann**. Willy and his lovely wife Marlena joined Kolping many years ago. They have been loyal and faithful hardworking members for decades. Their daughters Barbara and Irene spent much of their time growing up running around the Kolping grounds and pitching in when duty called. Barbara and her husband Stefan served as Managers of KOH for a couple of seasons. Willy and Marlena founded Autobahn Service in Manhattan and earned a reputation as a highly skilled and reliable business whose customers keep returning to them. Barbara and Stefan run the business now and Willy's grandsons Mattias and Willy Weber carry on the family tradition.

Please keep Marlena and the whole family in your thoughts and prayers. We will miss Willy's sweet smile and we will cherish our memories of our times with him.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MAY:

Yvonne Beldotti, Brian Bingay, Mary Breining, Albert Buchholz, Martin Buckel, Eric Calhoun, Therese Cojocar, Robert Coletti, Sr., Donald Connolly, Timothy Cudahy, Emily Dengler Reyes, Norbert Dengler, Norbert Dengler, Jr., Teddy Dengler XI, Dan Dennehy, Janet Finnegan, Brian Flood, Keith Franz, Matthew Funnell, Elizabeth Geoghegan, Lisa Giaquinto, Eric Glomann, Linda Gramer, Christine Groseclose, Brian Hickey, Marc Hiltzley, Richard Hiltzley, Jack Kid, Lawrence Kunz, Doris Lechner, Peggy Lersch, Michael Longworth, Victoria Longworth, Thomas Lorenzen, Scott Manner, Dianna Marricco, Eileen Marx, Frances McCarthy, John McGlew, Jr., John McSweeney, Magdalena Melamed, Richard Mickelsen, Eleanor Mullins, William Murray, Kayla Lee Noll, Kim O'Brien, George Parra, Joseph Pinner, Marion Povilonis, Martin Povilonis, Jr., Michael Prager, Joshua Prokopiak, Andrea Ralls, Stacey Retallick, Morgan Salvatori, Peter Schuyler, Peter Severin, Ekaterina Sokol, Joe Solano, Michael Tompkins, Jennifer Vize, Walter Weigand, Kelly Weinborg and Christine Weltner.

SPECIAL MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **Albert Buchholz, Lisa Giaquinto, Doris Lechner, Marion Povilonis and Andrea Ralls.**

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

We thank **Father Winfried Kellner** for his most generous gift to the Catholic Kolping Society. Fr. Kellner served as the Praeses for the Catholic Kolping Society of Rochester for several decades. It is always a pleasure to meet with him at our National Conventions and share ideas to further our Kolping Society.



RAINBOW AFTER A STORM

*Photo By: Donna Richardson
Submitted By: Lou Colletti*

I sighted this beautiful, amazing double rainbow the evening of Easter Monday, after a bad storm ripped through the area. I had ventured out after the storm ended, and standing by the water, I am looking south from Verplanck and the rainbow was coming from the Hudson River and goes right over our Kolping House in Montrose. The main house and beer garden are located in the lower left hand corner.

Rainbows are God's Promise of good things to come.
Genesis 9:13

During this challenging time of the COVID-19 Pandemic, this rainbow is a sign of HOPE and PROMISE!

2020 DUES

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: \$105

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Student: \$45

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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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are happy to announce that eight Kolping high school seniors have applied for the Joseph Sartorius College Scholarship Award. Five girls and three boys sent in their essays, which were sent to the judges for their decision. The colleges they will be attending are:

St. John's University, SUNY Binghamton, Albright College, UCONN, Manhattan College, Boston University, Dominican College, and John's Hopkins University.

Congratulations to the students, their parents and grandparents for their guidance, perseverance, and commitment to the goal of higher education.

The winners will be announced in the June Bulletin.

KOLPING US NATIONAL CONVENTION

At this week's national board meeting, the trustees made the difficult decision to postpone the national 2020 convention by one year. The convention will be held in September 2021, Cincinnati will host. The following convention originally scheduled for 2022 will move to 2023 and be hosted by Kolping Los Angeles.

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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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>

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MAY 2020 INTENTION

UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: FOR DEACONS

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER submitted by Lou Colletti

Following is a letter sent from Kolping International that we'd like to share with you.



“The Strength of Community“

Stimulus for May 1, 2020, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

In these times of the global coronavirus pandemic, it becomes evident in a most dramatic way how much gainful employment is crucial for the survival of the majority of people. What has been obvious for a long time in terms of those providing care in their families or jobs, has now become an undeniable and painful fact for the global community: people who cannot work often face the risk of dying.

Day laborers do not have any savings. Without work they cannot make a living. In many countries of the Global South, people working in the informal economy make up the biggest part of the working population. They are not eligible for any short time working regulations or rescue packages. Smallholder farmers who still manage somehow to feed their families with basic foodstuffs are at an advantage over landless people living in the cities. However, farmers also have to face collapsing markets and a loss of income.

In Europe and in some other countries in the world, social security systems protecting people from disease and unemployment, providing for old-age and ensuring their survival have been the result of long and painful struggles of women and men who joined forces to become stronger.

Blessed Adolph Kolping and his publications inspired many authors to agitate on the basis of their Christian faith for strong associations and for unions of workers with the aim of achieving mutual protection. His work continues to be a living testimony to the strength of the community. He was one of those whose work and activities helped to lay the ground for the first social encyclical issued by Pope Leo XIII in 1891. The Pope stated in No. 49: *“The most important of all are workingmen’s unions, for these virtually include all the rest. History attests what excellent results were brought about by the artificers’ guilds of olden times. They were the means of affording not only many advantages to the workmen, but in no small degree of promoting the advancement of art, as numerous monuments remain to bear witness.”* What Pope Leo XIII wrote at the end of the 19th century still holds true today: *“The consciousness of his own weakness urges man to call in aid from without.”* (No. 50)

May 1 reminds us of the strength of community, not only of the strength of trade unions but of all federations and associations that are fighting for a better life and better working conditions of people. Adolph Kolping dedicated his life to the journeymen’s associations. To us who are part of Kolping Families all over the world, solidarity that he taught us remains a mission in life across national borders.

May Saint Joseph always guide us in our efforts to accomplish this mission.

Dr. Markus Demele

KOLPING INTERNATIONAL General Secretary

On May 1, we celebrated the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Pope Pius XII established this feast day in 1955 to honor St. Joseph and celebrate the Catholic Church’s commitment to the dignity of labor. Please pray to him for all workers. Especially during these times for all our essential workers.

Stories of Interest



Kolping member Gail Gleason found this Beer Stein photo. It makes some wonder—what's the tallest, biggest, smallest, most unusual stein you've ever seen? Send your photos in to the bulletin or add them on our Facebook page as a comment. We're eager to see what you've got!

Lou Colletti sent this interesting snapshot from *USA TODAY* April 28, 2020



SOURCE: Nielsen, Rakuten Intelligence
AMY BARNETTE, BILL CAMPLING/USA TODAY



Columbia University Women's Foil Team at the Ivy Championship

Kolping member Jim Minarik, Sr. has good reason to be proud. His granddaughter Natalie Minarik (center in above photo) has been dedicated to fencing for many years, and has recently received yet another honor. She is one of 11 fencers honored as All-Americans by the United States Fencing Coaches Association. Each year the USFCA recognizes the outstanding work of the fencing student-athletes by naming the All-Americans based on their achievements in the national championship, however, this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic the championships were canceled. All-American honors were based on each fencer's overall body of work through the season competitions and NCAA Regionals.

Natalie just completed her second year studying poli-sci/pre-law at Columbia University. She represented the U.S., fencing at the 2017 Cadet World Championships in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, winning a bronze medal. Her Columbia team won the 2019 NCAA National Championship and the 2020 Women's Ivy League Championships. Natalie has been nominated for team captain for the 2020-21 season.

Parents Jim & Theresa Minarik have been a constant source of support and encouragement, and Natalie's hard work continues to pay off!



Celebrating Natalie's winning touch vs. Upenn at Ivy Championship

LIFE IN QUARANTINE

Many of our Kolping Members are locked down at home to stay safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19 to friends and family and others in our communities.

Some are busier than ever as they work to do their jobs with fewer resources and in a whole new way. Others have time on their hands. Following is a list of resources that may help you spend this time and perhaps come out of it with new skills or renewed sense of life.

If you live near Somers, check out Kolping radio on 102.3 for programming from Relevant Radio and EWTN.

Many Catholic parishes are making their Masses available online. St. Brigid Westbury is one such Church and their Facebook page hosts a wonderful Sunday Mass as well as daily reflections at noontime during the week. Find them at St. Brigid's Roman Catholic Church on Facebook.



The Catholic Extension Society works throughout the U.S. to minister to Catholics in underserved areas. Check them out at catholicextension.org. For the month of May they are sending a daily reflection for 31 days celebrating women in the Church. Sunday Mass and many other resources are available at their website.



If you use Instagram or Facebook and speak a little German (or a lot), consider following [katholisch_de](https://www.instagram.com/katholisch_de) on Insta or [katholisch.de](https://www.facebook.com/katholisch.de) on FB. You'll receive a steady stream of beautiful pictures, inspirational quotes and thought-provoking articles.

Kolping International is on Facebook as well with frequent posts about the work of Kolping throughout the world. Facebook provides a translation.



Have you ever considered meditation but not found a way to build a practice? New York State has partnered with the leading app Headspace to provide no-cost access to this tool for developing mindfulness. Simply visit [headspace.com/ny](https://www.headspace.com/ny) from any desktop or mobile browser. (The NY option is not in the App, but can be used thru your phone's browser app.)



Finally, if you're interested in any of this information but don't use a computer, drop a note to our Secretary, Joan Dengler, and she will work to get you applicable resources. Write to Joan at any of our Kolping addresses:

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