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MAY

CELEBRATE WITH US!

Mothers Day

**Please plan to join us at Kolping on Hudson for our annual
Dinner and Mass in honor of all our Mothers.**

Our talented chefs are planning a beautiful meal for us. The menu will be:

Garden salad with Mandarin oranges, red onion, feta cheese, tomato, cucumber, and Craisins with vinaigrette dressing. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans will be served for the main meal. And to round out the meal, we will be treated to a dessert of chocolate mousse with fresh raspberries and whipped cream. There will be a children's meal available—

IF you indicate when reserving that you need this.

There will be two seatings for dinner—at 12 noon and at 2 pm. After the second seating, our Praeses, Father Richard Bretone will lead us in the celebration of Mass in our own Assmuth Hall. We will be inducting some new members into our Society—another cause for celebration!

After Mass, we will process to the upper shrine and crown the Blessed Mother with a floral wreath.

Dinner tickets are \$30 per member reserved in advance (\$35 for nonmembers who reserve in advance) and \$15 for children ages 5-12. If there are any spots available the day of the event, the walk-in rate is \$5 additional.

And, by the way, "advance" means several days before the meal—so please reserve by May 7 at 12 noon. We expect to sell out, so please plan ahead and let us know you would like to join us.

Email kohmanager95@gmail.com or leave a message at 914-432-2535.



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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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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN MAY

John Barry, Yvonne Beldotti, Brian Bingay, Albert Buchholz, Martin Buckel, Eric Calhoun, Therese Cojocar, Robert Coletti, Sr., Donald Connolly, Timothy Cudahy, Emily Dengler Reyes, Norbert Dengler, Jr., Teddy Dengler XI, Dan Dennehy, Brian Flood, Keith Franz, Matthew Funnell, Elizabeth Geoghegan, Lisa Giaquinto, Eric Glomann, Michael Groseclose, Marc Hiltzley, Richard Hiltzley, John Houlihan, George Katsch, Barbara Knapp, Lawrence Kunz, Doris Lechner, Peggy Lersch, Michael Longworth, Victoria Longworth, Thomas Lorenzen, Scott Manner, Eileen Marx, Frances McCarthy, John McGlew, Jr., Richard Mickelsen, Eleanor Mullins, William Murray, Kayla Lee Noll, Caitlin Noonan, Jorge Parra, Bob Picarelli, Joseph Pinner, Marion Povilonis, Martin Povilonis, Jr., Michael Prager, Stacey Retallick, Morgan Salvatori, Ekaterina Sokol, Walter Weigand, Kelly Weinborg, and Christine Weltner.

SPECIAL MAY BIRTHDAYS:

We send special birthday wishes to **John Barry, Albert Buchholz, Teddy Dengler, Doris Lechner, Rita Picarelli, and Marion Povilonis.**

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.



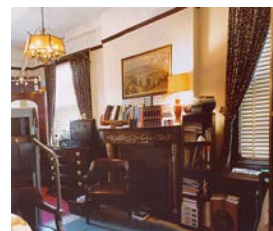
Thank you Bettina Elstroth and Corey Fenton for your very generous gift to Kolping on Hudson. We'll put it to good use keeping our Summer home in tip top shape.

KOLPING ON CONCOURSE A FEW EXTRA ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE!


If you know of anyone who wants to move to the city (Bronx) to be closer to work, reach out to our manager, Kelly Moeller: 718-733-6119 / kolpingconcourse@yahoo.com

Great opportunity for a professional or student. Fully furnished, single rooms available with shared bathroom on the Grand Concourse in the Bedford Park section of the Bronx. On-site laundry facility, free WIFI, on-site Chapel with daily Mass. One meal daily is provided.

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Please call **212 360 6022** or email **bfox@germansocietyny.org**.

NEWS & NOTES

2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Family: \$155 • Individual: \$120 • Student: \$50
50-year members: paid up forever!

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2025. 189 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. Your membership cards are on their way to you.

Note that if you didn't get last year's dues paid, you should send that along with this year's 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.

Send your check made out to Catholic Kolping Society to: Joan Dengler, Kolping, 7 Ganung Dr, Ossining, NY 10562

KOLPING CONVENTION 2026

We in New York Kolping are 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 NATIONAL OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS:

Kolping National has a new mailing address:
Catholic Kolping Society of America
PO BOX 76008
Highland Heights, KY 41076

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!



KOC Dining Room



KOH Dining Room



K-88 Ballroom

MORE NEWS & NOTES

SERVICE PROJECTS 2025

FURRY FRIENDS can be made more comfortable with our clean, cast-off towels and bed linens. We'll be collecting these at KOH for the SPCA.

WINTER COATS are needed!

As you switch your closet from Winter to Spring, think about passing on coats that you didn't use this year. Bring to KOH on the weekends. We'll deliver them to partners in Westchester who provide them to people in need when the weather turns.

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.

ARE YOU READY FOR BASEBALL?

Our fellow Kolping Member Karen Staub has once again agreed to generously share 4 Tickets for the Subway Series game on Saturday July 5, 2025 at 4:10pm. The set of tickets will be raffled off with proceeds going to a special fund to preserve and care for our Kolping House on the Grand Concourse in the Bronx. The seats are located on the Excelsior level, Third Base side, Section 331. These tickets provide access to Piazza Club, Caesar's Sportsbook and the Hudson Whiskey Club.

Raffle Tickets can be purchased from Lou Colletti by email or text: LCookie1129@aol.com / (914) 275-7481

Drawing will be held on Fathers Day—Sunday June 15th.

HELP WANTED— KOH IS SEEKING THE FOLLOWING:

- Certified lifeguards for the upcoming season
- 1-2 p/t helpers for event setup, breakdown, and other light chores around the property

If interested please contact Tracie Truncellito, kohmanager95@gmail.com for more information

- Wait staff for weekends and special events.

If interested please contact Kathy Weinborg - kathyweinborg306@gmail.com

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS —KOVA

Catholic Kolping Society 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. 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 vocational training 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.

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.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S MAY 2025 INTENTION

FOR WORKING CONDITIONS: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

KOH CLEAN UP DAYS

We're ready to welcome you at Kolping on Hudson as we do our Spring Clean Up!

We will need volunteers to remove furniture from the Dining Room. Outside landscaping can begin—raking leaves, etc. Also we will need volunteers to start in the kitchen. And we will remove benches and other items stored in Assmuth Hall for the off season and prepare the Hall for Mass on Mothers Day. New volunteers should come at 11am, experienced volunteers may begin on their own.

Please RSVP if you can so we can plan accordingly for lunch. Email kohmanager95@gmail.com or leave a message at 914-432-2535.

THANKS GO OUT TO ALL WHO HAVE BEEN HELPING SO FAR. A partial list at the time of publication includes: Mike and Jen Scheuermann, Al Vogl, Tracie Truncellito, Kathy and Mike Weinborg, Frank Weigand, John Weigand, Ala and Steve Lovasz, Mia Steigerwald, Christine McGrath, Ted Dengler, Colton, Mary and Vincent Obermeier, Alex & Gerhard Schmitt. We couldn't do it without you and appreciate your time and efforts!



ADOLPH KOLPING Thought leader and visionary

Adolph Kolping was born more than 200 years ago. His ideas were modern at the time and they are still relevant today. The misery and the social consequences of the early stages of industrialization were reasons for Kolping to take initiative and to devote his life to the people living on the margins of society. By founding his Journeymen's Societies he developed new forms of living and learning together. A dedicated priest, he dealt intensively with political and social questions of his time. It took Adolph Kolping only twenty years to establish a network of Journeymen's Societies throughout Europe, guiding and assisting thousands of people in need.

His life

In 1836, shoemaker's apprentice Adolph Kolping was faced with the most important question of his life: Should he continue along his career path he chose when he was 13 until the end of his life? Or should he follow his true calling of learning, continuing to go to school, studying and becoming a priest? Kolping was able to follow this other path thanks to the support of the people who believed in him and his calling.

And so in 1837 – at age 24 – Kolping returned to school, graduated from the Marzellengymnasium grammar school in Cologne and continued on with his studies in theology. On April 13, 1845, Adolph Kolping was ordained in the Minorite Church in Cologne. He received his first assignment as chaplain in Wuppertal-Elberfeld. Here, he experienced the misery of the workers who had to cope with social changes as a result of industrialization. The journeymen were no longer able to live in the homes of their masters since the guild system had collapsed. In Elberfeld, Kolping also got to know the organization for journeymen recently founded by local teacher Johann Gregor Breuer and he was elected its Praeses (spiritual leader) soon thereafter. Kolping recognized this association as an excellent tool for overcoming social problems brought about by the radical change of the world of work as part of the industrialization.

As a contemporary of Karl Marx, Kolping in fact held the same views of these social problems since he was faced with their immediate impact as a member of the clergy. However, Adolph Kolping trusted in the strength of the community and willingness of every individual to contribute to a fairer society instead of a revolution. Based on his experiences in Elberfeld, he fully dedicated himself to spreading the notion of *Gesellenvereine* – Journeymen's Societies – as communities for providing education and mutual support.

He tirelessly promoted this idea in his native Rhineland at first and then moved far beyond Germany's borders for establishing and maintaining Journeymen's Societies and their social programs. His own modest origins as the son of a shepherd, his vocational training, and his own experiences as a shoemaker's apprentice made him a trustworthy and capable advocate of the cause and the notion of Journeymen's Societies quickly spread. In many places, the Journeymen's Societies built hospices for journeymen. The meetings and activities of the Societies provided the journeymen with a family-like community that offered spiritual support far away from home along with opportunities for personal growth by way of education.

Adolph Kolping's biography underlines his passion for writing in the following years. He expressed his thoughts and convictions in numerous articles and books with the backdrop of major social upheavals during his time. Adolph Kolping traveled extensively throughout Europe to establish Journeymen's Societies and to have an impact on society as a writer and journalist. Kolping died on December 4, 1865, shortly before turning 52.

