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Kolping-on-Hudson

18-20 **National Convention**
New York

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Kolping 88th Street

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Kolping 88th Street

october

3 **Murder Mystery**
Kolping-on-Hudson

TBD **Fall Froelich Fest**
Kolping-on-Hudson

TBD **Fr. Bretone's Annual Retreat**
Barryville, NY

20 **Executive Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street

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Kolping-on-Hudson

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You'll get updates on: social events and dinners, family activities, volunteer opportunities and special announcements.

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AUGUST

2026 Oktoberfest

Kolping-on-Hudson

95 Montrose Point Road
Montrose, NY | 914-736-0117



Sunday, September 6
noon until sundown

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Join us under the Giant Party Tent...giving this year's Oktoberfest the true Munich feel!

Admission $10 per person / $8 for members / Children under 12 free

Free Admission for First Responders and Military Personnel—Active, Retired and Veterans—must show current valid Photo ID

Chance Booth · BBQ

Bar will be open all day, serving authentic German beer.

Live Music Featuring Die Spitzbuam!

Children's Games • Pool open all day ($5) • Plenty of parking

Service Animals Only - No Pets Allowed
Cash Only - No ATM on Premises



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.



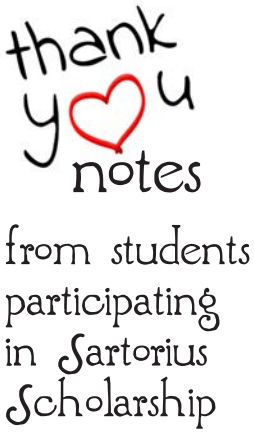
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN AUGUST

Charles Aviles, Kerry Beyrer, Maureen Beyrer, Cecilia Cohn, Edelbert Cohn, Emily de la Vega, Allegra Dengler, Jim DeSharnais, Marcela DeSharnais, Cathy DeVitta, Vito Donato, Margaret Dougall, Christina Farley, Hannelore Farley, Patrick Farley, , Jessica Franzoso, Julie Froebrich, Amy Geoghegan, Diane Gilhooley, Jessica Glomann, Ann Hemsing, William Heyd, Lillian Hiltsley, Bob Kelleher, Dan Knecht, Holger Lersch, Sadie Longobardi, Christina Lovasz, Eleonora Luis, Dennis McGuire, Christopher Mersits, Marlyse Minarik, Peter Moeller, Derrick Moyer, Vickie Nissen, Carol Noll, Susan Oelerking, Michael O'Shaughnessy, Brian Parra, Joan Pires, Ray Prota, Carmelo Rascona, Kurt Reichenbach, Eric Reitter, James Reitter, Brian Retallick, Erin Reynolds, Kaitlin Reynolds, Sean Roche, Anthony Rozario, Michael Salvatori, Christel Scheuermann, Stefan Weber, Katherine Weigand and Juliana Christie Weltner.

SPECIAL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Caecilia Cohn, Lillian Hiltsley, Bob Kelleher, Carmelo Rascona, Sean Roch,** and **Anthony Rozario.**

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 so very much, I'm incredibly excited to start college, and this opportunity is bringing me even closer. ***—Leland Stromberg***

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution toward my tuition expenses. Your support means a great deal to me and is truly appreciated. ***—Melissa Santospirito***

Thank you so much! I am so grateful for this award. ***—Jack Hiltsley***

We are very appreciative! Thank you Kolping NY for their support of higher education for the next generation! ***—Aisling Doherty & Family***

I wanted to extend my heartfelt thanks for your generous contribution of $500 toward my tuition expenses. Your support means a great deal to me and is truly appreciated. ***—Kelly Krupa***

LENTEN PROJECT

We are supporting the Kolping Families in Kenya—can you help by contributing? Gifts should be sent to Catholic Kolping Society of America, 311 Greene St, Mill Valley, CA 94941. You can also give electronically at the National Kolping Society website - **kolping.org/donate**

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

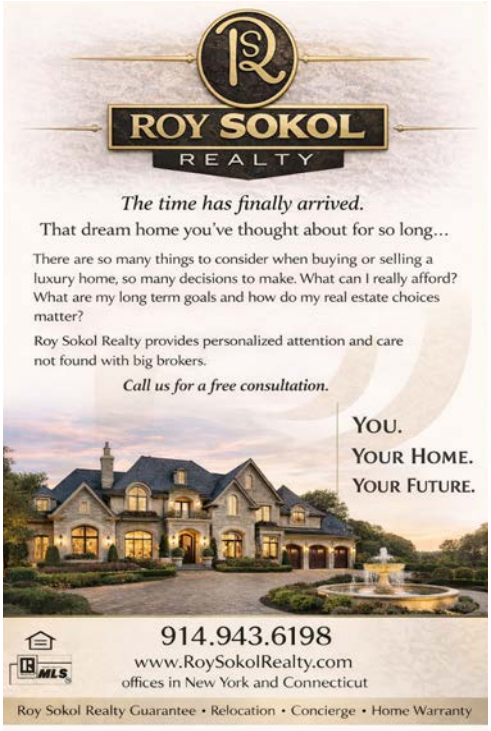
If you or someone you know have any questions regarding sponsoring a new member, checking the status of an existing application, application process, dues, membership status, or questions about the Society as a whole, please contact membership@kolpingny.org.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST 2026 INTENTION

FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community..

Kolping Classifieds



THE GERMAN SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK

We welcome new members! We hold quarterly members' luncheons including a mini-concert, a delicious lunch, singing, and German conversation with friends old and new. We provide assistance and support with German pension applications/trouble-shooting; proof-of-life forms; referrals to professionals; probate matters (wills, estates, inheritance issues); tenant/landlord advice; liaison with nursing homes, assisted living, home health care, hospital social work departments, German Consulate and more.

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

NEWS & NOTES

2026 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2026. Thank you to the 189 members who have already submitted their dues for this year. Your membership cards are on their way.

Note: 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:
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PLEASE REMEMBER THE KOLPING SOCIETY IN YOUR WILL

This is a wonderful way to support the Kolping Society's mission of fostering community, family values, and social support. To ensure your gift is processed correctly by your executor, it is best to include the specific New York Family and endeavor, such as Scholarship, KOVA, Kolping on Hudson, Kolping on Concourse, Kolping on K88, or the General Fund. Kolping would be honored to receive a gift from your family. We would in turn honor your family with mention in the next Kolping Bulletin, if you so desire.

SUNDAY EVENING VESPERS

Join us at 6:30pm! Kolping Members Don Simons and Anthony Rozario have resumed our Sunday evening Vesper Services at Kolping on Hudson. Please join us for one Sunday—or many—to give thanks, praise and ask for the Lord's mercy. Occasionally we will move up the hill to the Marian Shrine if events are happening on the lawn.

SERVICE PROJECTS 2026

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. Bring any clean sheets, blankets or towels that you'd like to give to the kittens and puppies. We'll transport donations to the SPCA a few times over the season. Meow! Woof! Thank you!

WINTER COATS are needed!
Think about passing on coats that you didn't use this past winter. Bring them to KOH on the weekends. We'll deliver them to partners in Westchester who provide them to people in need when the weather turns.

PARTY RENTALS AT OUR KOLPING VENUES:

Kolping 88th St., Kolping-on-Hudson and Kolping-on-Concourse

Our KOH dining room is beautiful and versatile. The K-88 ballroom and KOC dining room are spacious, elegant and very affordable!


K-88 Ballroom

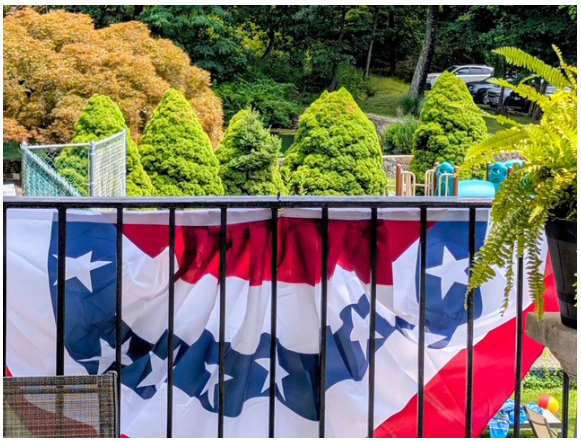

KOH Dining Room


KOC Dining Room

KOLPING-ON-HUDSON FOURTH OF JULY BBQ

Our July 4th Barbecue was a great success! Despite the heatwave, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time celebrating together. Guests enjoyed a delicious menu featuring hamburgers, German hot dogs, bratwurst, ribs, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, German potato salad, cucumber salad, and coleslaw. Thank you to Heidi, Helmi, and Gertie for making the salads. A special thank you to Lou Colletti and Heide Bruegger for generously donating homemade desserts, baked with love and enjoyed by all. Congratulations to our lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle, Barbara Beirne, who generously donated her winnings back to Kolping-on-Hudson.

Many guests cooled off with a refreshing swim in the pool throughout the day. We also extend our sincere thanks to everyone who stayed late and weathered the evening storms with us. Their patience was rewarded with the sight of a beautiful rainbow—a perfect ending to a memorable Independence Day celebration.















CLAM BAKE AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Thank you to everyone who helped make Clam Bake 2026 such a wonderful event! Despite the inclement weather, we had an outstanding turnout and a fantastic day enjoyed by all. Like in past Kolping experience, the rain stopped in time for our event start and didn't begin again til 7pm. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated volunteers, whose hard work made the event possible. Congratulations as well to our 50/50 and raffle winners! Special thanks to Helmi for preparing the macaroni salad, Kathy for making the delicious Manhattan clam chowder, and Dorothy Santospirito for baking her wonderful peach pie.

Guests enjoyed a feast of steamed and raw clams, Manhattan clam chowder, marinated sliced steak sandwiches with peppers and onions, German hot dogs with sauerkraut, baked beans, corn on the cob, seasoned oven roasted potatoes, macaroni salad, coleslaw, garden salad, fresh rolls with butter, chocolate cake, peach pie, baklava, deep fried oreos and funnel cakes! Judging by the empty plates and smiling faces, everything was a hit!





















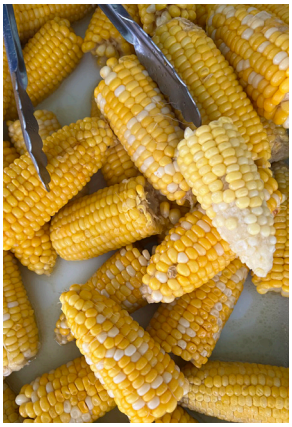


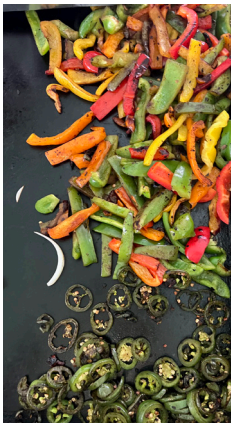


METALLICA











WORLD CUP AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Members and guests gathered to watch the thrilling FIFA World Cup Final between Spain and Argentina while enjoying a delicious game-day menu prepared by our kitchen. The offerings included sandwiches, German hot dogs, Manhattan clam chowder, and a selection of fried favorites. The afternoon's standout was our trio of chicken schnitzel sandwiches, which proved to be a huge hit. Guests could choose from The German, topped with provolone cheese, red cabbage, and mustard on a fresh roll; The American, featuring American cheese, bacon, tomato, and mayonnaise; or The FIFA Final, served with provolone cheese, tomato, and an authentic chimichurri sauce specially prepared by Alex Schmidt. The sandwiches were so popular that they sold out in record time! Adding a special seasonal touch, Kevin Bruegger picked wild raspberries from the property, which our bartender, Stephen McGrath, transformed into refreshing raspberry mojitos and martinis. They were the perfect complement to an exciting evening of great food, drinks, and world-class soccer.

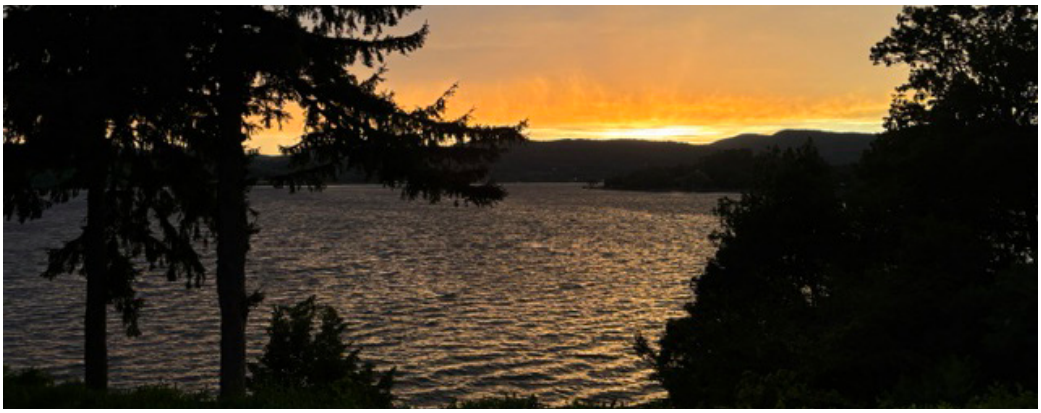












July was filled with delicious food and great company at Kolping-on-Hudson!

Friday, July 3
Members and guests enjoyed a festive Build-Your-Own Taco Bar. Diners chose from marinated chicken or seasoned beef, hard or soft taco shells, and a variety of fresh toppings, including salsa, guacamole, refried beans, sour cream, jalapeños, and pico de gallo.

Sunday, July 5
Our popular breakfast buffet featured scrambled eggs, including a ham and pepper variation, along with bacon, sausage, hash brown casserole, French toast sticks, yogurt with granola, assorted breads with butter and jams, fresh fruit salad, and coffee. It was the perfect way to start a summer Sunday.

Friday, July 10
Guests enjoyed a delicious snack bar menu featuring a Rouladen on a Roll—a flavorful sandwich made with roast beef, pickles, and mustard. A crisp wedge salad topped with blue cheese and tomatoes provided a refreshing accompaniment, while favorites such as mozzarella sticks, jalapeño poppers, chicken tenders, and fries rounded out the evening's offerings.

JOSEPH SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIPS 2026

The Joseph SartoriusScholarship results were announced!
Kudos to our winner and runner-up for their impressive entries!

1 - **Emily McGrath** $2,000
2 - **Leland Stromberg** $1,000

Emily is the daughter of Stephen and Christine McGrath and she has served the Society as part of the weekend and special event wait staff at KOH. Emily is a student at SUNY-FIT, the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

Leland is the grandson of Peggy and David Dougall who are very active in Society events and can always be counted on to pitch in at Spring clean-ups. Leland lives in Vermont and is embarking on his college journey this Fall. He expects to major in Astronomy and minor in physics or chemistry.

Many of our Kolping families participated this year and we are grateful for entries from Melissa Santospirito, Lea Martini, Kelly Krupa, Jack Hiltsley, Trevor Weisz and Aisling Doherty. We wish these and all of our Kolping young people great success in their studies and activities.

LELAND'S ESSAY:

What does Christian living mean to you? How do you think Fr. Kolping would ask you to apply Christian living today as a young adult?

I had the privilege of parents who cared. Parents who understood that this world is our only one. Parents who saw that we as the human race have disregarded our planet, our neighbors, and our future, all tossed aside for greed and pride. To me, Christian living, living in general, is pursuing a life of kindness, a life of connection, a life of care. So why am I so often forced to ask: where is this care?

A pursuit of mine is studying science, I plan on bringing that drive into college. My scientific knowledge was primarily given to me in high school, and with that I have learned a significant amount about our planet's climate and how it is undoubtedly changing. Humans exist on just one planet, one inside the habitable zone where water can exist as a liquid, a building block for humanity and life itself. God gave us this home, and I intend to make sure we keep it livable. Greenhouse gases are a natural thing, but humans have decided, through the means of industrialisation, that we should increase them to an unnatural level. However, industrial development is not inherently bad; it's within human nature to want to expand our knowledge and power, but often that leads to unvirtuous problems of greed, and thus, heat trapping gasses that lead to the collapse of life systems as we know it. What I truly desire is for those around me, and those all over, to recognize this problem. We need people to care about our dying world, our diminishing drinkable water, and our lack of remaining time. What our species needs is to have a little bit of care, whether that be working towards reducing the pollutants in our world, or even just helping to illuminate the importance of the issue. Any work done is proof of care, and that's what humanity needs, because that is Christian living.

I have been gifted with wonderful friends, and I have been gifted with a caring family and teachers. But the one thing I've always wondered is, why do strangers feel so far away? We live in a world of disconnect."Love thy neighbor," is an ideology thankfully instilled early in my life, and one I find lacking in everyday living. This is not necessarily the fault of the individual, but the system itself. People are often forced apart, physically and often politically. This distance has persisted through time and is extremely prevalent in our day and age. If we want to remedy this, all it really takes is tending, just adding "how are you" to one's vocabulary, holding the door, and even adding a smile to one's daily schedule. These simple tasks, which bring people closer together, can allow us to get back to a place where people feel welcome and connected, because that is Christian living.

Fr. Kolping held the same ideas for our world. He advocated for joy, fun, and care within the community. As a man who lived during a time of increasing industrialization, he, more than most, could see humanity start to devolve into living more as workers and less as people in their own right. This firsthand witness brought him to want mankind to do more, to not surrender to the easy path of mindless obedience. I believe he'd want the same things as me, and for me. Fr. Kolping would want my generation to start bringing man down a path better than the one he is on, by bringing publicity to our dangers and trying to bridge the distance between our neighbors.

A new path forged on volunteering, joining cleanup groups, and even becoming political advocates. He'd want a world of unity, and maybe that's just being optimistic, but that's Christian living.

Humanity is disconnected from our world, and humanity is disconnected from each other. Christian living can fix this disconnect. We have a responsibility as humans to keep our only home habitable, and importantly, welcoming. I'm not naive, and I know that I, too, can do better in my efforts at a truly Christian life. I can, and will, try to befriend random people and use my time in college to advocate for our planet. It's not as simple as just telling someone to start being kinder, it's the endeavor towards trying to rectify the missing connection between oneself and all of humanity. Small efforts can ripple into the greatest moments of progress, and that effort is really just care. As long as we give our power as a collective towards joining together yet again, then our future can, and will, be brighter.

Build Skills. Create Opportunities. Inspire the Future.

KOVA

Kolping **O**ccupational and **V**ocational **A**postolate

KOVA helps open doors for aspiring tradespeople by supporting apprenticeship and vocational training programs. By partnering financially with employers and championing hands-on learning, KOVA empowers individuals to pursue rewarding careers while preserving the values of service, craftsmanship, and community that define the Kolping mission.

Join us in making a lasting impact and discover how you can support KOVA!

To learn more, contact:
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KOVA
165 East 88th Street, New York, NY



JOIN US FOR A

45th Wonderful CELEBRATION!

National Convention

Whether you're able to join us for the entire weekend
or just one special event,
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU BE PART OF THE EXCITEMENT.
Every moment together makes this gathering more memorable!

MEET & GREET
Friday evening
Reconnect, make new friends,
and share great conversations.

BANQUET
Saturday evening
An unforgettable night of
friendship, laughter, and memories.

DINNER AL FRESCO
Enjoy a special al fresco dinner at
KOH with breathtaking Hudson River
views — a perfect setting to spend
time with friends from near and far.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2–6pm	Registration
5:30–6:30pm	National Board Meeting
6–9pm	Meet & Greet

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

8–9am	Mass
9–10am	Breakfast Buffet
9–11am	Registration (late-comers)
10:30am	Bus to line up for the parade
12–2pm	**Steuben Day Parade**
2:30–4pm	Activity options (TBD)
2:30–4:30pm	Delegate Meeting #1
6–9pm	Banquet ★

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

8am	Breakfast
9:15am	Bus to Cathedral
10:15am	Mass at St. Patricks
11:30am	Bus to Kolping-on-Hudson
12:30pm	Brunch (Kolping-on-Hudson)
12:30–2:30pm	Delegate Meeting #2
3pm	Dinner al fresco (Kolping-on-Hudson)
4pm & 7pm	Bus back to Hotel

We can't wait to celebrate with you!