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Kolping 88th Street

September

62nd Annual Steuben Day Parade

Saturday, September 21, 2019

MARCH WITH THE KOLPING SOCIETY!

Our Kolping Family will be marching in the Steuben Day German American Friendship Parade in NYC. It's a great time and the weather is always beautiful. The parade is up 5th Avenue from 68th to 86th Street, starting at 12 pm. As the 8th Division, we will be located at 70th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenue. We must be lined up and ready to march by 12 noon. We encourage all marchers to follow a "dress code"—trachten, or orange and black, for the Kolping colors, or blue bottoms and white tops—or suits for men. You do not have to be of German heritage to march.

THE MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Mass will begin at 9:15 am (arrive in front of the church at 9:00 am).

K-88 POST PARTY

March with us then join us at the Kolping House on 88th Street for a post-Parade party. Eat, drink and have a great time. Freddie and Ron of Scha-Musi will entertain us with their great music and fun antics!

The doors will open at 2:00 pm. See the flyer in this Bulletin for more details. For reservations, please call 914-275-7481 or email Lou Colletti: Lcookie1129@aol.com

KOLPING FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES!

Can you bring a can of tuna or chili and a box of pasta when you next come to Kolping? Maybe some peanut butter or black beans? Our donations will go to local food pantries like the VA, Graymoor, and the Franciscan Sisters. As Father Kolping said, "The needs of the times will teach you what to do."



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 SEPTEMBER:

Melissa Aviles, Nick Basso, Alex Beldotti, Rita Berge, Jeff Bernert, Maria Blessing, Michael Bongiovanni, Gudrun Brunhuber, Martina Brunhuber, Steven Brunner, Bruce Capossela, Alida Carey, Sean Carey, Lisa Carruthers, Fred Cianci, Leslie Cianci, Caroline Crowley, Hugo D'Alton, Kathy Davidson, Jack Davis, Nicolina Debenedictis, Andrew Dengler, Joan Dengler, Geoffrey DeSharnais, Christopher Donato, John Donnelly, Wilma Endrich, Francesca Flood, Ingrid Franz, Max Fuchek, Spencer Fuchek, Diane Gale, Jeannine Gale, Connor Geoghegan, Eamon Gormley, Barbara Grimm, Robert Herman, Brian Hickey, Stefanie Keeney, Herta Koenig, Joanne Kovar, Elizabeth Lenihan, Roland Link, Maurin Loftus, Charlotte Longworth, Bill Lorenzen, Alina Lovasz, Marie Manner, Michael Marx, Claire Mathey, John Perry McGlew, Valerie Menocal, Mariella Mersits, Anthony Mersits, Mary Migliore, Stephen Mignano, Anthony Mills, Mariella Mills, Julie Montero, George Mullins, Charles Norris, Leanne O'Dell, Susanne Orlowski, Russell Palmer, Alfonse Preisser, Alexander Raouf, Kuni Raouf, Tea Rauch, Catherine Reilly, Patricia Reitter, Christine Reslmaier, Katherine Reslmaier, Barbara Roche, Jerralyn Rodino, Al Sartorius, Jr., Giulia Schiavi, Julia Specht, Robert Stang, Paul Steigerwald, Daryl Stiloski Jr., Alison Ulrich, Anne Marie Urban, William Gerhard Weber, Emily Weinborg, Laurie Weisz, and Robert Weisz.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to those celebrating milestone birthdays—**Gudrun Brunhuber, Joanne Kovar, Bill Lorenzen, Alina Lovasz, George Mullins, Al Preisser, and AnneMarie Urban.**

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.

BUFFALO KOLPING *submitted by Alex Schmitt*

Christa Maier is a member of the Buffalo Kolping Society. I had the pleasure of meeting up with her this year after a year of emailing back and forth when I helped my son Stefan move in at the University at Buffalo. It was a pleasure getting to know a Buffalonian Kolping Society member.

Christa's daughter lives in Connecticut and has been to a wedding at Montrose. We are hoping her daughter can join us at upcoming events!



Christa Maier and Alex Schmitt

KOH SPIDER

submitted by Jen Scheuermann

This cool (or scary) spider was found spinning its intricate web outside the front door to KOH.



2019 DUES

If you haven't already, please take a moment now to send in your dues payment. 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

Individual: \$90

Student: \$45

50-year members: paid up forever!

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 sending out notices of new events to you via email this spring.



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News & Notes

SCHLACHTFEST AT KOH

Join us on Saturday September 28 for Schlachtfest. The menu is still to be determined—watch the weekly email blasts for info or call Heidi Umland.

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS OKTOBERFEST

Join us Sunday, September 29th from noon to 6pm at Krucker's Picnic Grove, 81 Call Hollow Road, Pomona, NY. Enjoy live German Music by "The Austiran Boys Band" and German dance performances! Dancing...Games...Food! Admission is \$50 for adults, and \$20 for children ages 4-12. Includes unlimited German-American food, beer, wine, soda, coffee and dessert all day long! Contact Roland Lex (845-803-3774) or Ingrid Wittmann (914-400-7083) for more information.

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Saturday November 9 from 10am-4pm is the Bavarian Club Edelweiss annual Christkindlmarkt, held in Valhalla at the Holy Name of Jesus Auditorium. Free parking, free admission, lots of cool vendors and delicious food specialties.

ST. NICK

Fr. Kolping was born on Dec. 8, 1813. Every year we celebrate his birthday with a nod to Christmas at our St Nikolaus party, the first Sunday of December. (St Nick's feast day is December 6th). We join together at the German Mass at St Joseph's Church on 87th Street, have a bit of a coffee klatsch with the parish community, then head over to our Kolping House on 88th Street for a big luncheon. We've been fortunate to have our members provide musical entertainment. In the old days, the children would perform a Christmas carol for St. Nick and he'd give them a surprise gift. A few years ago, one of our members brought her a capella group and they led us in song. More recently, Don Simons and Larry Kunz have shared their talents. This is also a day to celebrate our long term members. Those who've made the 25 year or 50 year membership milestones are recognized and honored. Contact Joan Dengler at kolpingny@gmail.com to learn more about this wonderful tradition that we want to preserve at the same time as we keep it fresh for our newer members.

NEED INFO ON SPONSORING A NEW MEMBER?

Members in good standing can sponsor their family or friends who meet Society requirements. Email kolpingny@gmail.com to get a copy of the application and guidelines. Or pick one up at the Kolping House. Submit the completed form and an application fee of \$50 to one of the committee members. It can take a while to convene the volunteer committee to review the applications, so we thank you for your patience.

GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

Receive your copy of the Bulletin via email instead of the paper copy. Email Secretary Joan Dengler at 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.

GERMAN MASS St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

OUR HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER 2019 INTENTION

THE PROTECTION OF THE OCEANS: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

More News & Notes

KOLPING FOOD DRIVE FOR MONTROSE VETERANS FOOD PANTRY *Submitted by Lou Colletti*

Once again the Catholic Kolping Society NY Members are following Fr. Kolping's Mission. We collected 200 lbs of food. On July 24th Kathy Weinberg, Nick Colletti & myself delivered the food to the Montrose Veterans Food Pantry. We were welcomed by Duke Searles, Director of Montrose Veterans Food Pantry. Duke is a Disabled Veteran and his position is Voluntary. Duke has 4 other Veteran Volunteers. Duke & his staff were very grateful for the Kolping Members Food Drive. A special thanks to extended family members of Mike Weinberg who donated money for Kathy to purchase food for Kolping's Food Drive.



HELP KOLPING SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Members, we are going to be expanding upon the great volunteering work that Kathy Weinberg and other Kolping members have already undertaken in Westchester by trying to arrange some volunteer opportunities in the city.

We plan to have a few opportunities each year for a group of members (whether large or small) to come together to volunteer in different ways in the city. If you can get involved, that would be great.

The first city volunteer event that we are coordinating is with Xavier Mission in Manhattan. Xavier organizes a large soup kitchen every Sunday and is always in need of volunteers. We are realistic and starting small with trying to get a group of about 10 Kolping members to volunteer at Xavier Mission one Sunday in the next month or so. Every Sunday, Xavier's soup kitchen serves an average of 1,300 hot meals—amazing!

In the future, we will also plan on volunteering with Catholic Charities, St Joseph (Yorkville) and St Philip Neri (Grand Concourse). Initiatives will also continue in Westchester.

If you can volunteer in the city or would like more information, please contact Frank Weigand at fweigand@gmail.com or 718 908 3650.

Kolping-On-Hudson News Submitted by Jen Scheuermann

A huge thanks to volunteers Peter, Natasha, Alfred, Tracie, Beverly, Mike and Jen for all their hard work with prepping, cooking, serving and cleaning on the weekend of August 2-4—from Friday night snack bar through Sunday dinner—as the old saying goes many hands make light work. A special thanks to servers Kevin, Camille and Teddy for all their hard work—from serving Friday night snack bar, and Saturday & Sunday dinners plus cleaning up the dining room.

We would like to give a shoutout to the volunteers that worked the weekend of August 16-18 cleaning and clearing along the pathway down to the Hudson and the entire beach area. You don't realize (or maybe you do) how overgrown things were with weeds, vines, etc. We don't have "before" shots, but the "after" shots are amazing. You can really appreciate the Hudson views even more now, and you don't have to climb through weeds and pricklers to get to the beach! A big thanks to the following volunteers: Al Ahrens, Peter Bruegger, John Weigand, Mike Weinborg, Alfred Vogl, Steve Lovasz, Mike Scheuermann, Richie Povilonis, and Kevin Bruegger (aka Tugboat).

A big thank you to the volunteer breakfast cooks this season: Peter, Natasha, John, Sharon, and Alison. We were very grateful that these folks stepped up and stepped into their aprons early Sunday mornings and cooked up a hearty breakfast for our members and their guests! And special thanks to Helmi Pinner, Heidi Umland, and Kathy Weinborg for making sure all of our breakfast volunteers were comfortable in the kitchen! And thanks to John and Sharon Weigand for serving up a record number of breakfasts on Sunday August 18!

Please note, we are not doing breakfast any more for the month of September. If we know we are doing breakfast on a particular Sunday in September, we will announce it in the weekly email. Also watch the weekly email blast for information on the Friday night snack bar and pool hours for the month of September—hours and openings will vary based on weather and turn out. No dinners are officially scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays in September, however please watch the weekly email blasts as we may do some dinners throughout the month (again based on weather, availability and demand).



Joe Sartorius College Scholarship Essay Winner

Carina Schmitt (daughter of Alex and Gerhard Schmitt) was awarded the prize of \$2,000 on Father's Day at KOH.

Generosity Is Measured by What You Sacrifice

While I was growing up, the idea of serving others appeared in some form in every homily, Religion class, and volunteer opportunity I had the privilege to participate in. This idea of serving others and being generous with your time, talents, energy and assets is an essential part of the Catholic Faith. We are taught from a young age to seek out those less fortunate than ourselves and give what we can to improve their quality of life. Throughout the Prayer for Generosity, we implore God to help us "serve others" selflessly and without praise or fanfare. Our validation should come not from the possibility of receiving a physical reward, but rather from the sheer fact that we are doing His Will and living out one of the teachings that Jesus constantly reminds us of in the Bible.

A passage from the Bible that especially reinforces this idea is from Mark, entitled "The Widow's Offering." Here Jesus describes how a poor woman's donation of two copper coins, worth less than a few cents, far outweighs the large and exorbitant sums of money that the Pharisees are giving to the treasury. He states that the Pharisees give out of their wealth, whereas the woman gives out of poverty, everything she relies on, and it is the intention of the giving, not the amount itself that God cares about. The Pharisees go about their giving by announcing their donations and bragging about the amount, making it painfully obvious to everyone that they want to be seen as honored and respected. In contrast, the ability to be humble, and give out of the kindness of your heart, like the widow, is much more impactful and meaningful. We don't need to worry about making sure people see our giving because God is omniscient and omnipresent. He knows what our intentions are because he sees past the physical and looks into our hearts and minds. Our motives, how we give versus how much we give, is a true indication of our love and how much heart we put into giving.

Love especially is an important part of generosity; in my life personally, I am a part of a sorority and in our educations, the definition of love "involves self-sacrifice and a willingness to help others." This has been something I reflect on often, reminding me every day if you put in effort to show genuine love and generosity, you are exhibiting what it means to have Faith and embody Jesus's teachings. Exemplifying genuine love is one of the best indicators of the heart. Being generous and volunteering your time and energy in all aspects of your life, whether that be in your community, school, workplace or home, reflects what your values are and what you deem as important. Along with love, making sacrifices is also a part of life. In my own life, a huge sacrifice made for me was attending Catholic School for the large majority of my schooling. This dedication to Catholic education has instilled a moral compass, and values such as generosity, Faith, respect and others that help me fulfill a life serving others. I've had the privilege to be involved in clubs and opportunities that exemplify this idea; including Eucharistic Ministry, volunteering with younger kids and in nursing homes, being involved in various drives for organizations like The Little Sisters of the Poor, and something more personal, rebuilding houses affected by Hurricane Sandy through St. Joseph's Mission. I've gained so many important experiences that make the sacrifices worth it, contributing to my overall well-being and strengthening my Faith. Additionally, I'm pursuing a medical career, which involves years of additional schooling, rotations and lack of sleep, but all contribute to the overall goal of one day being able to treat and cure patients suffering with illness. Often health care workers become burnt out, frustrated, and lack motivation to continue their practice because of these many sacrifices. Manifesting the Prayer for Generosity and constantly reminding yourself that the work you do helps others, and impacts people's lives refuels that fire and drive, making all the hardships worth it. Through sacrifice comes reward, whether that be in this life or beyond.

Following the teachings of Jesus and the Prayer for Generosity, we see that by putting in our time and efforts for others, we feel a sense of satisfaction; by serving others you are serving yourself. Additionally, our efforts do not go unnoticed; like the story of the Good Samaritan, what we do unto others we do unto God. That elderly person you might've simply had a conversation with, or that child that was by themselves who you played a game with might appreciate your act more than you might know. Even things we perceive as small, such as a Random Act of Kindness, might make a huge impact on the person receiving it. You never know what someone is going through, what their life experience is, or how a small, thoughtful intention might affect a person. As said by John Donne, "No man is an island", we rely on one another and require interaction, love, and generosity to thrive and become the best versions of ourselves while also encouraging others through our acts to be the best version of themselves. True generosity is measured not by how much we give but by how much we sacrifice.

Joe Sartorius College Scholarship Essay Runner Up

Kevin Funnell was awarded \$1,000 towards college expenses. Kevin is the son of Deborah and Matt Funnell and the grandson of John and Betty Reitter.

“Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:6-9). In an intensely materialistic society, we often forget the virtue of generosity. However, God’s ultimate wish for us is not to become Christians who perform the occasional extraordinarily difficult act of generosity, rather, God wants us to become naturally and habitually generous people who act this way without consciously thinking about it. By worrying less about our own materialistic desires, devoting time to consider the troubles of those less fortunate, and thinking of the needs of our neighbor before our own for a few minutes each day, St. Ignatius’s prayer for generosity can be instilled in the moral fibers of all Christians.

Jesus performed natural works of generosity without calculating the amount of time and energy it would take to give to those in need, and all Christians are called to do the same: to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and build a generous character by performing repeated works of charity. In my own life, I have gradually begun to incorporate St. Ignatius’s prayer for generosity into my daily routine, especially during the Lenten season. By deliberately making the effort to perform at least one charitable act per day, I will learn to have a more generous spirit in the future by subconsciously performing acts of kindness. For instance, when I took a day trip to New York City, I was approached by a homeless man who asked me to spare any change to buy food, so I took him into a Chick-fil-A that was nearby and bought him a quick meal. At the time I did not consider how much money was left in my wallet, instead, I was concerned with the homeless man and how he would obtain his next meal.

Throughout this past Lenten season, St. Ignatius prayer for Generosity has helped inspire me to see the face of God in each human being and make the lives of those around me easier. Each morning for the first two weeks of Lent, I contemplated what type of generous act I wanted to accomplish, which included bringing food to my friend when she was sick and could not get out of bed, helping a friend complete a physics lab that he did not understand, cleaning up trash around campus, volunteering at my local food pantry, and volunteering to play cello and interact with the people at a local nursing home. Additionally, I play cello at my church on campus every Sunday to enhance the mass and to allow music to strengthen everyone’s relationship with God in doing so. Although it can sometimes be a hassle to take out a few hours in my schedule to practice music for church or to play at the nursing home, the experience of sharing my music with others is worth much more to me than a couple of hours. After an extended period, I can only imagine that living in a nursing home every day must become monotonous and uninteresting, so I was overjoyed when I could witness the smiles that my music brought to their faces. As the Lenten season progressed, I began to stop brainstorming ideas for the next day, and I discovered that I could work the virtue of generosity into my day without planning. For example, whenever I entered a building, I would make sure to hold the door for anyone coming in behind me, or I would call family members and friends to check in with them and speak for a few minutes on my way to class. Small acts of generosity such as these can help to brighten someone’s day and lift their spirits if they are stressed, and most often it only required a few extra minutes, or seconds, even if it is just to hold open a door.

St. Ignatius prayer for Generosity serves as a constant reminder to expel any feelings of greed, to emulate God’s overflowing love and generosity, and to recognize that we, not only as Christians but as humans, should feel compelled to make God’s presence known through our actions. Indeed, all human beings are equal in the eyes of God, and therefore, we should treat each other as such. Although my Lenten journey to strengthen my relationship with God is ending, I will forever continue to incorporate generous acts of all sizes in my life and understand that even the smallest act is significant and has its own unspoken reward.

The theme of this year’s contest was: How do you put St. Ignatius Prayer for Generosity into practice in your life? Carina and Kevin both wrote inspiringly of their practice and all of us could benefit from reading their essays and considering our own response to the challenge. This year there were 8 applicants who submitted essays. The judges said they had a tough job deciding. We thank them for all of their hard work: Rita Berge, Richard Brunhuber, Janet Mahoney, Mike Mahoney, and Sixto Portillo. Also, a big thanks to Chris Preisser for authoring the topic.

St Ignatius Prayer for Generosity: Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve; to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for reward save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.

Steuben Parade Post-Party AT KOLPING HOUSE



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