



KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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NOTE *the* DATE

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Celebrates German-American heritage and commemorates the founding of Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1683
- 7 Closeout Dinner**
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- 29 KOH Rental Season Ends**
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- 5 Communion Brunch**
Kolping-on-Concourse
- 21 Full Board Meeting**
Kolping 88th Street

Please note that **some of the 2023 events were rescheduled** from their original dates as printed in the calendar. The final date will be here in the bulletin and also in the email updates.

OCTOBER

Close Out Dinner

Saturday, October 7, 2023

JOIN US AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

Help us close up the KOH season at our annual close-out party featuring a delicious meal, DJ and dancing. Cash Bar.

Dinner and pricing details to follow in email updates.

Because it's the end of the season, we are unable to accommodate special meal requests—we apologize for any inconvenience.

Reservations **required** by Tuesday, October 3, 2023. No walk-ins. Email kolpingny@gmail.com or text/leave message at 914-432-2535.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5 AT 11:15AM

Kolping Members are invited to join the congregation of **St. Philip Neri Church** (3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468).

Mass will honor the memory of all deceased members of the Catholic Kolping Society New York.

Brunch will follow at **Kolping on Concourse**. \$20 adult and \$10 children. RSVP now to KolpingNY@gmail.com or text/leave message at 914-432-2535.



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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.

Please continue to pray for **Albert Sartorius, Sr.** while he is in rehab recovering from a fractured back.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN OCTOBER

Lorraine Auer, Martin Beirne, Father Richard Bretone, Heide Bruegger, Kevin Bruegger, Anneli Cantu, Peter Carruthers, Andrea Cicogna, Cidalia Luis-Conticello, Robin Cooke, James Crowley, Anna Dengler, Anton Dengler, Christina Dengler, Debra Dengler, Carol Dowgiallo, Dario Ebbri, Linda Feron, Alfred Froeblich, Keifer Grossmann, Kristine Grossmann, Mason Guy, Beth Heyd, Nancy Jackson, William Jacobson, Charles Keller, Colleen Kelly, Art Kessler, Elizabeth Koski, Christine Krupa, Joseph Krupa, Frank Kurcz, Elizabeth Lenihan, Paul Lorenzen, Robert Lupica, Cristin Manner, Emily Manner, Kayla McCarthy, Jeanne McCooey, MaryAnn McCusker, Steve McGrath, Gustave Menocal, Joseph Murphy, Tim Murphy, Rick Nania, Ana Nelson, Dan Nelson, Dennis Noll, John Noonan, Tom Noonan, Aidan O'Kelly-Lynch, Lindsay Ostroff, Kim Parra, John Pollack, Chris Preisser, Ray Prota, Sylvia Reitter, Michael Salvatori, Roger Schmitt, Steven Stein, Allison Stump, Elizabeth Tretter, and Nancy Tucci.

SPECIAL OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Carol Dowgiallo, Linda Feron, Nancy Jackson, Art Kessler, Dennis Noll,** and **Steven Stein.**

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

We're so very grateful to Judy Cutuli and Lillian Hiltley for adding to the fun at our Oktoberfest with their donations of scrumptious baked goods.

Many thanks to Don Simons and Anthony Rozario for leading Vesper service at Kolping on Hudson this Summer season. They give us an opportunity to give thanks and praise the Lord in our beautiful "slice of heaven" on the Hudson River.

The Murder Mystery Event was a huge success and so many involved. Please thank Izzy Lovasz, Emily McGrath, Olivia McGrath and Steve and Ala Lovasz. We missed these wonderful people in the first notice. Fortunately for us, they help out at so many of our events at KOH. We appreciate you!

Thank you Julie DiLoreto for your donations towards both the radio project and the flowers at KOH.

VISIT TO KIRK HOLLY FLOWER GARDEN

New members Holly Ferriss and Kirk Moldoff live in Montrose and invited the ladies living at KOH Montrose to come visit their flower garden. A lovely morning was enjoyed by all.



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DUES FOR 2023

Family: \$140 • Individual: \$105 • Student: \$50

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PLEASE SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2023 (AND 2022 if you missed them). 247 members have already submitted their dues for this year—thank you for your promptness. If you didn't get 2022 dues paid, you should send that along with your 2023 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 and mail it to:
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FATHER BRETONE'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Choose your day: **10/7 or 10/8**

Celebrate a retreat at "Heaven's Embrace" with Fr. Bretone in thanksgiving for all of our blessings. Spiritual talks, Holy Mass, Amazing waterfalls, Holiness trails, large gazebo, full buffet, great desserts, raffles, prizes.

Barryville, NY October 7 OR 8 - noon til 6pm

Donation: Adults \$45, Youths \$22

Limited Seating on bus available at additional cost of \$55

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SERVICE PROJECTS

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 every year and we make it easy for you to thin your closets now and bring to KOH. We'll deliver them to partners in Westchester who provide them to people in need when the weather turns.

FOOD DRIVE: Once again we'll assist the local Let it Shine Again food pantry. If you can donate any non-perishable food items, please bring them with you to KOH. You'll see the donation box when you enter the main building. Thank you for showing our neighbors that we care about them.

SAVE THE DATE

First Burgenländer Austria SC of NY

100th Anniversary Katharina Fest

Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1-6pm

Plattduetsche Park Restaurant, Franklin Square

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 OCTOBER 2023 INTENTION

FOR THE SYNOD

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Kolping world day of prayer is on **October 27, 2023.**



“Our faith in God has sustained our faith in human beings, even in their misery, and the more we practice that faith, the stronger has it grown.” —*Adolph Kolping*

Kolping World Day of prayer will be led by Kolping Brazil this year. More information can be found at the International website — **kolping.net**

We invite all of our members to take time on this world day of prayer to think about the ideals of Father Kolping.

Prayer for the Kolping Family

Lord Jesus Christ, You placed the responsibility of proclaiming your message and to put it into action upon the church. We thank you for the confidence you have placed in us. We thank you for given us Blessed Adolph Kolping who was such an example for us. We pray to you to give us the gifts which characterized him and his ideas; let us be: Faithful and self-confident, both

serious and joyful in life, self-responsible and united, aware of history and ready to make progress. Strengthen our faith so that we do not evade the world and his requirements. Let us hope to create pleasure, joy and happiness when we try to help others. Strengthen our love so that we can responsibly contribute to the development of the Church and society. Our community in the Kolping Family should be a beginning of Your coming kingdom. Amen.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Adolph Kolping

We invite everyone to join us in praying the prayer for the canonization of Blessed Adolph Kolping. In recognition of all his commitment to this Society and with the plea that he may intercede for us from heaven. Dear God! You gave us Blessed Adolph Kolping as an intercessor and a role model. His life found fulfilment in caring for young people in religious and social difficulties. His concern was to understand work, family and society in the light of our faith. He considered helping one another within the community to be the expression of the Christian love for one's neighbour. We beseech you: Help us work together in the International Kolping Society to overcome poverty, injustice and hopelessness. Help us to defend human life and protect marriage and family to be the salt of the earth and a light for the world. Fulfil our hope of being able to honour Adolph Kolping as a Saint throughout the whole Church in all languages and nations. Let us, through faith, hope and love, work towards bringing to perfection Your kingdom in this world. For this we pray through Christ, our Lord. Amen. at Citifield in the hospitality industry and explored New York. K88 and KOC look forward to their continued relationship with Aramark Sports Entertainment.

OKTOBERFEST AT KOLPING-ON-HUDSON

The annual Kolping on Hudson Oktoberfest on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend was a resounding success with hundreds of visitors and members joining us for food, fun, swimming and gemutlichkeit. Entering guests were warmly welcomed by Muriel Fullam, Linda Ahrens and Beverly Cantu.

Visitors played Hammerschlagen with Dan McGill's encouragement and a very strong crew participated in the Masskrugstemmen. Game booths were augmented this year with new offerings—we thank the Weigand families, Franz family, Barbara Roche, Kirk & Polly, and all who pitched in. Carol, Kelly and Kayla Noll spearheaded a children's entertainment booth again this year and kept the littles laughing and playing and the parents happy.

Barbara Montero and Tara Martin kept things moving at the basket booth. Thanks to Tracie Truncellito we had dozens of cool prize lots that the winners enjoyed. Thank you to those who contributed baskets and goodies to go inside them.

Mike Weinborg and Stephanie McGill and Gerhard Schmitt made sure the snakepit was moving well. Steve McGrath kept the inside bar flowing. Tracie Truncellito and Christine McGrath handled myriad administrative details.

Our parking team included Brett LaRocque, Walter McDonald, Ted Dengler, Bob Coletti and a few more willing to brave the sun. Albert Buchholz inspired the straight lines to make the most of our upper field and fit in every visitor who wanted to attend.

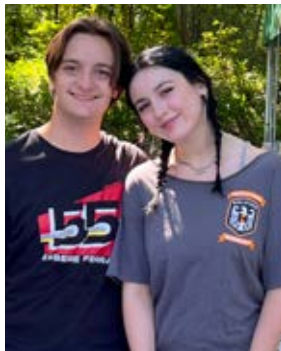
Alex Schmitt spearheaded the raffle sales. Donna Richardson staffed the info booth. The Oktoberfest raffle was announced with lucky winners Mike Murphy, Richard Brunhuber, Ernie Wieting and Nancy Byrne. Rita Picarelli won the 50/50. Along with lifeguard Isa Lovasz, Phyllis Coleti staffed the pool collecting what might be a record amount of pool admission payments.

Jen Scheuermann and Kathy Weinborg were the food masterminds—planning, shopping and preparing. They were assisted by many, including, Mia Steigerwald, Jess Louro, Ala Lovasz, Helmi Pinner, Gerti Mohapp, Heidi Umland, Heide Bruegger and Beverly Cantu. Mike Scheuermann organized the food tent and kept Al Vogl, Steve Lovasz, Dennis Noll, Kelsey (aka Hard "K") and Joseph Szoldatits, Arty Kessler, Emily McGrath, Ivan Cantu, Ala Lovasz and a few more fine folks very busy serving our guests. Jen and Kathy were able to come down from the kitchen and—you guessed it—do more work!—as they set up potato pancakes and funnel cakes.

Steve Palmieri and Sebastian Hernandez jumped in every time they were asked through our three days of set up, fest and clean up. Bob Kelleher was a huge help on the day after. Kevin Bruegger took on every task that came his way—ably and thoroughly. From emergency response to driving guests from parking lot to fest field to hauling away garbage and bringing in new supplies, he does it all.

It takes an army of volunteers to make an event like this happen. And, of course, they didn't all get named here. Please send us a note with any omissions that you notice so we can officially thank more people in an upcoming issue.





THE 64TH ANNUAL STEUBEN DAY PARADE

The 64th Annual Steuben Day Parade, as usual, was on a beautiful sunny day in Manhattan. Led by flagbearers President Gerhard Schmitt and Board Member Frank Weigand more than 30 Kolping Members marched up Fifth Avenue representing our Society to the world.

Meanwhile, back at the Kolping Haus, preparations were underway for a great party. The Polka Brothers led us in all the appropriate Oktoberfest toasts and performed song after song bringing the crowd to their feet. Geovanny Ramirez and his team whipped up a great feast with help from Gerhard and Alex Schmitt and Jen Scheuermann on the food-sourcing side. Delicious bratwurst, frankfurters, salads, sauerkraut and pretzels were followed up with wonderful Apfelstrudel and crumb cake.

We thank Lou Colletti, Donna Richardson, Ted Dengler, Kevin Bruegger, the Portilla family, Katrina Dengler, Gerhard and Alex Schmitt and Frank Weigand for making the event come together.





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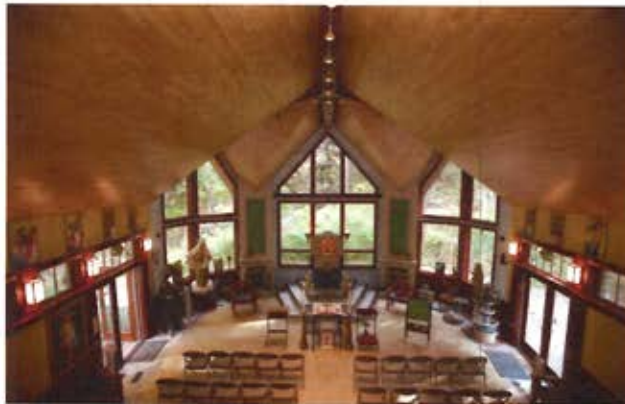


Autumn Retreat



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Contemplation



New Asphalt Paving

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What an amazing insight I have received these past two years! Did you know that I always struggled with a nagging feeling when I looked over my many years of priesthood before my retirement from active service in the Brooklyn Diocese? I always wondered why I was never made pastor or administrator of a church.

Every so often the thought would cross my mind and I would feel really sad. Wasn't I good enough? Did the higher-ups see some flaw in me that was disqualifying? Was I such an "odd duck" that I couldn't be placed as head of one of our many churches in Brooklyn or Queens? Every-time I thought along these lines, a cloud of sadness would envelop me for a few moments. I would sigh, wonder why, feel like a failure, shrug my shoulders in resignation and move on.

About two years ago, just before I would begin my official first day of retirement on October 1, 2021, I called up the Archdiocese of New York and asked the Personal Department secretary if her diocese needed help. She asked me where I was located, and I said Sullivan County near St. Anthony of Padua Church. She placed me on hold, and then the director of personnel came to the phone. His name is Bishop Whalen. I was surprised that he took my call. I was just asking in general if they needed some help, but he gets on the phone and says: "This is providential! This is an answer to my prayer! The priest at St. Anthony's wants to go on vacation in the worse way, but he has no one to replace him." Then he asks me if I could replace him for just four or five weeks, and that would be of great service to the archdiocese. I agree, however, he also mentioned that the priest may receive another assignment, and that there was a possibility of me staying on as administrator (I learned later that the term "pastor" is used for parish leadership prior to retirement, because in church law it is easier to replace an administrator if some ailment should occur).

I took over the Church of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Thomas Aquinas on October 16, 2021 and I have remained their "pastoral administrator" (I use this term because I pastor souls, and take care of the administrative needs of the parish).

In my nearly two years at St. Anthony's, I finally found out why God never made me a pastor prior to my retirement. The answer is so simple, but I never understood the answer until I lived it. If I was made pastor in Brooklyn, I would never have had the time to create the waterfall retreat property called Heaven's Embrace that we have come to love so much. By God placing me in the only art college in Brooklyn as its chaplain for 16 years, He was insuring that this amazing project that He chose for me, would move forward. It made perfect sense to bring the students to the waterfall and then to offer it to the parishes in which I was assigned as an associate. What a gift this freedom was for me, and how God blessed so many with allowing me to create (with His help) this oasis for the soul!

This year we accomplished three projects at Heaven's Embrace: 1) We put in a fenced in area for our canine friends, 2) We paved with asphalt the entire house driveway up to the BBQ area, and 3) We placed a new statue by the falls entitled: "Contemplation" that was donated by Warren Ritter. We also had some groups attending a Day of Recollection, a Camp-out at the top of the falls and the Memorial Mass for Bruno Kreibich. I would have like to have done more, but I am happy we accomplished this much.

Now we celebrate Our Annual Fall Retreat during Columbus Day Weekend--Saturday, October 7th or Sunday, October 8th. It is, as usual, a wonderful day to see the fall foliage, reconnect with old friends, attend Mass in an amazing setting before the falls, eat some home-cooked gourmet food with Father's special rice pudding for dessert, enjoy a walk in woods and win some wonderful prizes! The donation is \$45.00 for adults and \$22.00 for youths! It really doesn't get better than this--Heaven's Embrace: "Where time touches Eternity!"

Looking forward to seeing you there! LOVE, PEACE & PRAYERS, *Fr. Richard Bretone*