

# KOLPING *BULLETIN*

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## note the date

Below are the currently scheduled events. We will keep you posted on the status of the situation.

### november

- 1 Memorial Mass**  
St. Philip Neri Church
- 3 Election Day**  
Go vote!
- 17 Full Board Meeting**  
Kolping 88th Street
- 24 December Bulletin**  
Last day to submit material
- 26 Thanksgiving**  
Give thanks for your blessings
- 29 First Sunday of Advent**  
Time to prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas

### december

- 6 Mass & Christmas Party/  
St. Nikolaus Day**  
Kolping-88th Street
- 25 Christmas Day**  
Celebrate the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Kolping Annual Ski Trip  
March 12-14, 2021

# NOVEMBER

## Important Message from Kolping International *Markus Demele, General Secretariat*

### Petition: Kolping is sacred to me

On Tuesday, October 27, 2020 the Kolping Society of Germany starts a petition for the canonization of Adolph Kolping. On the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the beatification of our association's founder, it is planned to hand over the collected signatures to Pope Francis next year. In addition to Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers, all people worldwide who can identify with the ideas and values of Adolph Kolping are invited to support the petition with a signature.

### Cologne - October 26, 2020

On October 27 of the coming year, we will celebrate the 30th anniversary of the beatification of Adolph Kolping. This is a great event and reason for many Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers worldwide to pray for the canonization of our association's founder. KOLPING INTERNATIONAL is convinced: The life and work of Adolph Kolping has charisma—up until today.

As a worldwide community of more than 400,000 members in over 60 countries we want to set an example: Kolping is sacred to me. In order to convey this to the outside world, a petition for the canonization of our association's founder will be launched on the occasion of this year's Kolping World Day of Prayer. Every signature that can be made from October 27 onwards under [www.petition-kolping.com](http://www.petition-kolping.com), stands for a life which has already been moved by Adolph Kolping in a very positive way.

We would like to hand over the collected signatures from all over the world to Pope Francis on the occasion of a pilgrimage to Rome for the anniversary of the beatification on October 27, 2021. KOLPING INTERNATIONAL invites you to participate in this pilgrimage. The petition will thus be running for one year. During this time it is important to collect as many signatures as possible, not only among Kolping sisters and Kolping brothers but also beyond. We would be very pleased about your active support in the various National Kolping Associations. We will provide multilingual materials which can help to spread the petition in the further course of the campaign.

The International Executive Committee of KOLPING INTERNATIONAL is in regular exchange with the responsible Congregation in the Vatican in order to underline the interest of the Association in the canonization. However, according to the current order for canonization, another medical miracle, which can be attributed to the intercession of Blessed Adolph Kolping, is required for a positive conclusion of the procedures. Pope Francis had granted a dispensation in the canonization process for Pope John XXXIII—thus the canonization was possible even without a recognized miracle. In order to also make this possible for Adolph Kolping a corresponding dispensation would have to exist as well. Therefore, the petition is to be understood as a request to Pope Francis to see the beneficial work of the Kolping Association throughout the world as a miraculous sign of the sacredness of Adolph Kolping.



**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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# 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.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER:

Christopher Beloff, Gleice Beloff, Marlene Bitterman, Bob Boesch Jr., Mark Buckel, Michael Byrne, Lucille Colletti, Nicholas Colletti, Phyllis Coletti, Anne-Sophie D'Alton, Michael Debenedictis, Martin Dengler, Kelly Dengler, Ryan Dengler, Jen DeVeau, Sheila Donnelly, Dawn Dowgiallo, James Farley, Thomas Franz, Mark Franzoso, Brian Franzoso, Gregory Fucheck, Deborah Funnell, Jacki Geoghegan, Mattie Gleason, George Gonda, Janet Gonda, Christine Groseclose, Dieter Grossmann, Wolfgang Hahn, Margaret Halvey, Arthur Harkins, Donna Harkins, Robert Hemming, Jr., Sebastian Hernandez, Matthew Kern, Maggie Kid, Mark Koenig, Elizabeth Kogler, Ladislav Korcek, Waltraut Korcek, Robert Lockwood, Andrew Marrussich, Joan McIntyre, Renate Oelerking, Asta Ondracek, Brian O'Reilly, Kristen Palmer, Jordan Parra, Daryl Paxson, Deborah Plunkett, Nicole Rios, Peter Sedlmair, Don Simons, Hugo Stang, Maria Stang, Ingrid Stehle, Edward Stinson, William Stump, Linda Szoldatits, Theresa Tretter, M.D., Chris Ulrich, George Ulrich, Anna Venditti, Paula Vogl, Gino Volpi, John Weigand, Maria Weigand, Eric Weltner and Kathleen Williams.

### SPECIAL NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday greetings go out to **Joan McIntyre, Ed Stinson, and Paula Vogl**.

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.



Gerhard speaking in Heidi's honor at the Close Out Dinner.



Heidi's surprise cake at the Harvest Festival Dinner.

### THANK YOU, HEIDI UMLAND!

Heidi Umland has been managing our beautiful Kolping on Hudson since 2000. Her hard work and dedication have made so much possible for us. We are very grateful for all the positive change and developments that have come during this time as well as the myriad routine tasks that have been faithfully discharged year in and year out.

We celebrate Heidi and thank her most profusely on this occasion of her retirement from the manager role. There are big shoes for the rest of the team to fill. We can all look forward to sitting down with Heidi for a drink or a piece of cake now and not having her have to get up to tend to the latest emergency. Please take a moment to thank Heidi for her service when you see her next.

**Thank you, Heidi! Treu Kolping!**



### GOOD MEMORIES!

Muriel Fullam sent in this great photo from a Close Out party from about 5 years ago.

### OUR HOLY FATHER'S NOVEMBER 2020 INTENTION

#### UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

# 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

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 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

### NEW KOH CONTACT INFO

Heidi Umland has retired after twenty years of outstanding service to our Society. The House Committee led by Lou Colletti has developed a succession plan with a group of members stepping up to fill these important roles. As such, there's a new email to use to reach out with KOH questions – **KOHManager95@gmail.com**

### KOH IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

Essential workers will continue on a variety of projects but the water is being turned off and the buildings will be secured. Members can always come up for a walk on the trail or along the river or through the Stations of the Cross. Please email or phone Lou Colletti before you arrive as we are monitoring access and working to keep the property secured. Lcookie1129@aol.com or 914 737-6473.

### KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

Did you know that our 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 among many for our teenagers 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.

Please consider the young people in your life and whether this might present a good opportunity for them to learn, grow, and secure a non-college-based educational training to support their future and the future of quality businesses!

### GET YOUR KOLPING BULLETIN FASTER – VIA EMAIL!

Are you receiving a paper copy of the bulletin? Would you like to receive it via email instead? If so, 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.

### 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**.

Due to the capacity constraints that we have in place right now, we are pausing the process of interviewing and inducting new members to the Kolping Society. It's been a challenge to serve our members in the way to which they've been accustomed. We're concerned that adding additional members in these months might lead to a decline in the level of service and experience that all expect.

If you have sponsored someone for membership, we will revisit the applications in the Fall with the goal of having inductions May 2021.

# Kolping-on-Hudson Close Out 2020

A festive close out celebration was held with social distancing and great use of our outdoor spaces. Jen Scheuermann and Kathy Weinborg put together a spectacular menu to wrap up the season—hors d'oeuvres, shrimp cocktail, filet mignon, stuffed baked potato, roasted asparagus and dessert and coffee. Birthday celebrant Kevin Bruegger served our guests and Ted Dengler washed pots all evening long. Alex Schmitt assisted in the kitchen along with Helmi Pinner, Heide Bruegger, Gertie Mohapp, Tracie Truncellito, Joan Dengler and Mike Scheuermann. Christine Kern kept us all hydrated. We're grateful to Heidi Umland and Richie for having the place looking so great. Once dinner was done, the dining room was converted to a dance hall and outdoors a corn hole tournament raged on. We all had a terrific time.



# KOLPING NY RESIDENCES

## 2020 & 2021 Challenges

Our flagship Kolping House—at 165 East 88th Street—has been operating for over 100 years! We have seen both hard times and good times and we have come through them because our members collaborate and work to make Father Kolping's principles and vision a reality in modern times.

Our building is set up for many uses. There are several floors of dormitory-style small bedrooms with shared bathroom on each floor; Ballroom that is used for our Society Masses and celebrations; First floor with Dining Room, Library, NY office and National Kolping Society office and archives; Lower levels with kitchen, storage, staff rooms (and reportedly a bowling alley).

Prior to March, we had over 80 men in residence at 88th Street. Our guests are predominantly foreign students and young professionals from abroad who are working internships in the NYC area. When the Ballroom was not in use for our Society functions it was rented out to a small school teaching computer coding to children in the neighborhood.

Currently, there are very few people traveling to the U.S. and the coding school is not operating in person. Our finances have taken a tremendous hit. Our talented Board of Directors has worked tirelessly to develop new sources of income, cut costs and make use of U.S. government programs set up to support small businesses in 2020.

Our Kolping on Concourse in the Bronx is also dealing with financial challenges as tenants lose jobs and find it difficult to keep up with the rent.

In preparation for more Board work brainstorming and piloting new programs to keep our Society afloat, we are asking each Kolping member to pray for inspiration and guidance for our family. Please also take a moment to think of new procedures or ideas that could be implemented and grow our revenue or decrease our expenses. Please email your ideas to [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com). These will be compiled and reviewed at the board meetings going forward. Thank you for your continued support and participation in our Catholic Kolping Society.

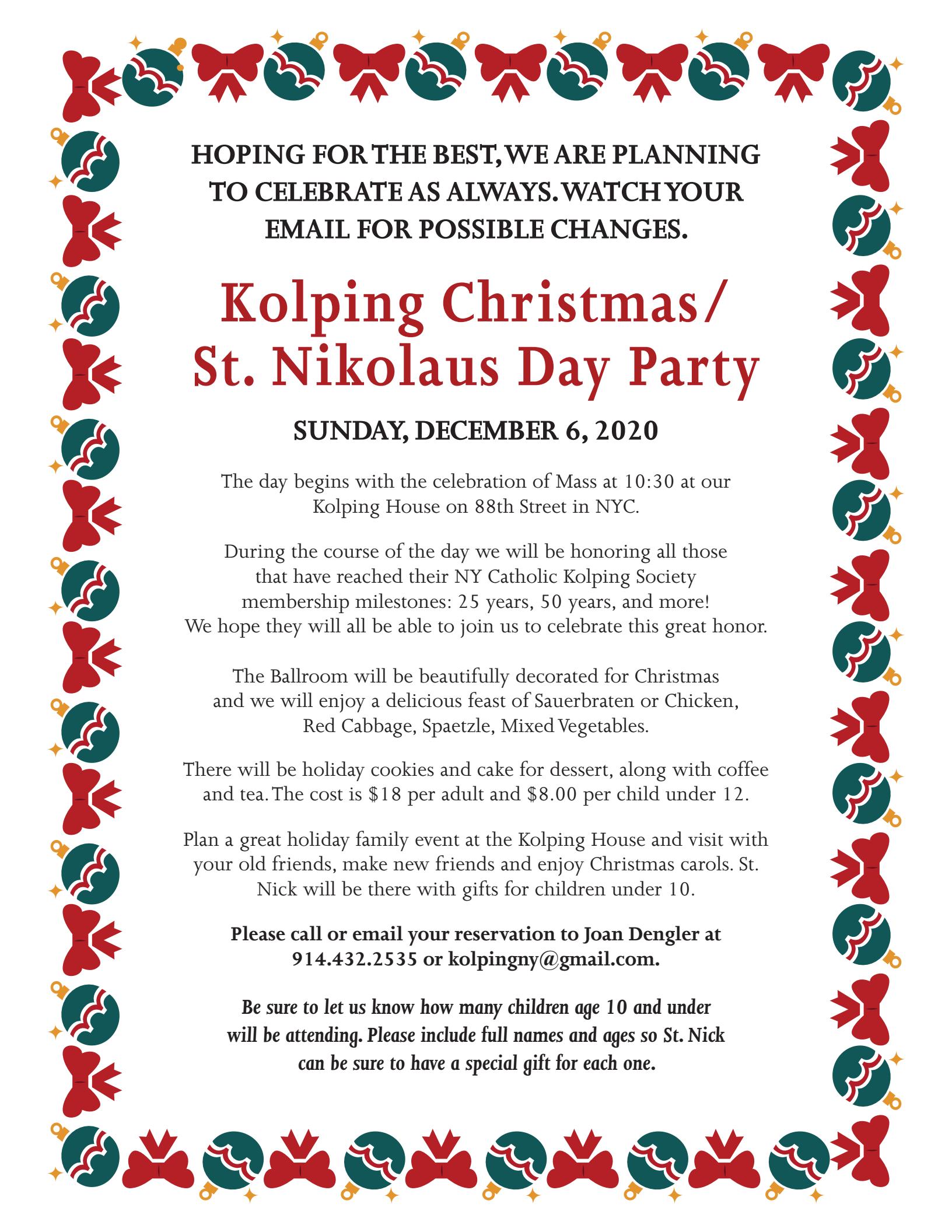
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## HONORING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

At 11:15 on November 1st, our All Souls Day Mass was celebrated at Saint Philip Neri in the Bronx, which is our parish for our Bronx residence, Kolping-on-the-Concourse. We gathered together as a Kolping Family to remember and celebrate the lives of our Kolping family that have passed away during the year: **William Grimm, Joe Haneman, Jim Zambrano, Horst and Inge Schmitt, Wilfriede Roessler, Miriam Herman, Willy Bittermann, Agnes Tretter, Rita Berge, Julio Montero** and all deceased members of the Catholic Kolping Society New York. This year the Mass was streamed on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/philipneri.churchbronx.1>) and on YouTube (<https://church.stphilipneribronx.org/>).

While we did not gather at Kolping-on-the-Concourse for our Communion Brunch due to COVID, we can all take this opportunity to visit our loved ones at the cemetery or find a nice outdoor spot where we can remember them and say a prayer of thanksgiving for all they have meant to us in our life, and for their soul's rest in the arms of our loving God.

*Katrina Dengler, Vice President*



HOPING FOR THE BEST, WE ARE PLANNING  
TO CELEBRATE AS ALWAYS. WATCH YOUR  
EMAIL FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES.

# Kolping Christmas/ St. Nikolaus Day Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020

The day begins with the celebration of Mass at 10:30 at our Kolping House on 88th Street in NYC.

During the course of the day we will be honoring all those that have reached their NY Catholic Kolping Society membership milestones: 25 years, 50 years, and more! We hope they will all be able to join us to celebrate this great honor.

The Ballroom will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and we will enjoy a delicious feast of Sauerbraten or Chicken, Red Cabbage, Spaetzle, Mixed Vegetables.

There will be holiday cookies and cake for dessert, along with coffee and tea. The cost is \$18 per adult and \$8.00 per child under 12.

Plan a great holiday family event at the Kolping House and visit with your old friends, make new friends and enjoy Christmas carols. St. Nick will be there with gifts for children under 10.

Please call or email your reservation to Joan Dengler at 914.432.2535 or [kolpingny@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingny@gmail.com).

Be sure to let us know how many children age 10 and under will be attending. Please include full names and ages so St. Nick can be sure to have a special gift for each one.