



# KOLPING BULLETIN

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## note the date

### december

- 2 Mass & Christmas Party**  
K-88th Street
- 2 First Sunday of Advent**  
The faithful must prepare for the coming of the Savior on Christmas. The four Sundays before Christmas are marked by special church services.
- 21 Last Day to Submit Materials**  
for January Bulletin
- 25 Christmas**  
A centuries-old custom, the first Christmas tree was set up in Germany in the 17th century.

### january

- 1 New Year's Day**
- 8 Full Board Meeting**  
K-88th Street
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

### february

- 2 Groundhog Day**
- 6 Ash Wednesday**
- 14 Valentine's Day**
- 18 President's Day**

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who contribute to the Bulletin each month, especially Jack McGee, Ann Horan, Martin Kelly, and Anita Buchholz. May you all have a blessed Christmas and all good things for the New Year! —Ingrid

# DECEMBER

## Sunday December 2, 2007 Kolping Christmas Party

We cordially invite all of you to our final event for 2007—our annual family Christmas party at the Kolping House on 88th Street.

The day will start with a 10:30 am Memorial Mass, celebrated by Father Richard Bretone at the Kolping House. A delicious dinner will follow at a cost of \$16 for adults and \$8 for children 12 years and under.

After dinner, the agenda will include honoring all our 50- and 25-year members for their loyal service to Kolping. Our anniversary celebrants are: **50 YEARS**—Rita Berge, Catherine Ferraro, Bob Reinisch, Jerry Reslmaier, and Valentine Sartorius. **25 YEARS**—Karen Byrnes, Marg Cirincione, Helmi Pinner, and Marjorie Ritzer. We will then give our Person of the Year awards. Last, but not least, Santa will make his annual visit. The approximate time schedule is: 10:30am Mass; 12:00 noon Dinner; 1:00pm celebration of 50- and 25-year members and Person of the Year awards; 1:30pm Santa's visit.

We look forward to seeing you at our family Christmas Party!



**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 call Ann Horan (914-737-2026) 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 keep Norbert Dengler in your prayers—he is having surgery this month. Also, Valentine Sartorius had hernia surgery in November, and I am happy to report he is feeling great and his recovery has been a speedy one.



### Happy Birthday to those born in December:

Michael Cunningham, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Ernst Endrich, Lisa Farsang, Kathleen Fuchek, Walter Gross, Lily Gruno, Sal Hierspiel, Irene Leili, Jocelyn Maas, Stefan Manz, Amanda Mersits, Peter Mersits, James Minarik, Edward Monks, Lindsay Moraitis, Jenny Rea, George Rehrl, Andrew Reitter, Charles Roberts, Wilfriede Roessler, Carol Rohrbacher, John Rung, Utz Schwarte, Erik Severin, Thomas Silvestri, Jr., Charles Smith, Hertha Stang, Diane Tangen, Kenneth Tunkel, Niklas Umland, Christopher Vanzo, Alfred E. Vogl, Jr., Debra Weigand, and Michael Weinborg.

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 Ann Horan at annh@optonline.net.

### Birth Announcements

Chris and Bernie Preisser are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Jackson Louis Preisser. Jackson was born on October 11th, to Joseph and Allison Preisser. Wouldn't Great grand-father Joe be excited?



Heide and Bert Bruegger are delighted to announce the birth of their grandson Eric Wilhelm Weltner. Eric was born on November 19th to Christine and Casey Weltner. He joins big sister Julia.



Thanks for your continued generosity by returning your chances for the Joe Sartorius Fund and the Endowment Fund.

To date we have collected \$1,095.00. Those who put in "something extra" are Maria Reuber, Heide Bruegger, William Grimm, Bernie Preisser, Margarete Kiec, Muriel Fullam, Mary McKeon, Albert Sartorius, Theobald Dengler.

Thanks to Alfonse Preisser for his donation to the Minorite Church in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew.

Thanks to Bob & Gen Hemsing for their donations to Kolping on Hudson in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew and Joseph D'Angelo.

Thanks to John Noonan for his donation to the Society in memory of Hilda Dengler McGlew.

Thanks to William Grimm for the donation of his share account and interest check to the Society.

Thanks to Dengler, Dengler, Dengler for their donation to the Joseph Sartorius Fund.

## 2007 DUES

Final notice for 2007 dues. These funds are needed for the Society to meet its financial obligations.

Individual: \$85

Family: \$100

Student: \$40

Please make check payable to:  
*The Catholic Kolping Society.*

Mail to: The Catholic Kolping Society,  
Attention: Ann Horan, 165 East 88th  
St., New York, NY 10128 and mark  
"Dues" in the left-hand corner.

## World Youth Day

If you or anyone you know is interested in going to World Youth Day in Sydney Australia, please let us know by **December 1!** Kolping is trying to organize a spot for the Kolping Youth to stay. For more information, please contact Katrina Dengler: kdengler67@hotmail.com

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**Two bedroom Condo in Lauderdale by the Sea, FL.** Just steps to the beach, this newly furnished two-bedroom, two-bath condominium awaits you in this great little beach community. Ground-floor unit in garden-style building. Reserved parking on property. Master bedroom has a king-size bed with a private bathroom. Second bedroom has two twin beds. A comfortable, queen-size sleeper sofa is available in the living room. Walking distance to supermarket, shops, cafes, new playground, and the center of town. And of course, the beach! Winter 2007-2008 is still available. We rent by the month. Contact Meg for more details or pictures: Meg Jandrasits • Phone: 914-471-3851 • Email: jm@jandrasits.net

**Disney Condo for Rent.** Kolping Member has 3 BR / 2 Bath condo for rent in 5-star community only 3 miles outside of Disney's Main Gate. Affordable and convenient. Visit our web site at [www.bestdisneycondo.com](http://www.bestdisneycondo.com) or call Gary & Terri Ostroff at 516-837-3804.

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: [classifieds@kolpingny.org](mailto:classifieds@kolpingny.org) or mail them to: Ingrid Resmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on [www.kolpingny.org](http://www.kolpingny.org). Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

## News & Notes

### Advent Project

This year the Board of Directors has chosen the Mercy Center in the Bronx as the recipient of our Advent donation. The Mercy center is committed to offering the principles of welcome, community, and non-violence for all, particularly for women and children. They offer opportunities for skills training, personal development, and economic empowerment to the women and their children. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, please send your check, made out to the Catholic Kolping Society and send it to Kolping, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128. We will then send one check from all of us to the Mercy Center.

### Kolping Ski Trip 2008

SAVE THIS DATE: March 14th -16th

Place: Mount Snow. Details to follow in January Bulletin.

### Donations Needed

We are getting ready to upgrade our Mass furniture at Kolping on Hudson. We have taken good care of the buildings and grounds but we should not forget our spiritual mission. It is just as important to spend time and money on making each one of our Masses look as nice as possible.

The prices are: Lectern—\$500  
Altar Table—\$600  
Priest's Chair—\$459  
Fixing up the Blessed Virgin Grotto—\$750  
Address plaque to be placed at the front gate—\$750

If you and your family would like to donate one of these four items, it would be most appreciated. If you donate them in memory of a loved one, we could put their name on a plaque. Please let Ann Horan know if you are interested in this project (914-737-2026).

### International News

Pope Benedict XVI will be coming to the U.S. for a visit. His trip is planned for April 15th to the 20th. On his arrival in New York, he will address the members of the United Nations Assembly. His visit will include a trip to view "Ground Zero." His religious participation will be with the New York Archdiocese of New York, now celebrating it's bicentennial—200 years of the founding of the Catholic Church in New York. We are also celebrating a personal jubilee. Cardinal Egan will be honored, announcing the Fiftieth Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. One of the high points of the Pope's personal visit to New York will be Mass at the Yankee Stadium. After his arrival in New York, he will visit the White House, as well as the National Catholic Cathedral.

### Events from the Catholic Calendar

**December 3** St. Frances Xavier. The Jesuit who spent 12 years in India preaching Christ crucified.

**December 6** St. Nicholas. In Latin his name was Santa Nicholas from where we get Santa Claus. On Dec. 6th Santa brings the children of Amsterdam and throughout Holland their Christmas presents.

**December 8** The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A Holy Day of obligation to attend Mass.

**December 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patron Saint of Mexico. There will be big celebrations in all of the Mexican communities throughout New York.

**December 25** Christmas Day. A Holy Day of obligation to attend Mass.

**December 26** The Feast Day of St. Stephen.

**December 28** The Feast of the Holy Innocents, King Herod killed all Jewish boys aged 2 and under, when he heard of the birth of Christ, the Messiah.

# K-O-C Communion Luncheon photos by Ann Horan



# Hudson Valley Festival

photos by Robert Jaki



# Stories of Interest

## HEINE'S MONUMENT IN THE BRONX

submitted by Martin A. Kelly



A statue dedicated to the famous German poet, Heinrich Heine, stands in the Bronx. It shows the pagan goddess Lorelei, subject of Heine's best-known poem, astride on outcropping of rock, singing, as it were, her bewitching tune. The enchantress, legend has it, lured seamen, plying the Rhine, to watery graves. How the sculpture found its

resting spot in South Bronx is a story that ought to be told.

Heinrich Heine was born in Dusseldorf, Germany in 1797, the child of Jewish parents. Anti-Semitism was rife and blocked his career ambitions in law or government service. The ruling sector was greatly influenced by Prussia and was reactionary. Even Heine's conversion to Lutheranism did not improve his status.

He was a prolific writer and journalist. He always championed social justice and became associated with leading progressives or reformers of his day. However, the overseers in Germany blacklisted his works, and he fled to Paris in 1831 where he enjoyed comparative literary freedom of expression.

Heine's works attracted a wide audience and were translated in many languages. One of his greatest admirers was Empress Elizabeth of Austria. His works, of which "Lorelei" is the best known, reflect sentimentalism versus reality and need for social reform.

When the Revolution of 1848 failed to bring change, many German liberals fled to America where they worked for liberal ideals including the abolition of slavery. Heine became bed ridden with a spinal ailment in 1848 and could not flee with the other reformers. He died in 1856.

As a memorial to Heine's genius, his friends commissioned the sculptor Ernst Herter (1846-1917) to create this magnificent statue. They intended to have it erected in Dusseldorf, the town of his birth, but the city council declined the honor on political grounds. The logical location to place it then was in New York City where many of his colleagues had found a haven. In 1899, the fountain was dedicated in Joyce Kilmer Park, at Grand Concourse and 161st Street, in the Bronx.

(based on article, same title, by G. Niers German Life, July 2007)



The Heinrich Heine Fountain (also known as the Lorelei Fountain) honors the German poet, writer, and social dissident Heinrich Heine (1797-1856), whose poem *Die Lorelei* immortalized the mysterious creature of romantic legend. The sculptural group, carved out of white Tyrolean marble, depicts Lorelei, a German mythical figure seated on a rock in the Rhine River among mermaids, dolphins, and seashells. According to legend, the maiden was transformed into a siren after throwing herself into the river. She could be heard singing from a rock along the river, her voice hypnotizing sailors to sleep, and then to their death. The bas-reliefs around the pedestal include a profile of Heine. Other decorative and allegorical motifs include a frog, a bird, and a skull symbolizing mortality. The fountain was purchased by a committee of German-Americans in 1893 and dedicated at the south end of what was then known as Grand Concourse Plaza on July 8, 1899. It was moved to the park's north end in 1940. In 1999 the monument was restored through the Municipal Art Society's Adopt-A-Monument Program, with \$310,000 as a gift from the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Foundation. It was relocated to its original position in a newly landscaped setting in the south end, funded by Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer and Council Member Pedro G. Espada. The rededication ceremony was held on the centennial of the original installation, July 8, 1999, with a keynote speech by Wolfgang Scheffler, Deputy Mayor of Dusseldorf in Germany.

### A LITTLE HUMOR

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

Hans was taking a course in conversational English. The teacher thought he had progressed enough to engage in some conversational situations, like asking for directions. Hans asked, "Where is the Post Office located at?" The teacher corrects him saying in English you don't end a sentence with a preposition. Hans then asked, "Where is the Post Office located at, Mister?"

# Who Is My Neighbor?

Submitted by Jack McGee



In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.

All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

He said unto him, What is written in the law? How readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him to an inn and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:21—10:37

# What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



## LINCOLN CENTER

### **METROPOLITAN OPERA** **TICKETS FROM \$15.00**

*Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm; Saturday matinees at 1:30*

Iphigenie En Tauride	Dec. 1st and 8th (M) - 14th - 22nd
The Marriage of Figaro	Dec. 1st
Norma	Dec. 7th
Romeo and Juliet	Dec. 8th 15th(M)
War and Peace	Dec. 13th - 22nd(M) - 27th
Un Ballo in Maschera	Dec. 21st - 29th
Hansel and Gretel	Dec. 29th(M)

### **NEW YORK CITY BALLET** **TICKETS FROM \$20.00**

*Friday & Saturday evening at 8:00pm;*

*Saturday matinees at 2:00pm;*

*Sunday matinees at 1:00pm*

The Nutcracker

### **AVERY FISHER HALL** **TICKETS \$20.00 thru \$90.00**

*December 3rd at 7:30pm*

A concert version of Rossini's opera: The Italian Girl in Algiers

### **VIVIAN BEAUMONT THEATER** **TICKETS FROM \$65**

Shakespeare's CYMBELINE

### **THE BIG APPLE CIRCUS** **TICKETS FROM \$28**

*At Lincoln Center through January 13th*

212-721-6500, bigapplecircus.org

### **THE METROPOLITAN OPERA ON RADIO - WQXR 96.3FM**

*Saturdays at 1:30*

Dec. 8th - Iphigenie En Tauride

Dec. 15th - Romeo and Juliet

Dec. 22nd - War and Peace

Dec. 29th - Hansel and Gretel

Confirm on Internet for time and station: [www.operainfo.org](http://www.operainfo.org)

## Metropolitan Museum of Art at 62nd St. and 5th Ave. – Admission

Don't miss "The Age of Rembrandt" as well as an exhibit of all of their Dutch masterpieces (Vermeer, etc.), through Jan. 6th. Also make sure to visit the new Greek and Roman Galleries as well as the Tapestry in the Baroque.

## *Christmas in New York City*

### **Here are some places to visit and things to do during the holiday season**

St. Patrick's Cathedral (50th St. and 5th Ave.)

Rockefeller Center (50th St. and 5th Ave.)

Toys R Us (44th-45th and Broadway)

Lord and Taylor's Windows (39th St. and 5th Ave.)

Creche at St. Thomas Church (53rd St. and 5th Ave.)

The Christmas Show at Radio City

The Top of the Empire State Building

The Staten Island Ferry

The Statue of Liberty

The Bronx Zoo

The Flower exhibit at Bronx Botanical Gardens

The Aquarium at Coney Island

## *Helpful Information*

**NEW YORK CITY PARKING** On major legal holidays, stopping, standing and parking are permitted, except when specifically prohibited. Exceptions for December are listed:

Alternate Side Parking regulations suspended:

Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception

Dec. 19th-21st Idul-Adha

Dec. 25th Christmas Day (Major Legal Holiday Rules in effect)



## *At the Churches*

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### **ST. JOSEPH'S IN YORKVILLE** 404 East 87th Street

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at St. Joseph's Church of Yorkville at 9:45. Confessions before Mass. For information call Julia Winter at 212-534-5625. For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. Emmanuel Narthey at 212-289-6030.

### **ZION ST. MARK'S** 339 East 84th Street, Manhattan (between 2nd and 1st Avenues)

Come to Zion St. Mark's Church for their annual German Christkindlmarkt. It is on Saturday, December 1, 2007 from 11 a.m. till 4 p.m. You'll have a choice of Lebkuchen, cookies, Christmas Stollen, books, and much, much more. And, of course, there will be Gluehwein as well. Visit our website: zionstmarks.org or phone: 212-288-0600.

### **ST. THOMAS CHURCH** 53rd Street and 5th Avenue

Tuesday, Dec. 11th and Thursday, Dec. 13th

Handel's "Messiah." Men's and Boy's Choir, Soloists, Organ and

Orchestra, at 7:30pm - Tickets \$85,65, 35,25 (Seniors & Students \$20)

Dec. 20th, Thursday at 5:30 Ceremony of Carols

By: Benjamin Britten - Free - Open seating ..... Followed by ....

LaNativite' du Seigneur - by: Oliver Massiaen at 6:15 - Open seating - Free organ recital

### **HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH** 65th Street and Central Park West

Every Sunday during November at 5pm there will be a concert of Bach Cantatas and compositions for the organ. Offering.

### **ST BATHOLOMEW'S CHURCH** 51st Street and Park Avenue

Free Seasonal Concerts - every Wednesday at 1:15pm. December 5th - 12th - 19th and 26th.

Special Baroque Christmas Pastorales Concert.

Dec. 29th, Saturday evening at 8:00pm Tickets \$40 and \$20, with special Senior Citizen tickets at \$30 and \$10

### **CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION** 10th Street and Fifth Avenue

Thursday, Dec. 13th at 8:00pm - Christmas Candlelight Concert. Tickets \$55- 45 -35 -25 -10

## *German-Affiliated Happenings and Events*

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**German-American Social Club of Peekskill • Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 PM**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

11 Kramers Pond Road P.O. Box 395 Putnam Valley, NY 10579, 845-528-5800. For reservations, directions or information on club events call: 914-603-3373 or 845-628-9283. Visit us at [www.gac1936.com](http://www.gac1936.com)

**German-American Social Club of Peekskill • Saturday, December 15**

### **MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

At Cortlandt Colonial Restaurant. Featuring Bud Gramer & The Melodies. For reservations, directions or information on club events call: 914-603-3373 or 845-628-9283. Visit us at [www.gac1936.com](http://www.gac1936.com)

## *December Releases from Hollywood*

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**Alvin/Chipmunks** - Rap music

**Atonement** - Wartime lovers

**Billy the Kid** - Disturbed teenager

**The Bond's Visit** - Stranded in the desert

**Cassandra's Dream** - Director Woody Allen is back from London

**Charlie Wilson's War** - Afghans -vs- Soviet Russia

**Grace Is Gone** - Killed in Iraq

**The Golden Compass** - Avoid it

**I Am Legend** - Will Smith

**Juno** - Another teenage pregnancy

**Kite Runner** - Boys in Afghanistan

**Man in the Chair** - Wants to be movie director

**Nanking** - Chinese murdered by Japanese

**The Orphanage** - Horror film from Mexico

**Perfect Holiday** - Abandoned

**Revolver** - Revenge

**Sweeney Todd** - Johnny Depp/Barber

**Undoing** - A repentant gangster

**The Violin** - Revolution music

**The Walker** - Murder?

# 2008 Father Krewitt Scholarship Application

The Catholic Kolping Society of America awards one \$1,000 scholarship to further the education or training of one Kolping Student who submits the essay most worthy of the scholarship that year in accord with the rules.

2008 Krewitt Scholarship Theme

***"What is the one major obstacle to peace in the world, and how can it be overcome?"***

Krewitt Scholarship Applicants must:

1. Be a member or the child (or grandchild) of the Catholic Kolping Society of America
2. Provide proof of enrollment in college or post-high vocational program.
3. Submit an essay of no less than 500 and no more than 1000 words.
4. Not be a previous winner.
5. Mail application\*, proof of enrollment, and essay in triplicate by February 28, 2008.  
Send documents to the address printed on the application.
6. Accept the decision of the judges as final.

\*Application forms are also available from the local Kolping families or from the national office or our web-site at [www.Kolping.org](http://www.Kolping.org). Please contact the Catholic Kolping Society of America at 1-877-659-7237 with any questions.

I hereby apply for the Father Krewitt Scholarship and agree to abide by the rules of eligibility.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last* *First* *Initial*

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State* *Zip Code*

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
*Month* *Date* *Year* *Area Code* *Number*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of School*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Number and Street*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*City* *State* *Zip Code*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Major/Minor Progress of Study*

Year (Check One):  Freshman  Sophomore  Junior  Senior  2-year program

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Kolping Member (Print Clearly)* *Relationship to Student* *Name of Kolping Family (Branch)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Mail completed application, proof of enrollment, and the essay in triplicate by **February 28, 2008** to:  
Catholic Kolping Society of America, c/o PATRICIA FARKAS, 1223 Van Houten Ave., Clifton, NJ 07013