

note the date

december

- 3 Mass & Christmas Party/
St. Nikolaus Day**
Kolping-88th Street
- 3 First Sunday of Advent**
Time to prepare for the coming
of Christ at Christmas
- 20 January Bulletin**
Last day to submit material
- 25 Christmas**
Celebrate the birth of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

january

- 1 The Solemnity of Mary**
On this holy day of obligation,
we are reminded of the role
that the Blessed Virgin played
in the plan of our salvation.
- 7 The Feast of the Epiphany**
The Epiphany celebrates the
visit of the three wise men to
the Christ Child.



DECEMBER

Annual Christmas Party & St. Nikolaus Day Celebration

Sunday, December 3, 2017

The day at Kolping 88th Street will begin with Fr. Richard Bretone celebrating mass at 10:30 and immediately after our new members ceremony will take place.

Peter Bruegger, Michelle Cervello, Greg Fuchek, Richard Povilonis, and Rosemarie Best will be honored for their 25 year membership. We will also congratulate our 50 year members Robert Hersam and Luitgard & Detmar Nieshalla.

Brunch will follow, and this year Wolfgang and Geovanni will be serving sauerbraten, red cabbage, spaetzle, vegetables and Chicken Parmesan along with holiday cookies and cake for dessert. Early afternoon St. Nick will arrive and have gifts for all children under the age of 10

The cost is \$16 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 lots of Christmas carols. St. Nick will be there with toys for children under 10. Traditional German holiday specialties including stollen, cookies and brandy beans will be available for purchase.

We will be collecting food for the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal's soup kitchen and while all items are welcome, the Sisters try to give each person who comes to their door a bag containing the following items:

2 starches (rice/pasta/etc) • 2 cans of vegetables • 1 can of beans • 1 can of protein (tuna/sardines/meat/etc) • 1 can of tomato (sauce/puree/diced/etc)
1 or 2 cans of soup • 1 dessert item (packaged cookies, etc.)

**Please call or email your reservation to Jan Kessler at
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KOLPING BULLETIN

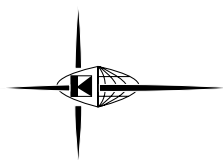
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Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Jan Kessler (914-462-7649) or email jkessny@aol.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.

Our long time member **Linda Losonsky** has passed away and all our prayers and sympathy are with all of her family and friends. Linda is survived by her two children, five grandchildren and her cousin Rita Berge who is also a Kolping Member.



Our prayers are with the Schroeder family. In God's peace, at the age of 89 and after 64 years of marriage, **Karen Schroeder** passed away on October 12, 2017. Beloved wife, kind mother, mother-in-law and wonderful grandmother, she leaves behind husband Franz, son Manfred with Claudia and grandson Florian and Philipp, son Norbert with Susanne and grandson Charlotte and Jan Moritz, son Jürgen with Silvia and stepdaughter Corinna and Dominik. Condolences can be sent to Franz Schroeder, Kreuzberger Feld 8, 84359 Simbach a. Inn.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER:

Daniel Allen, Barbara Beirne, Laura Beyrer, Stacy Connolly, Michelle Crisci, Sean Crowley, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Christine Duffy, Ernst Endrich, Michael Flannery, Kathleen Fuchek, Gail Gleason, Greta Grossmann, Bridget Horan, Jennifer Horan, Michael Horan, Matthew Imbimbo, John Joyce, Matt Keller, Anita Kelley, Katelyn Krupa, Kelly Krupa, Patricia Kummer, David Lauth, Irene Leili, Stefan Manz, Stephen McGuire, Amanda Mersits, Peter Mersits, James Minarik, Edward Monks, Sabrina Ostroff, Glen Price, Megan Prokopiak, Brian Rafford, Andrew Reitter, Wilfriede Roessler, Erik Severin, Charles Smith, Hertha Stang, Patrick Tandy, John Unger, Alfred E. Vogl, Jr., Debra Weigand, Michael Weinborg, and James Zambrano.

SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special birthday wishes to **Chuck Smith**.

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 Jan Kessler at jkessny@aol.com.

Troop 36 at Kolping on Hudson submitted by Bob Hemsing



On Saturday November 4th, several of the boys and two leaders were at Kolping on Hudson to help in the end of season shutdown. Troop 36 is sponsored by NY Catholic Kolping Society and St. Christopher and St. Patricks Church. Heidi Umland, the manager at KOH, thought they were a great help in the final winterization.

Congratulations to Robert Arellano

recipient of the 2017 \$2,500
onetime scholarship to a freshman
entering Fordham Prep this year.

—Bob Hemsing,
Scholarship Committee Chairman



2017 DUES

Last call for all those that have not yet paid their dues. Please forward your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to Kolping on Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548

Att: Jan Kessler, Secretary

Family: \$105

Individual: \$90

Student: \$45

50-year members: paid up forever!

Please 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, Jan Kessler. 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.

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News & Notes

NY CATHOLIC KOLPING SOCIETY'S ADVENT PROJECT

The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue and the richness of living with sexual integrity.

They proclaim the dignity of the human person by devoting one year of service to talking to youth to foster total human flourishing in the context of strong relationships and strong families. The Culture Project dreams of a world where the beauty of our sexuality is upheld and love is not cheapened by ugly counterfeits. Their talks dive into the irrevocable dignity of every human person and discuss the grave violations against such dignity, particularly the injustice of abortion.

Our support of the Culture Project with the Kolping Advent Project will help support a team member as they devote one year of service to talking to youth to illuminate the freedom and true passion found in a life of sexual integrity by proclaiming the meaning and purpose of our sexuality as men and women. This project upholds Fr. Kolping's ideals of strong families and strong Catholic moral theology. See more about this worthy organization at www.restoreculture.com.

Please send all donations to Catholic Kolping Society, Att: Joan Dengler, 165 East 88th Street, New York, NY 10128

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339 East 84 St. (between 2nd and 1st Aves.), Manhattan
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German Language Film: 'Maedchen in Uniform mit Romy Schneider' will be shown on December 2nd starting at 2 pm (doors open at 1:30 pm). All films are in German - no subtitles - programs subject to change. Contribution \$5.

WEIHNACHTSFEIER – Christmas Party: December 10th from 1 p.m. till 3 p.m. Enjoy our beautifully decorated parish hall, colorful Christmas Platters with the traditional Stollen, fruit, nuts and other Christmas goodies, coffee/tea. A fun raffle awaits the lucky winners. We will play Christmas music and sing familiar German and American Christmas songs. Contribution \$10.

If you would like to be on the mailing list please send an e-mail with your name and address to: church@zionstmarks.org



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Use it as a source to get Kolping updates throughout the month or a place to share photos with your Kolping friends.

RECEIVE YOUR BULLETIN VIA EMAIL!

Call or email Jan Kessler (914.462.7649) or jkessny@aol.com if you would like to receive your copy by email. You can also visit our website www.kolpingny.org and find copies of the monthly bulletins, list of upcoming events and so much other information that you may find helpful.

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 DECEMBER 2017 INTENTION

THE ELDERLY. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Thank You Notes

October 18, 2017

Ms. Katrina Dengler
President
Catholic Kolping Society
165 East 88th Street
New York, NY 10128-2241



Dear Ms. Dengler,

On behalf of the St. Ignatius School community, thank you for the Catholic Kolping Society's generous \$3,200.00 gift for the scholarships of Gerardo Arriaza, Destiny Guerrero, Arlette Mateo, Nayeli Lopez, Jason Solis, Ryan Dume, Patrick Romero, and Orlando Cepeda, all graduates of St. Ignatius School which we received on 10/18/2017. Your kindness enables us to live out St. Ignatius School's mission: **to inspire students in the South Bronx to become their best selves by creating a safe and nurturing community that fosters intellectual, spiritual, and social growth.**

St. Ignatius School has grown tremendously since its founding in a storefront on Hunts Point Avenue in 1995 with eight teachers and three students. Years later, we are still blessed with a grounded mission, eager students, phenomenal faculty, and dedicated donors.

Your response to our needs demonstrates the Jesuit ideal we instill here at school: to be "men and women for others". Your outstanding support will enable St. Ignatius School to thrive well beyond twenty years.

Gratefully,

Eavan O'Driscoll

Eavan O'Driscoll, President

Many thanks for your continued support.

Dear Mr. Hemsing:

I would like to offer my thanks to the Kolping Society, for the generous scholarship that was given to me. My family and I are very grateful. I am very happy at John F. Kennedy Kennedy Catholic High School. I look forward to continuing my academic journey at Kennedy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Beirne

Kathleen Beirne

All Soul's Communion Brunch submitted by Katrina Dengler and Jan Kessler

photos by Tony Aguiluz

On November 5th, we gathered together at Kolping on the Concourse to remember and to pray for our Kolping friends and family who passed away, especially those in the past year: Doris Petsche, Bill Leili and Ernst Schmidberger. At the Mass at St. Philip Neri, Fr. Serrano included their names in the Prayers of the Faithful. It was comforting to know that the congregation all prayed for our friends, that they would be at peace and in God's embrace.

After Mass, Tony and Lizaeph welcomed us at Kolping on the Concourse for a wonderful meal of lemon chicken, with cheese and smoked sausage appetizers, and ice cream bon bons for dessert. We thank Tony Aguiluz and all the staff for preparing a wonderful Communion Brunch—we know everyone that attended enjoyed a relaxing afternoon and a very delicious lunch.



Japanese Maple at Kolping on Hudson *photographed by member John Allen*

The canopy of the tree from the outside has a burnished copper color. Looking from inside the canopy out, the leaves appear golden. The maple near the gazebo is drab in comparison, probably due to differences in sunlight received by each tree.



Stories of Interest

Maria von Trapp Saved Her Children from Nazis. Austria Still Won't Honor Her with a Street Name.

submitted by Martin A. Kelly

The Sound of Music is a widely popular movie worldwide, has won several Academy Awards, and has been performed almost constantly as a musical since it debuted.

And yet, despite the popularity of the songs and movie that helped bring Salzburg, Austria, so much tourism (1.5 million tourists visit a year, many because of the popularity of the movie), the city doesn't want to name a street after Maria von Trapp.

The reason? Because the real Maria von Trapp used corporal punishment on the children.

Julie Andrews portrayed the warm and kind Maria von Trapp in The Sound of Music, but the real Maria was a pretty harsh and strict person. She didn't hide that; she talked about it in her autobiography, and the von Trapp children have said that she had a temper, "but we took it like a thunderstorm that would pass, because the next minute she could be very nice."



Using corporal punishment or losing her temper didn't mean Maria didn't care for her adopted children, of course. She said that she fell in love with them at first sight, and she married Georg von Trapp out of love for the children, not for him (though she grew to love him). The Sound of Music was a fictionalized version of the family's lives and not completely historically accurate.

But even if the real story and the real characters are different, the purpose of the movie is true to life. Georg von Trapp did turn down invitations to join the Nazis and to sing at Hitler's birthday party, and we all know what happens when you are on the wrong side of the Nazi army. While the family didn't in fact hide from the Nazis in a convent and hike across the mountains to Switzerland, as depicted in the movie, they did risk their lives to leave Austria and travel to America. They weren't secretive about their trip, so they could easily have been stopped and imprisoned, or worse.

Apparently, all of that doesn't matter since Maria had a temper and punished the children using methods that no longer meet with widespread approval. Corporal punishment is looked down upon today in many places, but it was legal during the 1940s and it's still legal in all fifty states in the U.S. (with restrictions) and even legal in U.S. schools in nineteen states. Yes, teachers can legally use corporal punishment on children in those states. It wasn't made illegal in Austria until 1989, two years after Maria had died. And Maria was certainly not the only person who punished children using these methods during her time.



Maria von Trapp risked her life and did an incredible job rescuing her stepchildren from the hands of the Nazis. If they had been captured, she could have been imprisoned, tortured, or killed.

If, after adopting a family of ten children (not seven like they show in the movie) and risking her life to get them safely out from under Nazi rule to a better life, Maria von Trapp still doesn't deserve to have a street named after her, then who does? Hollywood thought her worthy enough to make a movie about her life, after all. Shame on Austria for being too cowed by political correctness to embrace one of its bravest citizens.

Note: Some content paraphrased from an article found on the site "Accultured" by Julia Dent • Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Julie Andrews as Maria von Trapp in promotional art for the 1965 film "The Sound of Music" via the Internet Movie Database (IMDb.com)



ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS

**Point & Insurance Reduction Program
January 11, 2018**

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HIGHLIGHTS

- * Reduce insurance cost
- * Reduce points on driving record
- * Applies to all vehicles principally operated by the motorist who completes the course

SPACE IS LIMITED to 20 people, so please sign up as soon as possible to save your space. The cost is only \$40 per person. and includes a light dinner.

If you or a member of your family or circle of friends could benefit from this course, please send in the coupon below and enclose your check for \$40 made out to the Catholic Kolping Society. This is the time for people who took the course in December 2014 to renew.

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Our annual Christmas luncheon for members will be on Thursday, December 14, 2017.

New members are welcome. Please call us at 212 360 6022.

The German society is maintained by members' dues and contributions, and by donations.

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Friday-Sunday, March 9-11, 2018

Mountaineer Inn at Mount Snow, Vermont

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Early Bird	\$410	\$315	\$215
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1 day Sun	\$60	\$56
2 day	\$124	\$98

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Brooklyn Kolping 2017 Christmas party

*It's the most wonderful time of the year,
Join us for a celebration of Christmas cheer!*

Saturday, December 9th, 2017

Brooklyn Kolping Center

65-04 Myrtle Ave, Glendale, NY 11385

Doors will open at 5:30pm

Dinner will be served at 6:15pm and party will follow!

There will be Dinner & Dessert, Glühwein,
and Holiday Treats!

A raffle table and a 50/50!

Christmas Carol Sing-Along,

Children's Entertainment and

A visit from Santa Claus!

Donation per Adult: \$20

Donation per Child: \$5

Reservations are Necessary! Please RSVP by December 1st

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Or leave a detailed message for Bill: 917-862-0637

