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5 Mass & Christmas Party/
St. Nikolaus Day
Kolping-88th Street

8 Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
Celebration of Mary's
conception without sin.

23 January Bulletin
Last day to submit material

25 Christmas
Celebrate the birth of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

january 2021

1 The Solemnity of Mary
This holiday is a celebration of
Mary's motherhood of Jesus.

6 The Feast of the Epiphany
The Epiphany celebrates the
visit of the three wise men to
the Christ Child.

December

Join Us At Our Annual Kolping Family Ski Trip

The Kolping Family Ski Trip to Mount Snow is back for 2022—pending all the stuff we have to do to keep us healthy and safe. We will once again be staying at the Mountaineer Inn in West Dover. The trip includes two nights lodging, a hearty country breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, a wine, cheese and hot cider "happy hour" on Saturday, and also a group dinner Saturday evening.

DATES: Friday to Sunday, March 11-13 (that's the week after our Annual Meeting). Option to add on to the trip and arrive early (Wednesday or Thursday) or stay overnight into Monday.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT WITH \$100 DEPOSIT MAILED TO: Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562. Check should be payable to Catholic Kolping Society NY.

Look for more information in the next Bulletin—the price shifts are minimal year over year.



*Best wishes for a
blessed Christmas
and a healthy &
happy New Year!*

— The Kolping Bulletin staff



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.

In Memoriam – **Paula Vogl** 1940-2021

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of our dear friend and longtime Kolping member Paula L. Vogl. Paula came to the U.S. at the age of 16 to join family in the mid-1950s. She met her future husband Alfred Vogl through Kolping and they later spent many wonderful days at Kolping with their children Carol Vogl Noll and Alfred Vogl who are active in Kolping to this day. Paula is remembered for her beautiful smile, elegant fashion taste and ethic of hard work to get done that which needed to be done. Carol and Alfred and their partners Dennis Noll and Tracie Truncellito carry on the tradition established by the first generation and work to maintain and improve our beautiful summer home. Grandchildren Kelly Noll, Kayla Noll and A.J. Vogl, Jr. inspire us as we watch the next generation continuing forward. We all benefit from the dedicated work and generosity of members of this family.

Please join us in praying for Paula and all her family at this difficult time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER

Daniel Allen, Sara Baum, Barbara Beirne, Laura Beyer, Donna Boeschl, Julianna Buckley, Karen Cleveland, Stacy Connolly, Tracy Criscuolo, Sean Crowley, Daniel Dengler, Justin Dengler, Ernst Endrich, Kathleen Ferony, Michael Flannery, Kathleen Fucheck, Gail Gleason, Greta Grossmann, Bridget Horan, Jennifer Horan, Michael Horan, Lisa Houlihan, John Joyce, Matt Keller, Katelyn Krupa, Kelly Krupa, Patricia Kummer, Irene Leili, Stefan Manz, Alexandra McGill, Stephen McGuire, Amanda Mersits, Peter Mersits, James Minarik, Edward Monks, Sabrina Ostroff, Megan Prokopiak, Brian Rafford, Andrew Reitter, Charles Roberts, Erik Severin, Charles Smith, Rob Soucy, Patrick Tandy, John Unger, Alfred E. Vogl, Jr., Adam Ward, Debra Weigand and Michael Weinborg.

SPECIAL DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes go out to **Jim Minarik**, **Megan Prokopiak** and **Charles Roberts**.

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.

KOLPING AND VOCATIONS

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 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.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S DECEMBER 2021 INTENTION

INTENTION FOR EVANGELIZATION: CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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KOH FOR PARTY RENTALS

Keep Kolping-on-Hudson in mind for parties next year. Our new dining room is both beautiful and versatile.



News & Notes

LAST CALL-KOLPING DUES 2021

Family: \$130 • Individual: \$100 • Student: \$50

50-year members: paid up forever!

If you haven't already, please send your check made out to **Catholic Kolping Society** and mail it to: Catholic Kolping Society, 165 East 88th St., New York, NY 10128 (Attn: Joan Smyth Dengler, Secretary)

You can include 2020 dues if you missed them too. Please include your current email address, any change in address, phone number, birthdays, and other information with your dues.

ADVENT PROJECT

For our 2021 Advent Project, our Kolping Family will be supporting a rural church by Father Bretone's waterfall – St. Anthony of Padua in Yulan, NY. Specifically, we are seeking to raise the funds to purchase a color copier for their Bulletins. Adding color to the communications will help spread God's word throughout this parish. If you can help, please send your check payable to Catholic Kolping Society to the attention of Joan Dengler, 7 Ganung Drive, Ossining, NY 10562.

MILESTONES

At the St. Nikolaus party we always celebrate our long-term members and recognize those who've made it to 25-year, 50-year and 65-year membership milestones. Please say a special prayer for these members in honor of their committed membership in our Catholic Kolping Society New York:

Al & Linda Ahrens – 25 years

Catherine Hickey – 25 years

Martin Buckel – 25 years

Ernst Endrich – 50 years

Bernie Preisser – 50 years

"I'M NOT GETTING KOLPING EMAILS!"

Every so often we hear this statement and we want to make sure you know what's going on at Kolping. If you're not getting the emails and you'd like to, please send an email to KolpingNY@gmail.com with this message in the subject line. In the body of the message, tell us your name so we can update our list. Be sure to check your spam folders and to add us to your address book (kolpingny@gmail.com).



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.

ATTENTION PHOTO TAKERS

We are always looking for pictures of our members and friends participating in Kolping events. If you have any photos that you think would be nice for the Bulletin, email them to Ingrid at ingrid22@optonline.net. Please include the date and name of the event.

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

More News & Notes

BOY SCOUT TROOP 36

Thank you Scoutmasters Vince Ciampi and Mike Tucci for getting Boy Scout Troop 36 members up to KOH on Veterans Day for Fall cleanup. Our grounds master Frank Kurcz laid out the work plan and the Scouts made it happen. The picnic tables were moved from the lawn to their covered space in the food tent. Leaves were cleared and the place looks beautiful. We are grateful.



KOLPING BOOK CLUB

Do you like to read? Want to discover a great new book or two? Like to chat about books with fellow readers? A small group of members is looking into creating a Kolping book club. If interested, please email kolpingny@gmail.com with **book club** in the subject line. We'll include you in discussions over the winter about how we might set up our book club and we'll share some book recommendations.

KOH NEWS

We rebounded from the worst of the pandemic, and reinstated and grew our popular Friday night Snack Bar. The inaugural Clam Bake event was held this summer, and was a huge success thanks in large part to the efforts of Brett LaRocque and his sales team, and our amazing entertainment with Dan McGill and his band Father Jones. Our annual fundraiser—the Oktoberfest picnic—saw less-than-ideal weather but still generated an impressive amount of revenue, and even more fun and gemutlichkeit for all present.

We thank Tracie Truncellito for organizing our coordinator team of: Alfred Vogl, Jen and Mike Scheuermann, Kathy and Mike Weinborg, Gerhard and Alex Schmitt, and Joan and Ted Dengler.

Thanks are due to the people who always step up to help - Frank Kurcz, Lou Colletti, Chuck Smith, Tom Waitkins, Mia Steigerwald, Lillian and Rick Hiltzley, Janine DiStefano, Steve and Alina Lovasz, Izzy Lovasz, Phyllis and Bob Coletti, Albert Buchholz, Steve and Christine McGrath, Lisa Giaquinto, Christine Kern, Peter and Natasha Bruegger, Sharon and John Weigand, Carol and Dennis Noll, Joe Szoldatits and Lou Janny. We thank all the other volunteers who served food, monitored the pool, cleaned, cooked, grilled, mowed lawns, raked leaves, schlepped trash and covered all the myriad details involved in running our operation. Our facility staff (Kevin Bruegger and Connor LaRocque) and pool team (Laura Bucci and her lifeguards) made things run smoothly in their areas.

KOH is now officially closed. Buildings are locked up, and the water is off. Members are allowed on the property, please be respectful of our neighbors and tenant if you enter.

We are exploring snow removal service for the coming Winter. If you have any leads, please email kolpingny@gmail.com.

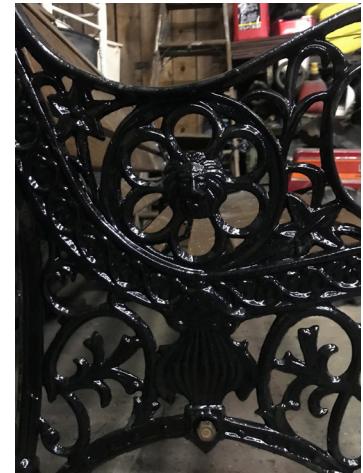
It's only 119 days til our first Spring Cleanup weekend—see you on Saturday April 2nd!

Treu Kolping,
Ted Dengler
Chair, KOH Committee

The Grounds at KOH

THANK YOU ALBERT BUCHHOLZ!

Our longtime Kolping member Albert Buchholz is often found working away in his shop in the white barn at KOH. Albert created the structure that holds the canopy over the picnic tables on the lawn. Together with Bob Coletti, he is restoring the Gazebo on the upper meadow. Recently, Albert has been working on benches which are situated throughout our grounds. The craftsmanship is outstanding. Thank you Albert for all that you do for our beautiful Summer home.



CARING FOR OUR KOH

Even though our summer home is closed in the winter, there's some important work that must take place. That includes plowing any deep snow so that first responder vehicles can get to our buildings quickly in case of emergency. **Joe Szoldatits** and **Chris Buckley** spent a weekend day marking out the road to the main building to guide snow plows in case the road is not visible. We are seeking a snow plow partner who is licensed and insured to clear our roadways as needed this winter. If you can help, please email kolpingny@gmail.com with your info so we can explore the possibilities. Treu Kolping!

Special thanks to **Frank Kurcz** for overseeing all the work needed to care for our grounds at KOH. This Fall the team completed this checklist:

1. Removed and disassembled central fountain from the pond (fountain stored in barn)
2. Removed remaining algae and leaves from pond
3. Moved Mary statue and small cement figurines along with bench to main house
4. Cut up, split and placed in shed large broken branch from recent heavy winds
5. Brought to barn St. Francis of Assisi statue from upper parking field. It requires some repairs and new paint
6. Massive leaf clean-up by the upper lot. Three truckloads of leaves gathered.
7. Winterized bees and put away accessory bee supplies in barn
8. Hemsing wing roof and gutters cleared of leaves and debris
9. Ensured all three lawn mowers in optimal functioning order
10. Cut fresh wood, stacked it and cleared out woodshed
11. Fallen branches picked up across meadows and open fields
12. Mowed and cleared walking pathways in woods

Louis Janny, Richie Povilonis, Joe Szoldatits and Chuck Smith assisted Frank this time around. Thank you gentlemen!

Christmas Greetings from KOC

Here is a small glimpse into our residents home we've created. Kolping-on-Concourse is such a beautiful building architecturally. The Nativity was donated by Gail Gleason's friend. It's on display in the residents TV room.



PHOTOS:

- Our beautiful living room fireplace
- Nativity
- Silver Christmas tree
- View of dining room from street
- Table settings for Thanksgiving
- Entry Christmas tree
- Dining Room



The Spirit of Christmas

Submitted by Katherine and Walter Weigand

Her Husband Abandoned Her With Six Kids To Care For, But Some Angels Intervened

In September 1960, I woke up one morning with six hungry babies and just 75 cents in my pocket. Their father was gone. The boys ranged from three months to seven years; their sister was two. Their Dad had never been much more than a presence they feared. Whenever they heard his tires crunch on the gravel driveway they would scramble to hide under their beds. He did manage to leave \$15 a week to buy groceries.

Now that he had decided to leave, there would be no more beatings, but no food either. If there was a welfare system in effect in southern Indiana at that time, I certainly knew nothing about it.

I scrubbed the kids until they looked brand new and then put on my best homemade dress, loaded them into the rusty old 51 Chevy and drove off to find a job. The seven of us went to every factory, store and restaurant in our small town. No luck.

The kids stayed crammed into the car and tried to be quiet while I tried to convince who ever would listen that I was willing to learn or do anything.. I had to have a job.

Still no luck. The last place we went to, just a few miles out of town, was an old Root Beer Barrel drive-in that had been converted to a truck stop.

It was called the Big Wheel.

An old lady named Granny owned the place and she peeked out of the window from time to time at all those kids.

She needed someone on the graveyard shift, 11 at night until seven in the morning. She paid 65 cents an hour, and I could start that night.

I raced home and called the teenager down the street that baby-sat for people. I bargained with her to come and sleep on my sofa for a dollar a night. She could arrive with her pajamas on and the kids would already be asleep. This seemed like a good arrangement to her, so we made a deal.

That night when the little ones and I knelt to say our prayers, we all thanked God for finding Mommy a job. And so I started at the Big Wheel. When I got home in the mornings I woke the babysitter up and sent her home with one dollar of my tip money- fully half of what I averaged every night.

As the weeks went by, heating bills added a strain to my meager wage. The tires on the old Chevy had the consistency of penny balloons and began to leak. I had to fill them with air on the way to work and again every morning before I could go home.

One bleak fall morning, I dragged myself to the car to go home and found four tires in the back seat. New tires! There was no note, no nothing, just those beautiful brand new tires.

Had angels taken up residence in Indiana? I wondered. I made a deal with the local service station.

In exchange for his mounting the new tires, I would clean up his office. I remember it took me a lot longer to scrub his floor than it did for him to do the tires.

I was now working six nights instead of five and it still wasn't enough. Christmas was coming and I knew there would be no money for toys for the kids. I found a can of red paint and started repairing and painting some old toys. Then I hid them in the basement so there would be something for Santa to deliver on Christmas morning.

Clothes were a worry too. I was sewing patches on top of patches on the boys pants and soon they would be too far gone to repair.

On Christmas Eve the usual customers were drinking coffee in the Big Wheel. There were the truckers, Les, Frank, and Jim, and a state trooper named Joe. A few musicians were hanging around after a gig at the Legion and were dropping nickels in the pinball machine.

The regulars all just sat around and talked through the wee hours of the morning and then left to get home before the sun came up.

When it was time for me to go home at seven o'clock on Christmas morning, to my amazement, my old battered Chevy was filled full to the top with boxes of all shapes and sizes. I quickly opened the driver's side door, crawled inside and kneeled in the front facing the back seat.

Reaching back, I pulled off the lid of the top box. Inside was whole case of little blue jeans, sizes 2-10! I looked inside another box: It was full of shirts to go with the jeans. Then I peeked inside some of the other boxes. There was candy and nuts and bananas and bags of groceries. There was an enormous ham for baking, and canned vegetables and potatoes. There was pudding and Jell-O and cookies, pie filling and flour. There was whole bag of laundry supplies and cleaning items. And there were five toy trucks and one beautiful little doll.

As I drove back through empty streets as the sun slowly rose on the most amazing Christmas Day of my life, I was sobbing with gratitude.

And I will never forget the joy on the faces of my little ones that precious morning.

Yes, there were angels in Indiana that long-ago December. And they all hung out at the Big Wheel truck stop...

THE POWER OF PRAYER

I believe that God only gives three answers to prayer:

1. "Yes!"
2. "Not yet."
3. "I have something better in mind."

God still sits on the throne, and the devil is a liar.

You may be going through a tough time right now but God is getting ready to bless you in a way that you cannot imagine. This prayer is powerful, and prayer is one of the best gifts we receive.



Edelweiss Passaic

28. Gaufest

July 7 - 10, 2022



Edelweiss Passaic has been selected to host the 2022 Gaufest of the Gauverband Nordamerika, which will be held at Harrah's Resort and Waterfront Conference Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 7 to 10, 2022. (This event was rescheduled from 2021 due to Covid-19.)

This 4-day event features Bavarian dance exhibitions, folk music, dances, ethnic costumes, workshops and cultural exchange. The biennial event brings families together from 72 member organizations of the Gauverband Nordamerika from 5 provinces of Canada and 21 U.S. states. Over 1,500 adults and children from across the United States and Canada and from Germany will attend this cultural event.

Edelweiss Passaic is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose mission is to promote and foster the heritage and culture of Germany and Austria through dancing, music and folklore in traditional costumes.

We are looking for your support of this important biennial event. The following opportunities are available:

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