

# Newsletter

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**Summer Greetings** to all our members and friends of the Society! We hope everyone is enjoying the things we all love about summer, and that you made it through those heat waves with a minimum of discomfort.

Let's start with news about our upcoming **Kolping Family Mass & Archive/ Meeting Room Blessing**, scheduled at **5PM on Saturday, September 24**

(flyer enclosed). It's our first big event at the Kolping Center since Covid changed our lives in 2020. I hope all our members and friends will do their best to come out and join our extended Kolping Family in prayer and thanksgiving as we resume our activities.



We also ask you to come to give a warm welcome to our newest friend, **Father Johny Chagan Thomas** (left), who will join us at the Kolping Center for the first time. Father Chris Heanue's busy schedule at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph made it tough for him to join us for the Kolping Mass; Father Johny was generous enough to help us out. Some of you already know Father Johny from his many years in Ridgewood at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and what a great guy he is. Despite his recent transfer to Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dyker Heights, Brooklyn) in July, he will be making the trip to join us at our Mass in Glendale.

I recently met Father Johny and showed him our Kolping Center, along with Sonia Juran Kulesza and Chris Gerage. We discussed our Mass, and I found out he speaks four languages and plays four musical instruments. He also introduced us to his **YouTube** channel, which is full of inspirational videos from both clergy and laypersons. The videos often feature music, and are professionally produced and edited. You can check it out for yourself by going to

**YouTube** and search **JC Musics**. You will see there is a recent video featured there from our own Father Chris Heanue!

After our Mass we will bless and dedicate our Archives and Meeting Room in memory of our long time members and past presidents, **Evelyn Blatz** and **Steve Wenzler**. We are hoping you will come out and pay respect to both these members who gave up so much of their time to our Kolping Family.

**Remember, dinner reservations are required so we have enough food on hand. Call or text Bill at 917-862-0637 or email us at [kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com).** Hope to see you all soon!

**-Bill Conte**

## **Kolping Calendar:**

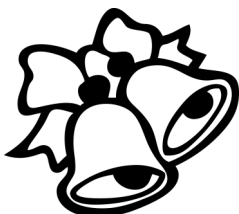
**Kolping Family Mass & Meeting Room Dedication/Communion Supper, Saturday 9/24 at 5PM.** We will welcome Father Johny to the Kolping Center for the first time to celebrate Holy Mass. Immediately after Mass we will proceed into our Meeting Room and new archive for a blessing and to dedicate the space to honor our former presidents, **Evelyn Blatz** and **Steve Wenzler**. We will then enjoy supper together (*two bratwurst, braised kraut and potato salad; beer and soda, coffee and dessert*). All are welcome for the Mass, **dinner donation is \$25 for adult members/\$28 for non members, & \$10 for children**. We also be collecting stable food items and cash donations for local pantries, and we will have a raffle table. **RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY!** Call or text Bill at 917-862-0637 or email us at [kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com](mailto:kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com)  
**We really hope you will join us!**



**Board of Directors Meeting.** Our next **Board of Directors Meeting** will be **Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30PM** at the Kolping Center.

**Halloween Party, scheduled for Saturday 10/22. This party is still being worked out, details to come.**

**Kolping Family Christmas Party, Saturday 12/10/22.** After a two year hiatus, we are resuming our Christmas Party at the Center. Save this date and plan to bring children! We are planning for dinner at the center, then we'll commemorate the sacred meaning of Christmas plus some of the fun aspects for the little ones! You can count on a sing along and a short program with the kids. And we have already sent our invitation to Santa for an annual visit! **Fun for kids of all ages at our Kolping Center.**



## Kolping News:

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**Donations for Ukranian Refugees.** When many fled Ukraine after the outbreak of war earlier this year, we all wondered how to help the refugees. We learned that the International Kolping Society was helping, and that Kolping Families Poland are housing people in Kolping houses and in individual members homes. The Society made two donations so far to the International Kolping's Fund for Ukranian Refugees, and we encourage everyone to donate what they can. For more information go to the **Catholic Kolping Society of the United States** homepage, and use this link for donations: [www.kolping.net/ukraine](http://www.kolping.net/ukraine)

**Our Junior Members.** Some of you know **Ivette & Scott Stahl's** sons, **Gio** (left) and **Jaden** (right). Yes, they are indeed twins and they have been around the Kolping Center almost since birth! Both boys have accompanied their dad over the years when he volunteers at the Kolping Center, and to Board Meetings. We adults assumed this was pretty boring for these young men, but they learned a lot, were curious and wanted to be an official part of things. Gio was first to ask to become a member (more than once), then his brother followed. In the absence of a 'young Kolping' group and not wanting to make them wait for age 18 to participate more fully, the Board created honorary 'Junior Kolping' Board positions. They don't have voting ability, but they have a place at the table to express their opinion and have it taken into consideration when business is being discussed. The adults are impressed what these young men, age 11, have learned about building maintenance, NYC Department of Buildings and Fire Department regulations the responsibility of property taxes - and more. We are so lucky for the Stahl Boys' interest! **Congratulations to Ivette and Scott for raising these special young men.**



**Mail.** We'd like to share a few short notes we recently received with you: *Dear Kolping Family! Thank you for your wonderful note and support of the CoCathedral St. Joseph, my new assignment. I hope you're all doing well. I hope I'll be able to get to see you all at some point. God bless. Peace, Father Christopher Heanue* *Dear Brooklyn Kolping Family, thank you for all your kindness. We thank you for your special thoughts of both of us and my birthday! We are looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming Kolping event!* **Larisa & Gordon Heiser** *Dear Kolping Members, I was very happy to receive your card. I come from way back in the Kolping! I used to be in plays at the old Schwaben Hall and I recall Gertrude Bittel had large photos from those plays. I have a heart condition and I am just out of the hospital. Keep me in your prayers. Love to all the members. Sincerely Hubert Ruhs*

**Repairs At The Center.** We are having an unusually busy year at the Kolping Center. It was reported in our last Newsletter that we had to remove the siding on the rear of the building, do some repairs, and install new vinyl siding. This costly job was completed in March, and thanks to **Chris Gerage** for managing this.

The rear fire exit door, which served us for over 30 years, needed to be replaced with a new one. That job was completed at the beginning of August, this time **Bill Conte** handled things.

Our under-bar beverage cooler also gave us many years of service, but reached the point where it could no longer be repaired in May. We really need this unit in order to hold functions at the Center. Chris Gerage and Bill Conte investigated different scenarios – a totally new unit vs. rebuilding the old cooler. In the end we decided retain the box itself, replacing all the refrigeration elements. We also added custom-made interior shelving, which will make storing bottles and cans easier. We should now be ready for the fall season. A big thanks to **Chris Gerage** who found this contractor and supervised the work.

**Moving Around!** After several decades in their Glendale home, **John & Inge Jellen** decided to downsize. They sold their Glendale house and purchased a condo apartment in Middle Village. They are having some renovations done before they move in, so they have been staying with their son Peter in Connecticut, with some occasional overnight stays with family in Queens. **Very best of luck to you in your new home!**

Congratulations to our members **Monica & Chris Meyer** (and their children *Lia and Ayden*) on their recent move to Pennsylvania. Spurred by a job opportunity for Chris, they will be renting a spacious town home for now, and looking to purchase something down the road. Although they leave behind family in Queens, they also have family members closer to their new home. We will certainly miss having them around the Kolping Center and watching their kids grow up. **Our best wishes to the Meyer family as they begin this new chapter.**

**Birthdays.** Let's send our **best wishes** out to those celebrating a summer birthday! **July:** *Sean Josten, Alice Kokasch, Waltraud Mayer, Valerie Meyer and Hubert Ruhs.* **August:** *Dr. Thomas Reilly.* **September:** *Rosemarie Elgass, Inge Jellen, Paula Josten and Elfriede Loeschinger.* And looking ahead to fall...**October:** *Markus Gruber & Elizabeth Trainer.*

**Passages.** Let's not forget our **departed members and friends.** **July:** *Alfred Bayer(1979), Maria Gnam(1948), Ludwig Gruber(1980), Elizabeth (Betty) Oettinger(1996), Bernhardt Poschmann(2018) & Stephen Wenzler(2020).* **August:** *Irene Baunach(2019), M. Boeller(2000), Lisa Heller(1986), Margaret Guetterbock(2004), Martha Gnam(1995), Claire Heiser(2018), Paul Pfreundschuh(1995), Maria Schottenhammel(1995) & Irma Trabold(1995).* **September:** *Edward Braun(1970), Joseph Gruber(2002), August Hartmann(1956), Henry Hartmann Jr(2004), Dorothy Hochreiter(2012), Emile Krauskaupf(1963), Theresa Purschki(1997), Deacon John Sands(2021), Michael Schneider(1970), Reinhardt Wilhelm(1972), Wolfgang Zeising(2009) & John Zernis(1977).* **And October Passings:** *Rosemarie Bayer(2016), Gus Gnam(2005), Luzie Gruber(1994), Emile Klein(1984), Josefina Kolb(1996), Anna Mueller(1995), Hilde Rueb(2013), Ernst Rom(1988), Kunigunde Schneider(1980), Joe Vertatschitsch(2004) & Marie Wilhelm(1994).* **May they be granted eternal peace.**