



Newsletter November, 2023

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Fall Greetings! Best wishes to all our members and friends, I hope you are enjoying the Autumn color! It has been a while between printed letters, and it's time to get you up to date. After a quiet summer, we started the fall by celebrating Mass together at the Kolping Center on September 23. We are participating in the **Queens Veteran's Day Parade** for the second year, and we are well into planning for our **Christmas Party** (*flyer enclosed*). Won't you join us and be a part of the holiday fun?



We are heading into our 100th anniversary year - our Kolping Family was initially founded on January 20, 1924 at a meeting held at Most Holy Trinity Church on Montrose Avenue in Brooklyn. Our early members were a combination of NY Kolping members who relocated to Brooklyn and Queens, and newly arrived Germans who had belonged to Kolping back home. Most of the early members—all men, as women were not yet eligible to join the Society—were tradesmen ranging from carpenters to butchers and bakers. With financial help from NY Kolping, our first Kolping House was purchased, providing a place for some of these men to live and establish new friendships.

We are excited to announce two Anniversary related events planned for April. First, we will celebrate a **100th Anniversary Mass** at the **Kolping Center** on **Saturday, April 6**. Father Johny will return as celebrant, and a dinner will be served after the Mass. A few weeks later we will have an **Anniversary Dinner Dance** on **Saturday** afternoon, **April 27** at **Gottscheer Hall**.

I am fortunate to receive occasional emails from people with fond memories and family ties to the Brooklyn Kolping Family. I enjoy reading when they reminisce about both the Kolping House/Center and Camp Kolping. ***These are the folks I hope to meet in person at one of our special events!***

It has been five months since a printed newsletter went out. Please know that Kolping news items go out via email on a regular basis, with more photos included than can fit here. This version is a recap of things already reported on to catch up those without email. If you received this newsletter in the mail, but you have an email address—it means we don't have it on file. **Please contact us and we'll update our records: kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com**

I hope everyone can get outdoors one of these crisp, sunny days and enjoy before winter creeps in! -Bill Conte, President

Kolping Calendar:

Queens Veterans Day Parade, Sunday, November 12. We are again registered to participate in the Queens Veteran's Day Parade, bringing the Kolping name into our community plus showing respect to local veterans. The parade starts at Metropolitan Avenue & 80th Street in Middle Village at 12 noon, ending at Christ The King High School. If you are willing to join Kolping for this activity, call or text Bill at 917-862-0637, or email kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com to get on our list. **Meeting place: 80th Street & Metropolitan Avenue, time will be relayed to those signed up once we have that information.**

Thanksgiving Greetings. Wishing all our readers a very Happy Thanksgiving in advance, Thursday, November 25!



Kolping Family Christmas Party. Please see the enclosed flyer for details on our **Kolping Family Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 9** at the **Kolping Center**. Doors will open at 5:30PM, and **we officially get started at 6PM**. We will start the evening with a pot roast dinner. After dinner, we will present a short program featuring our talented junior members, plus a sing-along. We already reached out to the North Pole, and Santa has accepted our invitation and will visit us! We will also serve dessert: coffee, tea, gluhwein, stollen and Christmas cookies, plus there will be a raffle too! Donation is **\$35 for adult members, \$40 for adult non-members, \$20 for adolescents 14-18, \$10 for children 13 and under.** **Remember: our party**

is not just for Kolping members, it is also for your family members and friends, so be sure to invite and bring along those special people in your life. **Reservations are necessary, so RSVP by December 3** - by email: kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com, by text or a detailed phone message to Bill at 917-862-0637. **Hope to hear from YOU soon!**

Kolping News:

Save These Dates: We set dates for in the first half of 2024. Please save these dates for Kolping: **Annual Meeting**—Saturday, February 17 at 5PM; **100th Anniversary Mass & Communion Supper**, Saturday, April 6 at 6PM; **100th Anniversary Dinner Dance (at Gottscheer Hall)**, Saturday, April 27 starting at 3PM. **We will forward more details to everyone as they are finalized.**

In Memorium. We were saddened to learn of the passing of our former Praeses, **Monsignor Anthony Sherman**, in October after a long illness. He was with Kolping for several years in the 1970's; a warm and friendly guy with a smile that lit up a room! His long career included a stint in a Vatican position, and as Pastor of St. Matthias in Ridgewood and St. Anastasia in Douglaston. He never hesitated to aid anyone in need, and helped out our Kolping family over the years. He remained in contact with us and would send occasional notes and donations; he was a very good friend to us. **May he rest in peace.**



New Member. Let's extend a warm welcome to the newest member of our Kolping Family, **Nancy Schmidt**. While Nancy is a new member, she is not new to Kolping at all. Her dad, who passed away in 1995, was a long time member, Paul Pfreundshuh, and she grew up around the old Kolping House, and was a member of the legendary **Young Kolping** of the 1940's-50's. Nancy left Queens many years ago, but maintained ties to our Kolping Family. She contacted us early this year and it became clear Kolping is very dear to her and she wanted to be a Kolping Member! These days Nancy restricts her driving to local trips around her home in Boonton, NJ so she won't be a regular at our Kolping Center. She assures us she is with us in spirit at all our events. **Welcome!**



Fall Mass & Communion Supper. We gathered to celebrate Mass as a family on **September 23** at the **Kolping Center**. Our Celebrant was Father Jomi Antony, a visiting priest serving at Sacred Heart Church in Glendale this summer. Jeff Blatz was our lector, and a few Junior Kolping members brought up the gifts and acted as ushers. We sang along to recordings of the hymns for the first time, an alternative to our usual a cappella renditions. There was a collection to benefit the food pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church, Cypress Hills. After Communion Father Jomi blessed our newest member, four month old Sebastian Rodriguez, as well as his first time parents, Evelyn and Jon. We remembered our departed, and signed cards for about a dozen members who were unable to attend.

Chris Gerage prepared a bratwurst dinner for the 45 guests who stayed for dinner (*there were more people for Mass*), and others helped with the serving and clean-up. **Thanks to all who attended and helped along in any way!**

Please Remember our Homebound Members In Your Prayers: Ernie Lauth, Elfriede Loeschinger, Anne Novotny and Alfred Wittreich.

Birthday Greetings. Sending everyone who has a fall birthday our greetings! **October:** Markus Gruber & Elizabeth Trainer. **November:** Bill Conte, Father Chris Heanue and Louise Mimicopolous. **December:** Barbara Augstein, Gary Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Rosemarie Rom, Robert Wittreich and Erika Zinser. **January:** Jeffrey Blatz, Christopher Gerage, Gillian Guile, Larisa Heiser, Ernie Lauth, and Arnold Ruf. **Hope everyone has a blast!**

In Memory of Our Departed: **October:** Rosemarie Bayer(2016), Gus Gnam (2005), Luzie Gruber (1994), Emile Klein (1984), Josefine Kolb (1996), Anna Mueller (1995), Hilde Rueb (2013), Ernst Rom (1988), Kunigunde Schneider (1980), Monsignor Anthony Sherman (2023), Joe Vertatschitsch (2004) and Marie Wilhelm (1994). **November:** Leopold Blatz (1964), Eva Maria Freund (2020), Henry Hartmann, Sr. (1960), Josef Koch (1971), Wilfried Kolsch (1972), Anton (Toni) Ostermann (2005), Hermann Rueb (2013), Lucy Sperber (1970), Rose Wachter (2015), Rosemarie (Vogt) Wenzler (2013) and Barbara Wohlfart (1940). **December:** Rev. Eugene Erny(1970), Gertrude Bittel(2000), Rose Ehrbacher(2003), Adele Hartmann(2008), Albert Heurich(2019), Rev. Joseph Heitz(1970), Frank Heller Sr(1987), Marie Lohrer(1991), Leonard Melscheid(1970), Louise Rapp(1970), Ida Sommer(2007), John Sommer(1989), Frank Schottenhammel(1970), Willy Sellerberg(2007), Lorraine Tuzzo(1999), Ida Vogel(1951), Frank Wachter(1989) and Josephine Zoeller(1999). **January:** Hedwig Alt(1988), Fanny Bange(2002), Emma Blatz(1986), Fred Haller, Sr(2008), Anton Hoefflerle(2022), Fr. Joachim Von Kerssenbrock(2015), Ernst Knapp(2020), Rose Linsmaier(2006), Frieda Muller(2006), Lucy Pecnik(2002), Max Rapp (2004), Alfred Rein(1980), Josef Vogt(1983) and Rose Zernis(1967). **May God grant them all eternal peace.**

Passive Membership. We hear from people with family ties and treasured memories of the Brooklyn Kolping Family who now live outside the NYC area. Our Board of Directors points out we do encourage **passive membership**, and have members as far away as Athens, Greece! This would keep you (& your family's name) in our membership to honor your family history. Dues paid to **The Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn & Queens, Inc** are tax deductible, (a 501c3 not-for-profit corporation), so your dues are effectively a **\$40**(singles) or **\$60**(couples) donation per year. **Email us with inquiries at kolpingbrooklyn@gmail.com and we will get you set up.** **Donations** are welcome at any time, just send a check to the *Kolping Center, 65-04 Myrtle Ave, Glendale NY 11385.*