



Newsletter

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**Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn
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Greetings! Best wishes to all as spring winds down and summer gets started!

News about our Praeses, Father Chris Heanue. This month Father Chris is celebrating the tenth anniversary of his ordination! Doesn't seem too long ago that we first met Father Chris when he was serving at his first assignment, Holy Child Jesus in Richmond Hill. He worked hard to improve that parish and held things together through the dark days of the Covid pandemic. The Bishop must have been impressed, and in July of 2021 he re-assigned Father to the high-profile Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn. Now, at the ten year mark of his ministry, the Bishop is sending Father Chris to Jackson Heights to become the new Pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish, effective July 1. ***We send Father Heanue our congratulations on his Anniversary, and best wishes for every success in his new assignment.***

August & September Activities. A few special Kolping events will take place this August and September. For some time now the NY Kolping Society has invited us to come visit them at **Kolping on Hudson**, their summer property on the banks of the Hudson River in Montrose NY. We are organizing a visit there on **Sunday, August 17** (*more details in calendar below*). Then, we are holding a **Special General Meeting** for members at 5PM on Saturday, September 27. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a plan on merging our two current legal entities (*the Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn and the Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn & Queens* both of which our members automatically belong to) and vote on this issue. It will be social as well, with dinner being served. *A letter on this topic will be sent to your homes in July.*

Get involved in our Charity Project! A reminder to our members and friends that we support **local food pantries**. The Society regularly makes contributions to a handful of nearby food pantries, and **we need everyone's help**. If you come to the Center, please bring non-perishable food items to donate, or plan to drop some cash in the contribution jar. **To our many members who no longer live in New York City, we ask you to get involved too**, by sending your tax deductible donation to the Kolping Center, and it will be put it to good use. (*Make checks payable to the Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn & Queens*).

Check out Kolping on Social Media. Don't forget to visit the **Brooklyn Kolping Facebook Page** (search *Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn*) and the **Kolping USA Website** (www.kolping.org), which has a page for us and each US Kolping Family. And keep up with news on the 400,000 worldwide Kolping members on the **Kolping International Website** (www.kolping.net).

Enjoy your summer!

-Bill Conte

Kolping Calendar:

Visit to Kolping on Hudson, Sunday August 17. Our Brooklyn Kolping Family is organizing a trip to visit our NY Kolping brothers and sisters at their summer home on Sunday, August 17. The plan is to drive up individually (*using our own cars*) and have an early afternoon picnic lunch on the banks of the Hudson River. You will need to plan ahead and bring along your own lunch to enjoy while taking in the scenic surroundings. There will be no entrance or parking fee for us, and we will be entitled to their member rates for the bar and swimming pool. For anyone who wants to attend but does not have a car, we will do our best to find you an empty seat in someone's car (*unfortunately, not guaranteed*). If you have never visited before, this is a stunning spot to have a picnic. ***Look for a separate flyer on this event in the coming weeks.***

Special General Meeting, 5PM on Saturday September 27. We will hold a Special General Meeting starting at 5PM on Saturday September 27 at the Kolping Center. We have been operating under two legal entities since 2021, the *Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn* and the *Catholic Kolping Society of Brooklyn & Queens*. They are equal partners on all activities, and our members belong to both. We will begin with dinner and fellowship; then our meeting agenda is to discuss merging the two entities and taking a vote. Because food is involved we will be asking you to RSVP so we have the right amount. ***Every member will be sent a letter about this meeting in July, which will have complete details.***

Fall Mass and Communion Supper, 6PM on Saturday, October 18. We will once again welcome Father Johny to celebrate our Fall Mass at the Kolping Center at 6PM on Saturday, October 18. The plan is to serve a bratwurst dinner afterwards as we usually do. A flyer will be going out in September with complete details. We hope you can join us!

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Kolping Family Christmas Party, 6PM on Saturday, December 6. Let your first Christmas gathering this year be at the Kolping Center! We are planning our traditional Christmas Dinner & Festivities to start at 6PM. Please add this date to your personal calendar.

Kolping News:

In Memorium. We are very sad to announce we lost our brother and a very dedicated member, **Albert Tscherne** (93), on April 12 after a short illness. A proud member of the Gottscheer community, Albert joined Kolping in 1953 and served for many years as Corresponding Secretary. He took a hiatus while running his own business, but re-joined our Board of Directors during retirement. He served almost until the end, attending our Annual Meeting and the March board meeting. Albert was not only knowledgeable, but he was an exceptional human being. We received the 2022 Kolping Distinguished Service Award, which he truly deserved. ***Our condolences to the entire Tscherne family, especially his widow, Margaret.***

2025 Annual Meeting. We welcomed 22 members (about 43% of our membership) to our Annual Meeting back on Sunday, March 2. We started things off with homemade cream of tomato soup and a cold buffet luncheon. When we had all finished eating, the meeting began. We went over our 2024 activities and finances. After the meeting agenda was complete we enjoyed coffee, dessert and each other's company. Thanks to everyone who came, especially to Chris who made the soup and to all those who helped along. *(Group photo, left)*



Have You Paid Your Dues? A handful of members have not yet sent their 2025 Kolping dues yet. We would like to be able to close the books on 2025, and mark everyone paid! If you have been meaning to send us your payment, please do it as soon as possible. *Send your check directly to our treasurer: Pat Gerage, 60-37 71st Street Maspeth NY 11378.*

Welcome to our newest members! We are blessed to welcome two new members into the Kolping Family since the last newsletter went out! In March we inducted **Rosemarie Gnam**. If the name seems familiar it is because she is the daughter of our late longtime members Martha & Gus Gnam and grew up in our Brooklyn Kolping Society. Rosemarie has been a friend of our Kolping Family for some time and desired to add her name to our roster. A recent retiree, she lives in Falls Church, VA. And earlier in June the Board approved a membership application from **Michele Kropf**. Michele is also no stranger to the Kolping Society - she has family who belong to New York Kolping. She resides in Middle Village and works in customer service. We hope she can attend September's General Meeting so we can present her Kolping pin and officially welcome her into the family.

Happy 100th Anniversary! We send best wishes to our sisters and brothers of the Philadelphia and San Francisco Kolping Families who both celebrate 100 years in 2025. What an achievement! Both Societies are looking forward to celebratory events in the fall. Congratulations to you both as you begin your second century.

Please remember our sick and homebound members in your prayers. Longtime member Ernie Lauth, 95, was hospitalized in April after some heart issues were discovered. This was followed up with a visit to rehab to gain back his strength. Please remember Ernie and any other members dealing with health issues in your prayers.

Birthday Greetings. Here's a belated shout out to all the spring birthdays we missed...**May:** Ann Conte, Gordon Heiser, Sonia Juran Kulesza, Jayden Stahl, Gio Stahl and Theresa Wiederhold. **June:** Michelle Blatz, Pat Gerage, John Jellen, Margarete Knapp, Reinhard Schmuck and Ivette Stahl. And onto our Summer birthdays...**July:** Sean Josten, Frank Heller III, Alice Kokasch, Michele Kropf, Waltraud Mayer, Valerie Meyer and Nancy P. Schmidt. **August:** Thomas Reilly. **September:** Rosemarie Gnam, Inge Jellen, Paula Josten and Elfriede Loeschinger. **Sending good wishes to all for another year of health and happy times!**

Remember Our Departed Kolping Family Members: **May:** Ed Farkas (2004), Frank Heller Jr (2019), Peter Hertling (1962), John Huxis (1943), Wilhelmina Krauskaupf (1953), Otto Roessler (1998), Janet Blatz Schields (1987), John Schober (1958), Jean Seidl (2018), Joseph Seufert (1956), Fanny Vogel (2005), John Weindler (2007) and Marie Werkmann (2021). **June:** Eddie Blatz (2011), Eugene Blatz (1973), Arthur Blenkle (2014), Evelyn Bove (2005), Wilma Buchte (1975), Otto Burger (1991), John Burk (1963), Alfred Cerne (2013), Felix Christ (1976), Franz Huber (1995), Vincent Lieber (1975), Martha Olbrich (1971), Elizabeth Reilly (2000), Herbert Roethel (2023), August Ruhs (1974), Leo Trabold (1993) and Alfred Wittreich (2024). **July:** Alfred Bayer (1979), Maria Gnam (1948), Ludwig Gruber (1980), Betty Oettinger (1996), Bernhardt Poschmann (2018), and Steve 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), Edward Sommer (2019) and Irma Trabold (1995). **September:** Edward Braun (1970), Joseph Gruber (2002), August Hartmann (1956), Agnes Hopeck (2023), 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) and John Zernis (1977). **May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.**